

Special NOFO Competition Debriefing

CoC: TX-604

This document summarizes the scores your Continuum of Care (CoC) received on its CoC Application submitted during the Supplemental CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Special NOFO) Competition and includes:

1. **Scoring detail on the CoC’s Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs;**
2. **CoC Scoring Summary**—on the four sections of the application; and
3. **Highest and lowest scores for the Unsheltered Set Aside for all CoCs**

The scores are organized like the Special NOFO CoC Application. We included the Special NOFO references so that you can relate the questions to the Special NOFO sections. If your CoC applied for funding under either (1) the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside only or (2) both the Unsheltered Homelessness and Rural Set Asides, then the score your CoC received for the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside will appear in the “Score Your CoC Received” column. If your CoC only applied for funding under the Rural Set Aside, then the score your CoC received for the Rural Set Aside will appear in the “Score Your CoC Received” column.

1. CoC’s Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs Questions

CoC Application Question	NOFO Section	Maximum Score Available Unsheltered/Rural	Score Your CoC Received
P-1 Leveraging Housing Resources			
P-1 – Leveraging Housing Resources <i>These questions assessed your CoC’s ability to apply for permanent housing projects that use housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the ESG or CoC Programs.</i>	VII.B.4.a	10/10	0

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<p>P-1a. Development of New Units and the Creation of Housing Opportunities</p> <p>Your attached Leveraging Housing Commitment must have demonstrated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that your CoC applied for permanent housing project(s) that used housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs; 2. the housing units, not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs, will meet the following thresholds: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. in the case of PSH project(s), provide at least 50 percent of the units included in the project; or b. in the case of RRH project(s), serve at least 50 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project; and 3. the date the units will be available for program participants. 			
<p>P-1b. Development of new Units and Creation of Housing Opportunities–PHA Commitment</p> <p>Your attached PHA Commitment must have demonstrated a clear commitment from a PHA to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. work with your CoC to pair vouchers with CoC-funded services; and 2. work with your CoC and other stakeholders to develop a prioritization plan for a potential allocation of Stability Vouchers or a preference for general admissions to Housing Choice Voucher 			

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program through the coordinated entry process for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.			
P-1c Landlord Recruitment <i>This question assessed your CoC's current strategy to recruit landlords, and their units, in which to use tenant-based rental assistance.</i> Your response must have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. demonstrated how well the current strategy works in identifying units across the entire geographic area <i>and</i> how well it works in identifying units where the CoC has historically not be able to identify units; 2. identified any new practice(s) the CoC has implemented to recruit landlords in the past 3 years and describe the lessons learned from implementing those practices; and 3. described how the CoC will use data, including the specific data points that will be used, to update its landlord recruitment strategy. 	VII.B.4.a.2	8/8	8
P-2 Leveraging Healthcare Resources – New PSH/RRH Projects			
P-2 Leveraging Healthcare Resources – New PSH/RRH Projects Your attached Healthcare Leveraging Commitment(s) must have demonstrated: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the source of the healthcare resource, which may include: (1) direct contributions from a public or private health insurance provider to the project; or (2) provision of health care services by a private or public organization tailored to the program participants of the project; or (3) 	VII.B.4.b	10/10	0

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<p>direct partnerships with organizations that provide healthcare services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness who have HIV/AIDS; and</p> <p>2. the value of assistance being provided by the healthcare organization that meet the following thresholds to receive full points—we may have awarded partial points for responses that demonstrated less than the thresholds described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. for substance abuse treatment or recovery providers, provide access to treatment or recovery services for all program participants who qualify and choose those services; or b. for healthcare organizations, include an amount that is equivalent to 50 percent of the funding being requested for the project(s), and c. included the dates the healthcare resources will be provided. 			
P-3. Current Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals and Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness			
<p>P-3a Current Street Outreach Strategy</p> <p><i>This question assessed the extent to which your CoC has a street outreach strategy that regularly engages individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the locations where they reside, including a strategy for engaging those with the highest vulnerabilities.</i></p> <p>Your response must have described your CoC's current strategies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ensured that outreach teams are coordination; 2. ensured that outreach is frequent, by describing the days and times outreach is conducted each week; 3. helped people exit homelessness and unsheltered homelessness; 	VII.B.4.c.(1)	3/3	2.33

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. ensured the specific strategy will engage individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the highest vulnerabilities and will use culturally appropriate strategies; 5. used outreach teams to connect individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness to permanent housing; and 6. hired people with lived expertise of unsheltered homelessness to conduct street outreach. 			
<p>P-3b Current Strategy to Provide Immediate Access to Low-Barrier Shelter and Temporary Housing for Individuals and Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness</p> <p><i>This question assessed your CoC's current strategy to provide low-barrier emergency shelter, transitional housing, or other temporary accommodations to individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness who want to reside in shelter or temporary housing before identifying a permanent housing option.</i></p> <p>Your response must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. described your CoC's current strategy; 2. described how well your CoC's current strategy performed at providing access to low-barrier and culturally appropriate temporary accommodations to all individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and 3. identified any new practices your CoC implemented in its geographic area over the past 3 years and the lessons learned from implementing those practices. 	VII.B.4.c.(2)	3/0	2.33

