

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: NE-500 - Nebraska Balance of State CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Board of Regents, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Board of Regents, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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	No
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	No	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	No	Yes
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	No	No
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	Yes
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	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	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.	Nebraska Investment Finance Authority	Yes	Yes	No

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. An open invitation to join the CoC is available year-round. Contact and meeting information, as well as how to join the CoC, is posted to the webpage of the Collaborative Applicant. It is specified that any organization or individual in the local community is allowed to participate in the CoC. The CoC emails all members of the 5 regional homeless coalitions list with an invitation to attend monthly CoC meetings and to participate in the CoC competition and makes available an email list of service providers through the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services website. The CoC reviews membership annually and conducts outreach to organizations and individuals not represented or participating.

2. To increase accessibility, contact/meeting information is available on the Collaborative Applicant's webpage, and new members can join the CoC via an accessible webform or by contacting a CoC member via email, phone, or at in-person events. CoC members encourage interested individuals to join the CoC at public events. The CoC uses Zoom for all meetings, which includes accessibility features such as closed captioning. Materials distributed via electronic documentation are scanned for accessibility, barriers are identified and resolved, and materials are posted in PDF format to ensure accessibility to machine reading devices. Informative presentations and trainings regarding the CoC are recorded, and recordings/presentation materials are distributed to the CoC and posted online.

3. The CoC has invited culture and ethnic centers to join the CoC and/or take on more extensive roles, including leadership roles, within the CoC to address representation to the CoC committees and executive board and to facilitate the CoC's efforts to address racial and ethnic disparities in persons experiencing homelessness. The CoC has also invited LGBTQ+ advocacy organizations to assist in CoC planning activities, such as YHDP. The CoC works with local centers serving marginalized communities to inform individuals of CoC activities and opportunities that may be of interest.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has solicited opinions from a broad array of organizations/individuals that have knowledge of or interest in preventing and ending homelessness. The CoC extends open invitations to cross-system partners such as: emergency management, victim services, child welfare-focused agencies, and cultural/ethnic centers to attend regular CoC monthly meetings and to participate in workgroups focused on specific programming. Examples include the use of ESG-CV, CDBG-CV, HOME-ARP gaps and needs, and ERA resources, the emerging infectious disease agencies/participants, and ongoing YHDP Coordinated Community Planning process. CoC leadership regularly attends events/meetings hosted by stakeholders, like the Nebraska Strategic Housing Council and the Community Response Primary Prevention Network, to identify new community collaborations and outreach to new organizations/individuals. CoC members communicate with each other to identify knowledge/expertise gaps and establish connections to subject matter experts.
2. The CoC holds regular meetings via Zoom, which are open to the public. Meeting and contact information is listed publicly on the CoC’s website. Monthly meeting topics include community planning, informational sessions, reviewing system performance measures, and discussing strategies to improve systems outcomes (e.g., increasing the number of individuals/families exiting permanent housing). The CoC solicits feedback from the public via surveys for those who are unable to attend meetings. The CoC distributes meeting agendas and minutes via email to ensure stakeholders have ongoing access to the relayed information. Helpful information/resources identified in meetings are distributed to the CoC via email.
3. Zoom is used for all meetings, which has accessibility features. Materials distributed digitally are scanned for accessibility, barriers are identified and resolved, and materials are posted in PDF format to ensure accessibility to machine reading devices. Digital surveys/forms, which have accessibility ratings, are provided for activities like soliciting feedback and joining the CoC email list. Prior to distribution, accessibility barriers are identified and fixed.
4. The CoC reviews feedback collected from public meetings/forums and uses it to inform strategies for improvement. The CoC shares the feedback with CoC members/providers and uses it to create workgroups and action plans for improving the CoC.

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. New CoC applicant organizations were informed that new applications were being considered via the RFA posted on the CoC website.
2. The CoC distributed the HUD Notification of Competition for FY2023 funds, notice of a public informational session, and RFA for the project application process on the CoC's website. Questions and TA were available during the public informational session and as needed from the Collaborative Applicant.
3. The CoC communicated the process for determining which projects would be submitted to HUD through the CoC and ESG recipient websites and through informational in-person/recorded TA sessions provided by the CoC Collaborative Applicant, which are posted online.
4. The CoC offered a wide array of digital documents in accessible formats. Materials distributed digitally were scanned for accessibility, barriers are identified and resolved, and the materials were posted in PDF format to ensure accessibility to machine reading devices. The informational TA sessions on project applications were held on Zoom, which offers closed captioning, automatic transcripts, keyboard accessibility, and screen reader support for individuals with disabilities. The sessions were also recorded and posted online, allowing for individuals to access the information at their own pace.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	
	In the chart below:	
	1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.	

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	No
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.	Workforce Investment Boards	Yes
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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 CoC Executive Board, Collaborative Applicant, CE Lead, and HMIS Lead conducted bi-weekly meetings with the ESG recipient to develop plans, allocations of ESG and ESG-CV resources, and implementation strategies to ensure ESG Program funds are effectively allocated to meet needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These meetings continue to the present time.
2. The CoC, HMIS, and CE Leads were actively involved in the evaluation and performance reporting of ESG program sub-recipients. The HMIS Lead provided both monthly data reporting and ongoing data quality reviews for all sub-recipient programs to the ESG recipient. The CoC and ESG recipient worked collaboratively in the annual review and the development of performance measurements for common component type programs. The ESG grant process within the CoC is informed by these measures and HMIS data.
3. The CoC, through the HMIS Lead, provided PIT and HIC data to the ESG recipient for inclusion in the Consolidated Plan within its geographic area.
4. The CoC, through the CE and HMIS Leads, provided ongoing HMIS data to Consolidated Plan jurisdictions. This included system performance measures, LSA, and other data reporting on the effectiveness of the homeless service system in responding to those experiencing homelessness, as well as ongoing needs and gaps in housing/services throughout the jurisdiction.

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.	
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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.	
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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)

Youth education providers are formal members of regional coalitions to end homelessness which receive information and contribute to planning for the CoC. The CoC collaborates with youth education providers across the state through endeavors such as a YHDP funded Coaching SSO project. Coaches connect with community youth education providers like teachers and school counselors to make referrals for the Coordinated Entry system or other housing related resources. There is a formal MOU in place between the CoC and the Nebraska Dept. of Education (SEA) to collaborate on the identification, assessment, and referral to CE of persons experiencing homelessness and processes to follow for ongoing housing stability programming. The SEA collaborates with the CoC through YHDP Planning, regular CoC Planning, the American Rescue Plan-Homeless Children and Youth funding plan, and assistance on a youth count for the annual PIT. The SEA attends CoC monthly meetings. LEAs are invited to be formal members of the CoC and participate in CoC/regional homeless coalition meetings.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services. NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	
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Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC uses to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC implemented a written policy to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for educational services. All ESG and CoC providers are responsible for coordinating with local school district(s) in the following way (Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.)): a. Helping to identify children and young adults who are eligible for educational services. If a child or young adult does not have a fixed, regular, and adequate place to sleep at night, they are eligible. This includes living in places not meant for human habitation, emergency shelters, transitional housing, motels/hotels, campgrounds, in doubled-up situations, or in housing that lacks utilities, is infested, or has other dangerous conditions; b. Ensuring that all families with children and young adults who qualify are informed of their educational rights, educational services eligibility, and that they receive those services; c. Ensuring that the local school districts' homeless liaisons are aware of CE processes for connecting homeless families and young adults to ESG/CoC resources and helping to resolve any issues that might arise in linking eligible households to those resources; d. Ensuring that when placing families in emergency, transitional, or permanent housing, consideration is given to the educational needs of children. This includes placing children as close as possible to early childhood education programs and schools of origin.

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

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

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

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	Yes
2.	state sexual assault coalitions	Yes
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. The CoC regularly works in partnership with local victim service providers and advocates, including, Doves, Willows Rising, Hope Harbor, Bright Horizons, and The Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, to ensure accurate information about safety and current best practices are provided to ESG program agencies/staff and are incorporated into CoC-wide policies, such as the CoC Written Standards. The CoC ensures that all Coordinated Entry staff and the CE Governing Body review and modify CE policies as needed. The CoC and CE Manager work in collaboration with the CoC Executive Committee and CE Governing Body to ensure all policies and procedures for CoC/ESG activities adhere to client safety, are victim-centered, and are trauma-informed.

2. The CoC regularly works with local victim service providers to ensure accurate information around safety and current best practices is distributed to all CoC/ESG housing and service program agencies/staff. Training and continuing education opportunities for the CoC and ESG agencies/staff occur annually at a minimum. The Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence provides trauma-informed training to the CoC and member agencies on trauma-informed care to meet survivors needs. The CoC and CE Manager work in collaboration with the CE Governing Body to ensure all CoC/ESG housing programs and services provided adhere to client safety, are victim-centered and trauma-informed, and effectively meet the needs of survivors.

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. Victim Services project staff provide safety training and best practices consultation to the entire CoC membership (e.g., ensuring a trauma-informed and victim-centered approach in all programs) to support DV, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors. Training occurs annually at a minimum and consultation is available as needed. Training is recorded and made available through the CoC's website year-round.
2. The ADLH Coordinated Entry Manager works in collaboration with the CoC Executive Committee and CE Governing Body to ensure policies and procedures supporting DV survivors adhere to client safety and are victim-centered/trauma-informed. Training is provided annually, with recordings available on the CoC's website for viewing anytime.

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. The NE BoS CoC has designed and implemented the following CE safety protocols to ensure the safety of persons fleeing or attempting to flee family violence, stalking, dating violence, or other domestic violence situations. Before beginning the triage and assessment for Coordinated Entry, all CoC/ESG providers have been given a script that outlines protocols. Providers offer to meet with each household member separately to ensure safety and a confidential opportunity to disclose risk. If there is an identified risk, non-victim service providers work to connect and do a warm hand-off to a domestic violence advocate. If the household declines the offer to connect to a DV-specific agency, the provider will proceed with triaging and assessing while safety planning as much as possible. For persons who chose not to be connected directly to a victim services advocate, DV agencies also provide case consultation as needed to assist with the planning of services for those persons fleeing violence. A red flag consultation may be requested outside of the full group weekly By-Name List (BNL) review to provide extra anonymity to the case being discussed.
2. The CoC has implemented the following confidentiality protocols to ensure safety of all survivors. DV survivors are eligible for the submission of an anonymous referral to protect their identity. When an anonymous referral is made, only the referring agency knows the identity of the household and provides enough information for priority scoring and household makeup. Once a housing program has identified an anonymous household as top priority, the referring provider will consult with the household to ensure they are willing to work with the agency with the availability and moves forward with a warm hand off at that time. If the household does not agree, they remain on Coordinated Entry until an agency they are comfortable working with becomes available.

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 CoC HMIS Lead works closely with the victim service community and providers to collaborate on the integration of the DV comparable database, Osnum, with HMIS data. Victim service agencies provide, via secure email, HMIS staff with de-identified, aggregate data from their database on an as-needed basis or to meet reporting requirements. DV agencies (non-HMIS users) complete secured surveys with required information on populations served for the PIT and HIC.

2. The CoC utilizes the de-identified aggregate data for system planning and evaluation of programming as it pertains to meeting the needs/gaps of survivors. The CoC works closely with CoC-funded DV service agencies to identify needs and assistance in applying for additional funding as well as program success through outcomes. The CoC also evaluates the prioritization mechanism of the CE System on identifying the most appropriate housing opportunities for survivors. Data from the CE system allows providers to evaluate whether services are meeting the specialized needs of survivors by assessing system performance including exits to permanent housing, unsuccessful exits, time on the BNL, and returns to the BNL. Aggregate data from the comparable DV database are used to assess special needs related to DV survivors including family composition, income, and additional vulnerabilities. The CoC communicates the outcomes with providers to adjust supports as needed.

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 written policies/procedures to request an emergency transfer. Programs must also have written policies/procedures and inform tenants of their ability to request an emergency transfer. When individuals/families experience VAWA-covered violence and determine that they would like to exercise their right to request an emergency transfer, CoC programs and the CoC as a whole use the following process to address those needs.

2. A household requests an emergency transfer by submitting the HUD-5383 Form (Request for Emergency Transfer). By using this form, the tenant certifies that they meet the criteria for an emergency transfer. The criteria are: (1) the tenant (or member of the household) must be a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (self certification is accepted); (2) tenant must expressly request the emergency transfer (submission of the form HUD-5383 is considered a request for transfer) and (3) tenant must reasonably believe that he or she is threatened with imminent harm from further violence, if they remain in their current unit, or has been a victim of sexual assault and the assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period before the request for transfer

3. Programs inform participants that when an emergency transfer plan is requested, CoC housing programs act as quickly as possible to move a tenant to another housing unit. Tenant will determine if they believe the alternate unit would be safe and tenant choice is honored. Tenant may request a transfer to a different unit if believe the proposed unit would not be safe. If the current housing program does not have available units for which a tenant requesting an emergency transfer is eligible and/or that tenant believes will be safe, program will assist tenant in identifying other housing programs with available/safe housing units. If a tenant qualifies for an emergency transfer, but a safe unit is not immediately available with their current housing provider, tenant will have priority over other applicants for rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, and CoC rental assistance projects if the individual/family. Household will not be required to meet any other eligibility criteria or preferences for the project beyond what was described above and will retain their original homeless or chronically homeless status. The housing program may refer the household to CE for referral to permanent housing with the tenant's permission

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. The CoC ensures all DV survivors have safe access to all the housing and services available within the CoC’s geographic area by fully incorporating CoC/ESG-funded DV programs into the Coordinated Entry System, as well as on-going technical assistance and education on eligibilities to community partners, such as law enforcement. Those persons who are referred to CE directly from a victim service provider are able to receive a housing opportunity for all program types in which they are eligible for within the CoC’s CE system. Persons fleeing violence reserve the right to choose which housing opportunity they accept and remain on the priority listing until a housing solution most appropriate to meet their safety and needs is identified.

2. The CoC collaborates with program participants, victim service providers (VSPs), and CoC/ESG-funded programs to proactively identify barriers to safely housing/providing services for DV survivors. Nebraska has a network of twenty VSPs, which specifically serve DV survivors. The network is coordinated by the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. The majority of the VSPs, as well as the state Coalition, actively participate in CoC meetings and the CoC’s coordinated activities including discussion of CoC standards, policy development, and cross-program collaboration. They also promote coordination and partnerships with other area providers that are key to serving survivors and others experiencing or at-risk of homelessness such as local healthcare systems. The state Coalition and area VSPs regularly work with national leadership (such as the National Network to End Domestic Violence) around domestic violence and promote best practices in serving survivors to ensure that they remain current on the latest research, resources, and legislation at a local, state, and federal level regarding barriers to housing that DV survivors may face. In addition, VSPs regularly survey survivors to gain their perspective on their experiences, needs, and barriers faced. This information is provided to the CoC as a whole and to individual member programs within the CoC to address current or potential barriers for survivors. The state Coalition and area VSPs provide training, technical assistance, and collaborative conversations with the CoC and member programs to ensure that best practices are being discussed and implemented in a timely manner.

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. DV survivors have a variety of options to participate in CoC activities including providing input on and developing CoC-Wide policies and programs, and their feedback is promptly incorporated into all relevant CoC policies, procedures, and documents. Survivors are recruited and engaged primarily through victim service providers and other organizations serving persons experiencing or at-risk of DV and/or homelessness, who are trained in engaging individuals in a trauma-informed and person-centered approach. Current and former program participants are encouraged to participate and provide on-going feedback to be incorporated into the CoC as frequently as they feel comfortable. Survivors can join the CoC as a Lived Experience Expert. Lived Experience Experts can engage and vote in CoC meetings, participate in CoC document creation/revision, and provide feedback to the CoC. The CoC works with Lived Experience Experts to ensure they can participate in the CoC as fully as they'd like while removing as many barriers to participation as possible, and Lived Experience Experts can participate in CoC activities as frequently or infrequently as they'd like. Survivors can also join the CoC's Lived Experience Committee. Participants meet approximately four times a year to develop, update, and provide input for CoC policies, documentation, and action plans. This position is compensated through physical gift cards to help survivors retain their anonymity.

2. CoC materials are written in gender-neutral, trauma-informed language to encompass survivors of all gender-identities. Survivors who would like to participate in CoC activities in person or via web-conferencing options are welcome to sign in anonymously if they would prefer to not share their personal information. Survivors who would like to provide input but who feel unsafe or uncomfortable speaking themselves have the option of sharing that information with a victim service provider or other CoC member organization to be incorporated anonymously with feedback from other CoC members. No identifying information regarding a survivor is shared without their expressed permission and agencies have survivors sign a release of information form prior to sharing any identifying information. Lived Experience Committee attendees are compensated for their time to reduce barriers to participation.

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. To ensure CoC services are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families, the CoC works with LGBTQ+ advocacy organizations including OutNebraska, and stakeholders to update the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policies and procedures as needed based on organization and stakeholder feedback. For example, encouraged by Youth Action Board members, the CoC implemented a policy to regularly review the Coordinated Entry assessments and to update language around items such as gender identity to promote inclusivity and modified the HMIS data fields. The CoC also clarified policies around the definition of 'families' to prevent discrimination of household makeup.
2. The CoC assisted providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy to ensure LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination. The CoC provided sample, exemplary anti-discrimination policies to all CoC agencies and members, during mandatory training and on CoC website, provides on-going technical assistance and requires submission of housing first policies. The CoC offers training on the Equal Access Final Rule and Gender Identity Final Rule for CoC agencies and members. Additionally, the CoC worked closely with providers to design joint TH-RRH programs to ensure participants have safe and immediate access to housing when in crisis.
3. Annually, the CoC evaluates CoC programs' Housing First policies to ensure inclusion of characteristics from the Equal Access Final Rule and Gender Identity Final Rule. The CoC requires Housing First as a threshold criterion for applications in the annual CoC NOFO competition. Programs must demonstrate they will not discriminate during admission or acceptance based on a person's race, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, or family composition. Additionally, the CoC is available to support programs by running customized reports using HMIS data to examine their referrals and acceptances from Coordinated Entry as well as exit destinations by target demographics.
4. The CoC provides feedback as necessary on non-compliance of antidiscrimination policies and offers an opportunity for corrections to be resubmitted. Program participants may address non-compliance by filing a grievance with the CoC Governing Body or through consumer surveys during the CoC NOFO competition renewal evaluation process.