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<p>P-3c Current Strategy to Provide Immediate Access to Low Barrier Permanent Housing for Individuals and Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness</p> <p><i>This question assessed your CoC's current strategy to rapidly house individuals and families experiencing homelessness in low-barrier permanent housing.</i></p> <p>Your response must have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. described your CoC's current strategy, which must have included how your CoC utilizes a Housing First approach in implementing the strategy and how the strategy is connected to the permanent housing resources identified in your CoC's response to "Leveraging Housing Resources" portion of the plan; 2. demonstrated how your CoC's current strategy performs at providing low-barrier and culturally appropriate access to permanent housing to individuals and families who have histories of unsheltered homelessness; 3. provided evidence that supports the use of your CoC's current strategy; and 4. identified new practices that the CoC implemented across its geographic area in the past 3 years and the lessons learned from implementing those practices 	VII.B.4.c.(3)	3/3	2.33

P-4. Updating the CoC's Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness with Data and Performance			
<p>P-4 Updating the CoC's Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness with Data and Performance</p> <p><i>This question assessed your CoC's ability and commitment to continuously review data and best practices by using that information to update your CoC's strategies to reduce unsheltered homelessness.</i></p> <p>Your response must have demonstrated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. for street outreach– <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. how data, performance, and best practices will be used to improve the performance of and expand street outreach within the CoC, b. street outreach activities are connected to coordinated entry or HMIS, and c. how your CoC will incorporate new partners into its street outreach strategies; 2. for low-barrier shelter and temporary accommodations– <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. how data, performance, and best practices will be used to improve access to low-barrier shelter and temporary accommodations, b. how data, performance, and best practices will be used to expand, as necessary, low-barrier shelter and temporary accommodations, and c. any new practices and activities that will be funded through an award under this competition; 3. for permanent housing– 	VII.B.4.d	8/0	1.67

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. how data, performance, and best practices will be used to improve the CoCs ability to rapidly house, in permanent housing, individuals and families with histories of unsheltered homelessness, and b. how data, performance, and best practices will be used to expand the CoCs ability to rapidly house, in permanent housing, individuals and families with histories of unsheltered homelessness 			
P-5. Identify and Prioritize Households Experiencing or with Histories of Unsheltered Homelessness			
<p>P-5. Identify and Prioritize Households Experiencing or with Histories of Unsheltered Homelessness</p> <p><i>This question assessed your CoC's comprehensive method to identify and provide street outreach services to individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness, and those with histories of unsheltered homelessness, along with your CoC's ability to prioritize these individuals for permanent housing.</i></p> <p>Your response must have described:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. your CoC's strategy to ensure the resources provided under the Special NOFO will reduce unsheltered homelessness; 2. how your CoC will adopt program eligibility processes that reduce unsheltered homelessness and coordinated entry processes that will reduce unsheltered homelessness; 3. how your CoC will use street outreach to connect those living in unsheltered situations with housing resources; and 4. additional steps your CoC is taking to ensure that people who are unsheltered or have histories of unsheltered homelessness can access housing and other resources in the community, including steps to increase access to identification, provide housing 	VII.B.4.e	12/12	3

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navigation services, and provide access to health care and other supportive services.			
P-6. Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Decision Making – Meaningful Outreach			
<p><i>These questions assessed the extent that your CoC meaningfully included persons with lived experience of homelessness, including unsheltered homelessness, in the decision-making process of your CoC and how your CoC encourages projects to involve individuals and families with lived experience of unsheltered homelessness in the delivery of services.</i></p> <p>P-6 Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Decision Making – Meaningful Outreach</p> <p>Your response must have described:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the meaningful outreach efforts to engage those with lived experience of homelessness to develop a working group; 2. how individuals and families experiencing homelessness, particularly those who have experienced unsheltered homelessness, are meaningfully and intentionally integrated into the CoC decision making structure; and 3. how your CoC encourages projects to involve individuals and families with lived experience of unsheltered homelessness in the delivery of services. <p>P-6a Letter of Support from Working Group Comprised of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness</p> <p>Your attached Lived Experience Support Letter must have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. been from a working group comprised of individuals with lived experience of homelessness; 2. been signed by either: 	VII.B.4.f	5/5	4.67

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. at least three members involved in the working group comprised of individuals with lived experience, or b. an authorized representative of the workgroup along with evidence that the person is authorized to represent the group; and <p>3. demonstrated support of the priorities for serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs in the CoC's geographic area outlined in the Special NOFO CoC Application and the Project Applications.</p>			
P-7. Supporting Underserved Communities and Supporting Equitable Community Development			
<p><i>This question assessed the extent that your CoC supports and serves underserved communities and offers equitable housing interventions to address the needs of underserved communities.</i></p> <p>Your response must have described:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. your CoC's current strategy to identify populations in your CoC's geography that have not been served by the homeless system at the same rate they are experiencing homelessness; 2. how underserved communities in your CoC's geographic area interact with the homeless system, including a description of those populations; and 3. your CoC's current strategy to provide outreach, engagement, and housing interventions to serve populations experiencing homelessness that have not previously been served by the homeless system at the same rate they are experiencing homelessness. 	VII.B.4.g	8/8	2.67

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2. CoC Scoring Summary (from Special CoC NOFO)

Scoring Category	Maximum Score Unsheltered Set Aside (Points)	Maximum Score Rural Set Aside (Points)	Your CoC Score** (Points)
1. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking	4	4	2.5
2. System Performance	18	18	10
3. CoC Coordination and Engagement	8	8	7
4. CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs	70	59	27
Total CoC Application Score*	100	89	46.5

* The total does not include bonus points.

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3. Overall Scores for the Unsheltered Set Aside for all CoCs*

Highest Score for any CoC	92.84
Lowest Score for any CoC	15.25