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?
Hall County Public Housing Authority	14%	Yes-Both	Yes
Fremont Housing Agency	8%	Yes-Both	Yes

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has worked extensively with the Hall County Public Housing Authority and Fremont Housing Agency to adopt a homeless admission preference by a) providing other existing homeless admission preference documents for review and b) connecting the PHAs' staff with other PHAs in the state that currently have homeless admission preferences. The CoC is working with the Governor's Commission on Housing and Homelessness and the Nebraska Strategic Housing Framework to convene all PHAs in the CoC to move toward the inclusion of homeless preferences and move-on policies for every PHA.

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	Yes
4. Local low-income housing programs	Yes
Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.	

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

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

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

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)?	No
		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.	

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
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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
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If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.

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Hall County Housi...
York County Housi...

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

Name of PHA: Hall County Housing Authority

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

Name of PHA: York County Housing Authority

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.	15
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.	15
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. The CoC has established a threshold criterion for all project applicants to submit their Housing First Policies and Procedures to be eligible for the renewal evaluation process and inclusion in the CoC Collaborative Application in the annual CoC competition. It is required that the CoC Collaborative Applicant reviews the policies and provides feedback to programs as needed.
2. The CoC reviews programs for the following factors to maintain compliance with Housing First practices: For entrance: programs do not require background checks, a demonstrated period of sobriety, commitment to participate in treatment, or equal access rule protections, and overall, no barriers to entry. Program Termination: programs will not terminate for failure to engage in services, substance use, failure to obtain income, or requirements that are inconsistent with residential leases, and ensures reasonable policies on visitation and programs will support tenants in meeting lease obligations.
3. Outside of the CoC competition, the CoC evaluates a Housing First approach by evaluating HMIS data. The CoC examines referrals and assessments to Coordinated Entry, acceptances into programming, and exit destinations by certain demographics as ways to monitor for Housing First compliance.

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 Lincoln CoC coordinated street outreach efforts with several agencies to ensure all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness are identified and engaged. There are 9 FTE dedicated to outreach staff across 5 agencies, some for specific populations least likely to request assistance, including youth and U.S. Military veterans. These efforts are connected through the Coordinated Entry System in which all outreach workers actively participate and provide critical front door access into the system. All outreach workers utilize HMIS and provide real time assessment and referrals for Coordinated Entry. Additionally, the CoC coordinates communications between local organizations (e.g., library system), public school district, businesses, public officials, law enforcement, and conducts street outreach through monthly check-ins to provide connections for identifying newly unsheltered persons or to discuss trends/concerns with those living unsheltered in the community.
2. Street outreach covers 100% of the CoC’s geographic area.
3. Street outreach primarily occurs Monday – Friday with varying hours, to include early mornings and evenings. Street outreach is available for on-call response 7 days a week.
4. Street outreach staff have expanded their methods of practice to connect with persons least likely to request assistance. The CoC worked with the Urban Institute to analyze data and former outreach methods to better understand gaps in services. This work has resulted in several modifications to assessments and modes of outreach delivery, including geographical dispersion. CoC outreach has also worked extensively with community partners, including business and civic leaders in the downtown area, to generate a more integrated approach/outreach response to those unsheltered including direct connections between businesses and outreach staff. The outreach workers across agencies work as a team with few inter-agency barriers and when engagement with one worker is not effective other outreach staff, often through CE, are enlisted to attempt engagement. All CoC outreach staff use Language Link to bridge language barriers.

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	Yes
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.i.	

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	345	358

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)	
	Medicaid	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:

- 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;
- 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
- works with projects to promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC systematically keeps program staff up to date regarding mainstream resources through the regular (as available - daily, weekly, monthly) distribution of information and training available to those within the geographic area via email, updates on CoC monthly calls, and monthly reporting from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (SNAPS, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs). The CoC also encourages the distribution of information at a regional level through the Regional Coordinators located throughout the state during community coalition meetings. CoC agencies in each of the 5 regions provide Health Insurance Outreach and SNAP outreach services.
2. The CoC includes multiple healthcare organizations including substance abuse and mental health treatment agencies, and these organizations provide guidance/training to service providers during CoC meetings on assisting program participants receiving substance abuse and mental health treatment. The CoC collaborates with the Nebraska Department of Public Health and regional/local hospital systems and provides opportunities to train on best practices to assist participants accessing healthcare services. The CoC collaborates with the state Medicaid provider to connect Medicaid enrolled program participants with managed care organizations. The CoC provides opportunities for healthcare organizations to inform the CoC on how to best assist participants enroll in health insurance programs.
3. The CoC works with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and the funded SOAR programs within the CoC to provide information regarding SOAR certification and to promote SSI/SSDI Outreach program staff certification.

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)

As a large, rural CoC, the BoS CoC comprises of over 90k square miles. The use of non-congregate shelter has been a long-standing strategy to combat homelessness and is an increasingly important component of our CoC. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the use of non-congregate shelter in the CoC increased significantly to prevent the spread of infectious disease and as an effective means to shelter persons, including youth, in the CoC where no emergency shelter options exist or in places that are not suitable for vulnerable populations. The CoC increased the number of non-congregate shelter beds available by collaborating with the ESG recipient, increasing the available amount of funding for non-congregate shelter vouchers, and through the reallocation/creation of Joint TH-RRH programs, including YHDP-funded programs, that use non-congregate shelter. The CoC is also creating plans for the use of HOME-ARP funding for the development of additional non-congregate shelter units/beds.

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:

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| 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 effectively works with the State of Nebraska Public Health Department and the State of Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infection disease outbreaks. This work is at the State level to allow for consistency across the 3 CoCs within the State.
2. To prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness, CoC leadership facilitated resource allocations from State Public Health and other state agencies to shelter, outreach, and congregate housing providers for the purchase of equipment, facility renovations, and supplies to prevent and limit the spread of infectious disease outbreaks when such needs were identified.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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| 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 has improved the effectiveness of providers in preventing or limiting infectious disease outbreaks among participants by sharing information during bi-weekly networking meetings between shelter, outreach, congregate providers, and State of Nebraska Public Health and regional public health agencies. The bi-weekly Zoom calls share the latest guidance from the CDC and State of Nebraska Public Health on public health measures, current best practice recommendations, and resources to improve facilities to prevent infectious disease outbreaks.
2. The CoC provides opportunities for sharing information related to infectious disease prevention at all CoC meetings and has a standing agenda item for pandemic and related responses. Information and resources are also distributed via the CoC email list. The CoC facilitated resource allocations from State Public Health and other state agencies to shelter, outreach, and congregate housing providers in the provision of equipment, facility renovations and supplies to prevent and limit the spread of infectious disease outbreaks when the need arose.

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. The CoC’s Coordinated Entry System covers all 90 counties that compose the BoS CoC geographic area. This is achieved across the large geography through the CE system using a “no wrong door approach”, inclusion of a wide network of service entities (e.g., homeless shelters, outreach, education, basic and emergency need, health care, youth and child providers, primary prevention networks, etc.) that are trained in making referrals of persons experiencing homelessness to the CE system, and the use of the CoC HMIS system serving as the data system for our CE system. When needed, service entities can communicate with all CoC providers via the CoC email list to identify agencies that may have available resources to provide additional support to program participants.
2. The CoC CE system uses a common, standardized assessment for referrals to and prioritization within the CE system. The information sources used to inform the CoC common assessment determination are data from the HMIS system for all persons experiencing homelessness, the research literature, assessment protocols, lived experience feedback, and weekly case review staffing. All persons experiencing homelessness that chose to participate in the CE system are assessed using the common assessment and that assessment is entered into the HMIS system with referral to the CE by-name list.
3. The CE governing body convenes quarterly to collect and process feedback received from providers during that time. The CE system conducts an annual evaluation of the system, which includes input from participants. This data is used in the continuous quality improvement process. A weekly call is held to staff cases on the BNL and feedback for improvements to the system is often received here from both program staff and participants.

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 CE system focused on increasing public access points to a wide variety of serving agencies to reach those least likely to apply for assistance. Agencies serving persons/households for basic and emergency needs (including public school and health care systems) and agencies serving homelessness or near homelessness can be a Public Access Point or Non-Public Access Point. Both assist in walking households through the CE triage and assessment process. The goal of having access points collaborate with their community partners is to expand connections with households that may not reach out otherwise. In a large rural CoC with many small communities, there is a reliance on collaborating with law enforcement, public libraries, schools, churches, etc. to ensure households not connected with services know they can participate.
2. After identifying households in need, they are prioritized according to a vulnerability assessment developed by our CE Governing body. The areas of priority we look at include disabling condition, length of time homeless, documented chronic homelessness, youth, over 60 years of age, veteran status, actively fleeing domestic violence, history of housing and homelessness, risk factors such as emergency service use, risk of harm, legal issues, risk of exploitation, socialization such as money management, daily activities, selfcare and social relationships, as well as wellness including physical, substance use, mental health, tri-morbidity, medications, and abuse/trauma.
3. Households with the highest score (taking chronic homelessness into consideration) are given priority and offered housing opportunities as quickly as an agency has availability. If a household declines working with a certain agency, program type, or in some cases, units located in a certain location of our community/state, they remain on CE until the next available opportunity opens. The only requirement for households to be a part of CE is being homeless; no other barriers are in place to make access to the CE System as easy as possible for all individuals.
4. The CoC makes every effort to make the referral process as easy as possible by reducing data collection requirements, recently reduced common assessment by 25% to only the essential elements, by ensuring CoC staff are using person-centered and trauma-informed approaches during the referral process, and by providing ready access to the CE system through a variety of public access points and languages.

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, through the All Doors Lead Home coordinated entry system, produces multiple advertising and informational products that describe the housing and services available, process to apply, and Fair Housing commitment available through the CoC. This information is distributed both physically across a wide range of local service-based agencies and emergency service providers and electronically through social media and websites. Providers must have non-discrimination policies in place and conduct assertive outreach to people least likely to engage in the homeless system. Organizations receiving CoC Program and ESG Program funding shall market housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, or disability; and, shall provide program applicants and participants with information, in writing, on their rights and remedies under applicable federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights. (80 FR 42271)

2. Each All Doors Lead Home coordinated entry system access point provides participants with information on fair housing rights and available remedies.

3. The CoC annually trains and provides refresher informational sessions to program staff on Fair Housing. The CoC requires that if programs encounter a condition or action that impedes fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants, programs will report the impediments to the CoC Lead and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan. Programs will also provide participants with information on rights and remedies available under applicable federal, state and local fair housing and civil rights laws.

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.	01/17/2023

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. For CoC-funded homeless assistance, the CoC semi-annually examines racial disparity data across all CoC programs. The CoC conducts a four tiered evaluation: a) The racial composition of persons that are entered in the CE system compared to shelter, outreach, and TH enrollments, b) The common assessment score by race, c) Housing referrals and program housing placements by race, and d) Exits to permanent housing by race.

2. The most recent racial disparities evaluation for the CoC identified for CoC-funded homeless assistance were: a) The percent of non-white persons on the CE BNL is the same as the racial composition of shelter, outreach, and TH entries; b) That non-white and white persons experiencing homelessness are prioritized for RRH and PHS placements at very similar rates, and are not significantly different, c) Housing referrals and placements by race reflect the same percentages as the prioritized placements, d) Found that among racial minority groups, those identifying as Black/African/African American or as Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders exited to permanent housing destinations at lower rates than did whites. All other racial and ethnic groups exited to permanent destinations at similar or higher percentages than whites.

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)

The CoC has advocated for eliminating legal status documentation for persons needing homeless prevention assistance from state-administered programs. The CoC has provided guidance and technical assistance to state-administered prevention and housing assistance programs on methods to effectively outreach and engage underserved populations. The CoC has provided policy, training, and practice guidance to providers that furthers the objectives of fair housing. The CoC offers training on the Equal Access Final Rule for CoC program staff.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has established the following metrics to examine semi-annually to track progress on preventing and eliminating disparities in the provision of homeless assistance:
 - a. The racial and ethnic composition of persons that are entered in the CE system compared to shelter, outreach, and TH enrollments,
 - b. The CE common assessment score and prioritization ranking by race and ethnicity,
 - c. Program housing placements by race and ethnicity,
 - d. Exits to permanent housing by race and ethnicity,
 - e. Returns to homelessness by race and ethnicity.
2. The tools the CoC use to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities are HMIS data, as the HMIS system serves as the data system for our CE system, and Stella P. CoC staff also utilize the CoC Race and Ethnicity Analysis tool and advanced analytic tools in SPSS and R.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The BoS CoC conducts outreach to authentically engage those with lived experience of homelessness through marketing materials posted to social media which are directly created by CoC and youth action board members, word of mouth from current members, and agency staff referrals. The CoC collaborates with the consumer engagement and youth subcommittees to provide leadership development skills to enhance the authentic engagement of those with lived experience. Engaging those with lived experience through word of mouth and agency staff referrals offers an opportunity to provide transparent information about the system-level decisions being made and the impact their involvement has on the process.

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.	4	0
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	4	0
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	4	0
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	4	0

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 offers professional development and employment opportunities through a variety of avenues. The Balance of State Youth Action Board receives direct support from TA providers and facilitation through a CoC agency to develop leadership skills and provide training on professional areas such as creating/updating resumes. The CoC also collaborates with the regional behavioral health centers that provide peer support training for those with lived experience before entering the workforce. Several CoC agencies have modified hiring qualifications to be able to provide employment opportunities to those with lived experience in lieu of traditional education achievements. The CoC provides compensation for persons with lived experience participating with the CoC.

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 has established a standing lived experience work group to gather feedback to inform the CoC on all aspects of operations, policy, and governance. Additionally, CoC routinely gathers feedback from persons experiencing homelessness through annual surveys and ongoing CoC subcommittee work, such as the Youth Action Board or consultation for HOMEARP plan development. CoC and ESG programs solicit feedback from program participants annually and at the time of exit from a CoC and ESG project. The CoC has established a lived experience work group to gather input to inform the CoC on all aspects of operations, policy, and governance. Persons with lived experience are compensated for their time, knowledge, and experience.
2. The CoC gathers input and feedback from persons who have received assistance through CoC and ESG programs through an ongoing online feedback process provided to all current and exiting program members. CoC programs are scored during the renewal competition on the percent of their entrants that have provided feedback.
3. The CoC has addressed challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness by increasing the number of coordinated entry access points and examining the coordinated entry assessment for modifications. Expansion of the number of languages that the coordinated entry assessments and CoC documentation are available. Partnering with the Tenant Assistance Program through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law to provide additional legal support and advocacy with landlords to those at risk of entering homelessness from an eviction proceeding

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)

1. The CoC leadership have engaged with state, regional, and community level officials as a core team member of the Nebraska Strategic Housing Council to help inform the process of developing best practices for land use and zoning to establish a model code and zoning development that could apply across Nebraska; Defining barriers: to diversified housing across Nebraska.
2. Also, as a core team member of the Nebraska Housing Council, the CoC leadership is working to reduce regulatory barriers to make Infill Housing easier through consultation with county and city level planning teams to adopt a charter amendment or pass an ordinance to include infill housing approval for multi-family housing projects and "Up zoning" to provide incentives or streamline the process.

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

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

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

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.	
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1.	Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	07/14/2023
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.	07/14/2023

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

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

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)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	25
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-RRH

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. To analyze data regarding projects that successfully housed program participants in permanent housing, the CoC used data entered by projects into the HMIS on entries into permanent housing. These data were analyzed by calculating the percentage of permanent housing entries from the number of CE referrals to the project.
2. To analyze data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing, the CoC examined the length of time to permanent housing through evaluation of HMIS data on the time of the CE referral to program entry and the length of time to permanent housing move-in date.
3. The CoC has considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities through review and evaluation of the CE common assessment and if needs match priority scores from the assessment. Factors used to determine accuracy include the length of time homeless, chronicity, disabilities, and a person's veteran, transition-aged youth, and/or fleeing DV statuses.
4. When considering needed projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations but could result in lower performance levels, renewal applications with the highest average priority score of entries within their component type are allocated an additional 5 points in scoring, and programs with the second highest priority scores are allocated 3 additional points in renewal scoring.

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. The CoC creates and finalizes rating factors through the CoC Renewal Evaluation committee comprised of CoC/ESG funded agencies and other parties familiar with homelessness, such public housing authorities, and includes persons from over-represented communities in the homeless population The NE BoS CoC also collaborates with street outreach and other providers with established trusting relationships to obtain input from persons over-represented in the local homelessness population to determine rating factors used to review project applications. Races and ethnicities overrepresented in the local homelessness population compared to the State of Nebraska’s population demographics include American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous (9%), Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (1%), multiple races (4%), and Hispanic/Latino (17%).
2. The CoC included input from persons of different races in the rank and review process. This input contributed to the development of the measures used in the renewal and new project evaluation and in the allocation of points for those evaluations. The CoC rank and review process for renewal projects is based upon objective and system performance measures, which include CoC Priority Factors such as reduction program outcome disparities for over-represented populations, but the ranking is based upon scores alone. The CoC new project review and selection process recruits review committee members that are reflective of the races and ethnicities in the CoC’s population, including Black/African American (25%) and Asian/Asian American (25%).
3. The CoC incorporated scored factors that assessed the degree to which the project has identified and steps taken to eliminate identified barriers for racial and ethnic groups overrepresented and is benchmarking in the FY2023 renewal evaluation scoring a measure that assesses the degree to which the program has been able to reduced program outcome disparities by race/ethnicity (e.g., exits to permanent destinations, returns to homelessness, and income and benefits).

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. The CoC’s written process for reallocation identifies low-performing programs/those serving lower priorities and requires program improvement and adjusted focus on higher priority needs, or the program funds will be reallocated. The CoC accomplishes this as part of the ranking and reallocation of projects, which incentivizes focus on outcomes to achieve the performance targets specified by the CoC, providers to adopt evidence-based practices, replace projects that are not high-performing, cost-effective, or following evidence-based practices with new projects that follow CoC and HUD priorities. The CoC identifies low-performing projects based upon the CoC Performance Measures, and these measures are assessed at six months at 12 months during renewal competition.
2. Yes, the CoC identified projects of lower performing projects during the local competition.
3. The CoC did not reallocate any projects during the FY2023 local competition.
4. The CoC, per renewal evaluation standards, requested program improvement plans (PIP) for two programs that did not meet minimum threshold scoring prior to reallocation. Program Improvement Plans were deemed adequate to address deficiencies and if the programs underperform in coming year they will be required to reallocate.

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

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

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

	<p>Does your attachment include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	<p>Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings. 	09/21/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	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.	09/21/2023
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/25/2022
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

	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. The DV agencies in BoS use Osnium as their comparable database. The CoC and HMIS Lead provide DV agencies with the data standard changes so they can be sure their system is updated to meet the new standards. Agency staff can attend and access online data standard training as well as HIC and PIT annual training. The CoC HMIS Lead provides technical support to DV agencies for their system when there are updates or errors in their system related to HUD data standards and reporting. The CoC HMIS Lead provides onsite visits, Zoom meetings, and phone calls to walk through their workflow and database to assist them in answering questions when they arise. The DV agencies provide the HMIS Lead with their quarterly HUD reports and annual reports for NOFO scoring and HIC and PIT information.
2. Yes, the BoS DV Housing and Service providers in CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable databases compliant with the FH 2022 HMIS Data Standards.
3. Yes, the CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	408	119	256	88.58%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	375	28	347	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	425	0	425	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	140	0	140	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	55	0	55	100.00%

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

For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:

1. steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2. how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

All project-type bed coverage rates are above 84.99%. The CoC continues with outreach and efforts with two rescue mission shelters in the CoC to participate in the HMIS.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 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
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/24/2023
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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.	04/25/2023
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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| 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. Youth experiencing homelessness, youth with lived experience, and youth-serving organizations participate in the CoC’s Point in Time planning process, which begins in October. The PIT plan and process are also reviewed by the Youth Action Board prior to final CoC approval. All interested stakeholders and organizations are notified of PIT Count planning via email and advertised through the CoC webpage, social media network, and the statewide Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services service provider list. Meetings occur at least monthly through the PIT count.
2. During the 2023 PIT count the BoS CoC did have unaccompanied youth, the youth action board, and youth action board participate in the known location identification process.
3. The BoS CoC did not have youth actively participate as counters during the 2023 PIT unsheltered count due to concerns expressed by some youth action board members that they would feel uncomfortable encountering youth they may interact with or have interacted with in the past. However, youth and the youth action board did provide input on the overall PIT count process and recommendations of known locations.

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 CoC did not make changes to the sheltered PIT count for the 2023 PIT Count.
2. The CoC did revise training materials for the unsheltered count implementation and provided additional live/Zoom unsheltered PIT Count training in addition to the recorded training available on the CoC training website. The CoC reinforced the importance across all stakeholder groups of communication and positive reporting requirement for other service systems on the night of PIT, including County Sheriff’s offices and medical services.
3. The CoC unsheltered count revisions in training decreased the number of concerns/questions raised on the night of PIT count and stressing other service providers’ positive reporting provided increased confidence that service providers encountering persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness were accurately reporting.

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. The NE-BoS CoC determined the risk factors used to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time by examining the CoC's HMIS data for persons experiencing homelessness for the first time and individuals and families seeking prevention assistance. In addition, the data analysis has been supplemented by agency program staff input and a review of the peer-reviewed literature on factors contributing to homelessness. The primary factors used in the determination are: single adult families with children under age 5, reintegrating into the community from any institutional setting (including foster care), not currently employed, short duration in current housing situation, a prior eviction, and a previous episode of homelessness.

2. The NE-BoS CoC has implemented a cross-system approach to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless through a) development and implementation of a shelter diversion model with guidance and training from Ed Boyte and Cleveland Mediation Center; b) directing homeless prevention resources toward eviction prevention and diversion to stop evictions from occurring; c) developing a homeless prevention triage and prioritization process within the CoC's All Doors Lead Home Coordinated Entry System to focus limited prevention assistance on those but for this assistance would become homeless, d) CoC training and system integration of mainstream resources and benefits including TANF, ADC, and Medicaid to help stabilize housing for those diverted or prevented from entering homelessness, 5) through YHDP programming, the CoC has successfully developed rapid response prevention combined with six months of coaching to prevent the number of youth entering homelessness for the first time.

3. The University of Nebraska – Lincoln Center on Children, Families, and the Law (CCFL) as the CoC organizing body, Coordinated Entry Lead, HMIS Lead, and Planning Lead, oversees the CoC's efforts to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing first-time homelessness. CCFL provided regular data updates and reports to the CoC on these efforts.

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?	Yes

(limit 2,500 characters)

2. The BoS CoC has identified that recently arrived refugees and migrants in communities within the CoC have experienced housing instability and sought emergency shelter and housing assistance, including rent and utility assistance. Recent refugee and migrant families did have some impact on the increase in the number of persons who experienced homelessness for the first time in the CoC as reflected in Metric 5.1 and 5.2 with a 7% and 8% increase.

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. To decrease the length of time persons remain homeless the NE-BoS CoC has undertaken the following actions as part of an overall strategy: a) Recognizing the absence of affordable housing units across the CoC as a significant barrier in reducing the length of time persons remain homeless the CoC has successfully advocated and established through the Nebraska Strategic Housing Council as an actionable goal the development of 10k units of affordable housing for persons earning less than \$20k by 2027 using increased LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credits), state and federal housing trust funds, and HOME-ARP. b) The CoC has established length of time homeless benchmarks to evaluate the success of housing programs in decreasing the length of time homeless. These metrics examine days from coordinated entry referral to housing move-in date. Programs are scored based on these metrics; c) The CoC has established length of time homeless benchmarks to evaluate the success of the coordinated entry system in decreasing the length of time homeless. This metric examines the days person are on the coordinated entry-by-name list to housing move-in date. d) Successfully advised the ESG recipient to increase the availability of RRH units through regular ESG and ESG-CV allocations and waivers.
2. The CoC identifies and houses persons with the longest length of time homeless through the All Doors Lead Home Coordinated Entry system which is fully integrated within the CoC's HMIS. The Nebraska BOS Common Assessment captures the length of time homeless prior to CE entry and time on the CE by name list is generated. These data are used as a factor in the CE system housing prioritization, with those persons with the longest period of time homeless receiving additional priority scoring on a tiered basis. Housing referrals and applications to available housing from the CE system are made based on priority scoring. A core CE benchmark to evaluate effectiveness is the number of days homeless for persons on the CE BNL.
3. The University of Nebraska – Lincoln Center on Children, Families, and the Law (CCFL), under the Senior Director, serving as the CoC organizing body, coordinated entry lead, HMIS lead, and planning lead, is responsible for and oversees the CoCs to reduce the length of time persons remain 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 is increasing the rate that persons in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations by: a) increasing the number of Public Housing Authorities across the CoC that incorporate homeless preferences, b) using Emergency Housing Vouchers in combination with readiness/move-on assessments and strategies to successfully move persons to permanent housing, c) continue to lead the statewide effort through the Nebraska Strategic Housing Council to increase number of affordable housing units for persons earning less than \$20k by 10k units through increases in LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credits), state and federal housing trust funds, and HOME-ARP, d) Monitor and make data informed adjustments to the CE system prioritization to ensure equity in housing opportunities for traditionally underserved populations, e) Continue to provide data analysis and assessment of gaps in service and emergency needs to the ESG recipient so that appropriate geographic allocation of ESG resources are made for those areas of the 90-county CoC most in need of additional rapid rehousing resources.

2. The CoC has maintained over 90% retention in or exit to permanent housing for the past 5 years and continues to increase that rate by: a) increasing the number of Public Housing Authorities across the CoC that incorporate homeless preferences, b) continuing to use readiness and move-on assessments within permanent housing programs to help persons exit to permanent housing, c) continue to emphasize and build connections between housing programming and mainstream benefits, d) continue to emphasize through training and evidenced-based practices the development of programing to increase participants earned income, e) continue to lead the statewide effort of the Nebraska Strategic Housing Council actionable goal in establishing a CoC-wide risk mitigation fund to assist participants to move into/retain permanent housing and increase the pool of participating property managers, f) continue to assess and evaluate annual CoC program performance based upon exits to permanent housing or retention, with benchmarks at 90% for PSH and 85% for RRH.

3. The University of Nebraska – Lincoln Center on Children, Families, and the Law (CCFL), as the CoC organizing body, Coordinated Entry Lead, HMIS Lead, and Planning Lead, oversees the CoC's efforts to increase the rate that individuals/families exit to or retain permanent housing.

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 BoS CoC, through the BoS HMIS, which partners with the two other CoCs within the state of Nebraska under the Nebraska Management Information System partnership, identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness across the NE BoS CoC and in our neighboring instate CoCs in the City of Lincoln and Omaha. HMIS, in addition to providing examinations of returns to homelessness across the CoC and State, also provides for the identification of persons returning to a homeless status at the program level with the system set as open visibility, so providers have access to previous outreach/shelter and program entries.
2. The CoC’s current strategies to reduce returns is based upon extensive analysis of return data using reports created specifically by CoC staff and through HUD reporting mechanisms, including STELLA P and M. Analysis of this data shows that most returns to homelessness are during the 12 to 24 from the exit period and primarily from single individuals that exit from emergency shelter to temporary destinations, 24% compared to only 14% that exit to permanent destinations from a shelter. Returns from permanent housing are annually around 10% at 24 months. Therefore, the CoC’s strategies to further reduce returns to homelessness are: a) Established CoC-wide and program type specific returns benchmarks to assess the effectiveness of system-wide and program-specific efforts in reducing the number of persons that return to homelessness, b) Expanding the availability of rapid rehousing programs through CoC and ESG resources to increase the number of exits to permanent housing programs from a shelter, c) Increased emphasis on use of State of Nebraska Homeless Trust Fund allocation for eviction prevention and diversion programs in cooperation with Nebraska Legal Aid, d) lead the statewide effort through the Nebraska Strategic Housing Council to establish a CoC-wide landlord/tenant risk mitigation fund to assist participants to move-into and retain permanent Housing.
3. The University of Nebraska – Lincoln Center on Children, Families, and the Law (CCFL), under the Senior Director, serving as the CoC organizing body, Coordinated Entry Lead, HMIS Lead, and Planning Lead, is responsible for and oversees the CoC’s strategies to reduce the rate that persons return to homelessness.

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’s strategy to increase employment income includes working with local, regional, and state employers and workforce development programs to gain access for persons in CoC programs to employment and employment skill-building opportunities. As a large, rural CoC, CoC-funded projects coordinate with local employment resources to connect unemployed persons experiencing homelessness with employment opportunities in the local community. Providers work extensively with the Nebraska Department of Health and Services Supported Employment office and with the Nebraska Department of Education Vocational Rehabilitation to assist persons experiencing homelessness develop skills and find employment.

2. The CoC has and continues to work with the Nebraska Department of Labor, the State of Nebraska Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board, and the local Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Area to formalize the partnership between workforce development and the CoC’s efforts to ensure that individuals experiencing homelessness have access to and are enrolled in workforce development programs. The CoC’s regional partner agencies engage local employers and businesses through job fairs and employer tours to build partnerships and relationships between employers, agencies, and persons being served.

3. The University of Nebraska - Lincoln Center on Children, Families, and the Law, in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services ESG recipient, oversees the CoC’s strategy to increase job and income growth 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 has implemented the following strategies to increase non-employment cash income: a) the CoC's SOAR team prioritizes those on the CE by name list that do not already have SSI determinations. Information on the current SOAR applications of consumers is collected and provided with the information made available on the CE BNL so that all providers know the situation and status of SOAR applications as they begin to work with consumers, b) The CoC includes coordination with the insurance Navigator program for insurance through the Marketplace and connection with Medicaid, c) The CoC is coordinating through formal agreement to provide, with client permission, HMIS contact information to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Medicaid and Long-term Care Division, in order to facilitate the receipt of Medicaid benefits to persons experiencing homelessness through three managed care organizations in the state, d) Providing CoC training to all CoC and ESG program recipients on connections to mainstream resources including SNAP, Medicaid, TAFN, Title 20, ADC, county general assistance.

2. The University of Nebraska - Lincoln Center on Children, Families, and the Law, in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services ESG recipient, oversees 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?	Yes
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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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
Care Corps Joint ...	Joint TH-RRH	15	Both
Hope Harbor Joint...	Joint TH-RRH	14	Healthcare

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Care Corps Joint TH-RRH Expansion
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): UJMYMRS1KCG5
3. Select the new project type: Joint TH-RRH
4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 15
5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Hope Harbor Joint TH-RRH
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): MQD3UMUF6SH7
3. Select the new project type: Joint TH-RRH
4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 14
5. Select the type of leverage: Healthcare

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project 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	PHA Homeless Pref...	09/18/2023
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	PHA Moving On Pre...	09/18/2023
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Letter Signed by ...	09/18/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/18/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Web Posting of Lo...	09/14/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/14/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	09/14/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/14/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/14/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Final Project Sco...	09/14/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HUD's Homeless Da...	09/14/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	Housing Leveragin...	09/08/2023
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Healthcare Formal...	09/08/2023
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Document Description: Local Competition Scoring Tool

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Document Description: Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

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Submission Summary

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

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PHA Homeless Preference

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HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Housing Choice Voucher program assists approved clients with rental payments to private landlords. Participants pay a minimum of 30% of their adjusted income and may pay up to 40% of their adjusted income on their portion of housing costs. Participants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program may have the opportunity to remain in their present home or choose to look for other housing. Housing units may be a house, mobile home, or apartment managed by a realty company or rented on the private market. The Hall County Housing Authority covers all of Hall County, which includes the towns of Alda, Cairo, Doniphan, Grand Island, and Wood River.

When the Hall County Housing Authority has determined that a family or individual is eligible to participate in the Housing Choice Voucher Program, a Voucher will be issued along with a "Request for Lease Approval" form. Vouchers have an initial term of sixty (60) days from the date it is issued. In some cases, this term may be extended by up to two additional 30 day increments for a maximum extension period of 60 days. This is the amount of time a client is allowed to return the "Request for lease Approval" form so that the desired unit may be inspected. All units assisted by the Housing Choice Voucher program must meet minimum Housing Quality Standards before assistance may begin. The lease for the unit must have an initial term of one (1) year.

Participants of the Housing Choice Voucher program may NOT rent any property owned by a member of their family or have any interest in the property.

To be eligible for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, applicant income must be at or below 50% of the Area Median Income, meeting HUD's Very Low Income limits, based on the number of individuals in the household. Hall County Housing Authority will screen each applicant for eligibility purposes. Screening includes, but is not limited to criminal background history, gang activity, and applicants must not owe money to any federally assisted housing program. Participating landlords are not required to accept voucher holders and may have additional suitability requirements. A voucher does NOT guarantee tenancy.

Applicants are responsible to report all changes in the household composition, income and address within 14 days of change. A current and correct address must be on file, as you will be notified via mail when our office is able to review your application. Failure to respond to a request to schedule an appointment letter or an applicant update form may be cause for the applicant to be removed from the waiting list.

Single, non-disabled applicants will not be selected until all homeless/at risk of homelessness, elderly, disabled and veterans are served from the waiting list first.

Chapter 4

APPLICATIONS, WAITING LIST AND TENANT SELECTION

INTRODUCTION

When a family wishes to receive Section 8 HCV assistance, the family must submit an application that provides the PHA with the information needed to determine the family's eligibility. HUD requires the PHA to place all families that apply for assistance on a waiting list. When HCV assistance becomes available, the PHA must select families from the waiting list in accordance with HUD requirements and PHA policies as stated in the administrative plan and the annual plan.

The PHA is required to adopt a clear approach to accepting applications, placing families on the waiting list, selecting families from the waiting list and must follow this approach consistently. The actual order in which families are selected from the waiting list can be affected if a family has certain characteristics designated by HUD or the PHA to receive preferential treatment. Funding earmarked exclusively for families with particular characteristics may also alter the order in which families are served.

HUD regulations require that all families have an equal opportunity to apply for and receive housing assistance, and that the PHA affirmatively further fair housing goals in the administration of the program [24 CFR 982.53, HCV GB p. 4-1]. Adherence to the selection policies described in this chapter ensures that the PHA will be in compliance with all relevant fair housing requirements, as described in Chapter 2.

This chapter describes HUD and PHA policies for taking applications, managing the waiting list and selecting families for HCV assistance. The policies outlined in this chapter are organized into three sections, as follows:

Part I: The Application Process. This part provides an overview of the application process, and discusses how applicants can obtain and submit applications. It also specifies how the PHA will handle the applications it receives.

Part II: Managing the Waiting List. This part presents the policies that govern how the PHA's waiting list is structured, when it is opened and closed, and how the public is notified of the opportunity to apply for assistance. It also discusses the process the PHA will use to keep the waiting list current.

Part III: Selection for HCV Assistance. This part describes the policies that guide the PHA in selecting families for HCV assistance as such assistance becomes available. It also specifies how in-person interviews will be used to ensure that the PHA has the information needed to make a final eligibility determination.

PART I: THE APPLICATION PROCESS

4-I.A. OVERVIEW

This part describes the policies that guide the PHA's efforts to distribute and accept applications, and to make preliminary determinations of applicant family eligibility that affect placement of the family on the waiting list. This part also describes the PHA's obligation to ensure the accessibility of the application process to elderly persons, people with disabilities, and people with limited English proficiency (LEP).

4-I.B. APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE [HCV GB, pp. 4-11 – 4-16]

Any family that wishes to receive HCV assistance must apply for admission to the program. HUD permits the PHA to determine the format and content of HCV applications, as well how such applications will be made available to interested families and how applications will be accepted by the PHA.

PHA Policy

Depending upon the length of time that applicants may need to wait to receive assistance, the PHA may use a one- or two-step application process.

A one-step process will be used when it is expected that a family will be selected from the waiting list within 60 days of the date of application. At application, the family must provide all of the information necessary to establish family eligibility and level of assistance.

A two-step process will be used when it is expected that a family will not be selected from the waiting list for at least 60 days from the date of application. Under the two-step application process, the PHA initially will require families to provide only the information needed to make an initial assessment of the family's eligibility, and to determine the family's placement on the waiting list. The family will be required to provide all of the information necessary to establish family eligibility and level of assistance when the family is selected from the waiting list.

Families may obtain application forms from the PHA's office during normal business hours assigned for application intake. Families may also request – by telephone or by mail – that a form be sent to the family via first class mail.

Completed applications must be submitted in person during normal business hours. Applications must be complete in order to be accepted by the PHA for processing. If an application is incomplete, the PHA will notify the family of the additional information required. At this time the families are required to provide the following information:

Completed application
Sources of income

Photo ID
Birth Certificate for all under the age of 18
Social Security Cards
Immigration or Naturalization papers

4-I.C. ACCESSIBILITY OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Elderly and Disabled Populations [24 CFR 8 and HCV GB, pp. 4-11 – 4-13]

The PHA must take a variety of steps to ensure that the application process is accessible to those people who might have difficulty complying with the normal, standard PHA application process. This could include people with disabilities, certain elderly individuals, as well as persons with limited English proficiency (LEP). The PHA must provide reasonable accommodation to the needs of individuals with disabilities. The application-taking facility and the application process must be fully accessible, or the PHA must provide an alternate approach that provides full access to the application process. Chapter 2 provides a full discussion of the PHA's policies related to providing reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities.

Limited English Proficiency

PHAs are required to take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to their programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency [24 CFR 1]. Chapter 2 provides a full discussion on the PHA's policies related to ensuring access to people with limited English proficiency (LEP).

4-I.D. PLACEMENT ON THE WAITING LIST

The PHA must review each complete application received and make a preliminary assessment of the family's eligibility. The PHA must accept applications from families for whom the list is open unless there is good cause for not accepting the application (such as denial of assistance) for the grounds stated in the regulations [24 CFR 982.206(b)(2)]. Where the family is determined to be ineligible, the PHA must notify the family in writing [24 CFR 982.201(f)]. Where the family is not determined to be ineligible, the family will be placed on a waiting list of applicants.

No applicant has a right or entitlement to be listed on the waiting list, or to any particular position on the waiting list [24 CFR 982.202(c)].

Ineligible for Placement on the Waiting List

PHA Policy

If the PHA can determine from the information provided that a family is ineligible, the family will not be placed on the waiting list. Where a family is determined to be ineligible, the PHA will send written notification of the ineligibility determination within 10 business days of receiving a complete application. The notice will specify the reasons for ineligibility, and will inform the family of its right to request an informal review and

explain the process for doing so (see Chapter 16).

Eligible for Placement on the Waiting List

PHA Policy

The PHA will send written notification of the preliminary eligibility determination within 10 business days of receiving a complete application.

Placement on the waiting list does not indicate that the family is, in fact, eligible for assistance. A final determination of eligibility will be made when the family is selected from the waiting list.

Applicants will be placed on the waiting list according to any preference(s) for which they qualify, and the date and time their complete application is received by the PHA.

PART II: MANAGING THE WAITING LIST

4-II.A. OVERVIEW

The PHA must have policies regarding various aspects of organizing and managing the waiting list of applicant families. This includes opening the list to new applicants, closing the list to new applicants, notifying the public of waiting list openings and closings, updating waiting list information, purging the list of families that are no longer interested in or eligible for assistance, as well as conducting outreach to ensure a sufficient number of applicants.

In addition, HUD imposes requirements on how a PHA may structure its waiting list and how families must be treated if they apply for assistance from a PHA that administers more than one assisted housing program.

4-II.B. ORGANIZATION OF THE WAITING LIST [24 CFR 982.204 and 205]

The PHA's HCV waiting list must be organized in such a manner to allow the PHA to accurately identify and select families for assistance in the proper order, according to the admissions policies described in this plan.

The waiting list must contain the following information for each applicant listed:

- Applicant name;
- Family unit size;
- Date and time of application;
- Qualification for any local preference;
- Racial or ethnic designation of the head of household.

HUD requires the PHA to maintain a single waiting list for the HCV program unless it serves more than one county or municipality. Such PHAs are permitted, but not required, to maintain a separate waiting list for each county or municipality served.

PHA Policy

The PHA will maintain a single waiting list for the HCV program.

HUD directs that a family that applies for assistance from the HCV program must be offered the opportunity to be placed on the waiting list for any public housing, project-based voucher or moderate rehabilitation program the PHA operates if 1) the other programs' waiting lists are open, and 2) the family is qualified for the other programs.

HUD permits, but does not require, that PHAs maintain a single merged waiting list for their public housing, Section 8, and other subsidized housing programs.

A family's decision to apply for, receive, or refuse other housing assistance must not affect the family's placement on the HCV waiting list, or any preferences for which the family may qualify.

PHA Policy

The PHA will not merge the HCV waiting list with the waiting list for any other program the PHA operates.

4-II.C. OPENING AND CLOSING THE WAITING LIST [24 CFR 982.206]

Closing the Waiting List

A PHA is permitted to close the waiting list if it has an adequate pool of families to use its available HCV assistance. Alternatively, the PHA may elect to continue to accept applications only from certain categories of families that meet particular preferences or funding criteria.

PHA Policy

The PHA will close the waiting list when the estimated waiting period for housing assistance for applicants on the list reaches 24 months for the most current applicants. Where the PHA has particular preferences or funding criteria that require a specific category of family, the PHA may elect to continue to accept applications from these applicants while closing the waiting list to others.

Reopening the Waiting List

If the waiting list has been closed, it cannot be reopened until the PHA publishes a notice in the local newspaper of general circulation, minority media, and other suitable media outlets. The notice must comply with HUD fair housing requirements and must specify who may apply, and where and when applications will be received.

PHA Policy

The PHA will announce the reopening of the waiting list at least 10 business days prior to the date applications will first be accepted. If the list is only being reopened for certain categories of families, this information will be contained in the notice.

The PHA will give public notice by publishing the relevant information in suitable media outlets including, but not limited to:

[Fremont Tribune, Fremont Shopper, El Perico and Omaha Star]

4-II.D. FAMILY OUTREACH [HCV GB, pp. 4-2 to 4-4]

The PHA must conduct outreach as necessary to ensure that the PHA has a sufficient number of applicants on the waiting list to use the HCV resources it has been allotted.

Because HUD requires the PHA to serve a specified percentage of extremely low income families (see Chapter 4, Part III), the PHA may need to conduct special outreach to ensure that an adequate number of such families apply for assistance [HCV GB, p. 4-20 to 4-21].

PHA outreach efforts must comply with fair housing requirements. This includes:

- Analyzing the housing market area and the populations currently being served to identify underserved populations
- Ensuring that outreach efforts are targeted to media outlets that reach eligible populations that are underrepresented in the program
- Avoiding outreach efforts that prefer or exclude people who are members of a protected class

PHA outreach efforts must be designed to inform qualified families about the availability of assistance under the program. These efforts may include, as needed, any of the following activities:

- Submitting press releases to local newspapers, including minority newspapers
- Developing informational materials and flyers to distribute to other agencies
- Providing application forms to other public and private agencies that serve the low income population
- Developing partnerships with other organizations that serve similar populations, including agencies that provide services for persons with disabilities

PHA Policy

The PHA will monitor the characteristics of the population being served and the characteristics of the population as a whole in the PHA's jurisdiction. Targeted outreach efforts will be undertaken if a comparison suggests that certain populations are being underserved.

4-II.E. REPORTING CHANGES IN FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

PHA Policy

While the family is on the waiting list, the family must immediately inform the PHA of changes in contact information, including current residence, mailing address, and phone number. The changes must be submitted in writing.

4-II.F. UPDATING THE WAITING LIST [24 CFR 982.204]

HUD requires the PHA to establish policies to use when removing applicant names from the waiting list.

Purging the Waiting List

The decision to withdraw an applicant family that includes a person with disabilities from the waiting list is subject to reasonable accommodation. If the applicant did not respond to a PHA request for information or updates because of the family member's disability, the PHA must reinstate the applicant family to their former position on the waiting list [24 CFR 982.204(c)(2)].

PHA Policy

The waiting list will be updated annually to ensure that all applicants and applicant information is current and timely.

To update the waiting list, the PHA will send an update request via first class mail to each family on the waiting list to determine whether the family continues to be interested in, and to qualify for, the program. This update request will be sent to the last address that the PHA has on record for the family. The update request will provide a deadline by which the family must respond and will state that failure to respond will result in the applicant's name being removed from the waiting list.

The family's response must be in writing and may be delivered in person, by mail, or by fax. Responses should be postmarked or received by the PHA not later than 10 business days from the date of the PHA letter.

If the family fails to respond within 10 business days, the family will be removed from the waiting list without further notice.

If the notice is returned by the post office with no forwarding address, the applicant will be removed from the waiting list without further notice.

If the notice is returned by the post office with a forwarding address, the notice will be re-sent to the address indicated. The family will have 10 business days to respond from the date the letter was re-sent.

If a family is removed from the waiting list for failure to respond, the Executive Director

may reinstate the family if s/he determines the lack of response was due to PHA error, or to circumstances beyond the family's control.

Removal from the Waiting List

PHA Policy

If at any time an applicant family is on the waiting list, the PHA determines that the family is not eligible for assistance (see Chapter 3), the family will be removed from the waiting list.

If a family is removed from the waiting list because the PHA has determined the family is not eligible for assistance, a notice will be sent to the family's address of record as well as to any alternate address provided on the initial application. The notice will state the reasons the family was removed from the waiting list and will inform the family how to request an informal review regarding the PHA's decision (see Chapter 16) [24 CFR 982.201(f)].

PART III: SELECTION FOR HCV ASSISTANCE

4-III.A. OVERVIEW

As vouchers become available, families on the waiting list must be selected for assistance in accordance with the policies described in this part.

The order in which families receive assistance from the waiting list depends on the selection method chosen by the PHA and is impacted in part by any selection preferences that the family qualifies for. The source of HCV funding also may affect the order in which families are selected from the waiting list.

The PHA must maintain a clear record of all information required to verify that the family is selected from the waiting list according to the PHA's selection policies [24 CFR 982.204(b) and 982.207(e)].

4-III.B. SELECTION AND HCV FUNDING SOURCES

Special Admissions [24 CFR 982.203]

HUD may award funding for specifically-named families living in specified types of units (e.g., a family that is displaced by demolition of public housing; a non-purchasing family residing in a HOPE 1 or 2 projects). In these cases, the PHA may admit families that are not on the waiting list, or without considering the family's position on the waiting list. The PHA must maintain records showing that such families were admitted with special program funding.

Targeted Funding [24 CFR 982.204(e)]

HUD may award a PHA funding for a specified category of families on the waiting list. The PHA must use this funding only to assist the families within the specified category. Within this category of families, the order in which such families are assisted is determined according to the policies provided in Section 4-III.C.

PHA Policy

The PHA administers the following types of targeted funding:

[Opt Out or Preservation Vouchers]

Regular HCV Funding

Regular HCV funding may be used to assist any eligible family on the waiting list. Families are selected from the waiting list according to the policies provided in Section 4-III.C.

4-III.C. SELECTION METHOD

PHAs must describe the method for selecting applicant families from the waiting list, including the system of admission preferences that the PHA will use [24 CFR 982.202(d)].

Local Preferences [24 CFR 982.207; HCV p. 4-16]

PHAs are permitted to establish local preferences, and to give priority to serving families that meet those criteria. HUD specifically authorizes and places restrictions on certain types of local preferences. HUD also permits the PHA to establish other local preferences, at its discretion. Any local preferences established must be consistent with the PHA plan and the consolidated plan, and must be based on local housing needs and priorities that can be documented by generally accepted data sources.

PHA Policy

All applications are placed on the Waitlist according to Date and Time. Date and Time will be the factors in determining the order of admission to the program. A family must provide verification that they are eligible for a preference at the time they complete an application for the waiting list. A family must also provide verification at the time of admission to the program that they qualify for a preference. Preferences are assigned after verification is received. Local preferences will be aggregated using the point system.

1. WORKING FAMILIES - 5 POINTS-

The family must live in the local jurisdiction for a period of 12 months (1 year).

The family must have current employment for a period of no less than 18 consecutive months or part-time employment for a period of no less than 3 years.

2. RESIDENCY - 5 POINTS

For families who live and work or have been hired to work in the jurisdiction of the PHA.

Means of verification shall be a minimum of 12 months rent receipts, leases, utility bills, employer or agency records, school records, drivers licenses, voter's registration records, or credit reports.

3. INVOLUNTARILY DISPLACED - 5 POINTS

A family living in the jurisdiction is involuntarily displaced by fire, flood, storm or Government Action (code enforcement, condemnation, etc) including victims of Hate Crimes.

Forms of verification will be documentation from municipalities, government agencies, Red Cross, law enforcement agency, HUD, Fair Housing, or other official sources

stating government action ie, , condemnation, fire, natural disaster.

4. VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - 7 POINTS

An applicant is displaced by domestic violence (refer to FHA VAWA policy) - actual or threatened violence against one or more members of the applicant family by a spouse or other member of the household. Such applicant must have been forced to move because of domestic violence within 6 months or continuing. Such domestic abuse must be verified by official document, proof of housing at a local licensed shelter and/or under the care of a licensed counselor or caseworker for domestic violence victims. Applicants terminated or evicted from one of FHA programs will not be eligible for a domestic violence preference.

Acceptable forms of verification for all preferences are public or private employers, governed agencies, law enforcement agencies, public or private licensed shelters, licensed counselor, therapist, or caseworker, social service agency professional counselor, court documents. Clergy reference or recommendation may also be used as verification in conjunction with other licensed agency verifications.

The verification is valid for 90 days after receipt by the PHA. If the applicant is not housed within 90 days, the preference must be re-verified at the time the family is offered assistance.

All applications will be processed after consideration of the preference. Date and Time of application will be the factor determining order of admission. Preference applicants must qualify for a preference at the time the family is offered assistance.

Participants receiving Rental Housing Assistance from State or local resources will retain their preferences at the time of application prior to use of State and local housing assistance resources.

Applicants displaced by domestic violence must certify that the person who engaged in such violence will not reside with the applicant family. If the family members is admitted, FHA shall deny or terminate assistance to the family for breach of this certification.

5. DISABILITY - 7 POINTS

This preference is extended to disabled persons or families with a disabled member as defined in this plan.

Appropriate documentation will be in the form of an award letter or other proof of eligibility for Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income.

Income Targeting Requirement [24 CFR 982.201(b)(2)]

HUD requires that extremely low-income (ELI) families make up at least 75% of the families admitted to the HCV program during the PHA's fiscal year. ELI families are those with annual

incomes at or below 30% of the area median income. To ensure this requirement is met, a PHA may skip non-ELI families on the waiting list in order to select an ELI family.

Low income families admitted to the program that are “continuously assisted” under the 1937 Housing Act [24 CFR 982.4(b)], as well as low-income or moderate-income families admitted to the program that are displaced as a result of the prepayment of the mortgage or voluntary termination of an insurance contract on eligible low-income housing, are not counted for income targeting purposes [24 CFR 982.201(b)(2)(v)].

PHA Policy

The PHA will monitor progress in meeting the ELI requirement throughout the fiscal year. Extremely low-income families will be selected ahead of other eligible families on an as-needed basis to ensure the income targeting requirement is met.

Order of Selection

The PHA system of preferences may select families either according to the date and time of application, or by a random selection process [24 CFR 982.207(c)]. When selecting families from the waiting list PHAs are required to use targeted funding to assist only those families who meet the specified criteria, and PHAs are not permitted to skip down the waiting list to a family that it can afford to subsidize when there are not sufficient funds to subsidize the family at the top of the waiting list [24 CFR 982.204(d) and (e)].

PHA Policy

Families will be selected from the waiting list based on the targeted funding (ELI) or selection preference(s) for which they qualify, and in accordance with the PHA’s hierarchy of preferences, if applicable. Within each targeted funding or preference category, families will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date and time their complete application is received by the PHA. Documentation will be maintained by the PHA as to whether families on the list qualify for and are interested in targeted funding. **If a higher placed family on the waiting list is not qualified or not interested in targeted funding, there will be a notation maintained so that the PHA does not have to ask higher placed families each time targeted selections are made.**

4-III.D. NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

When a family has been selected from the waiting list, the PHA must notify the family.

PHA Policy

The PHA will notify the family by phone and first class mail when it is selected from the waiting list. The notice will inform the family of the following:

Date, time, and location of the scheduled application interview, including any procedures for rescheduling the interview

Who is required to attend the interview

Documents that must be provided at the interview to document the legal identity of household members, including information about what constitutes acceptable documentation

Other documents and information that should be brought to the interview

If a notification letter is returned to the PHA with no forwarding address or the family fails to respond to the scheduled application interview, the family will be removed from the waiting list. A notice of denial (see Chapter 3) will be sent to the family's address of record, as well as to any known alternate address.

4-III.E. THE APPLICATION INTERVIEW

HUD recommends that the PHA obtain the information and documentation needed to make an eligibility determination through a private interview [HCV GB, pg. 4-16]. Being invited to attend an interview does not constitute admission to the program.

Reasonable accommodation must be made for persons with disabilities who are unable to attend an interview due to their disability.

PHA Policy

Families selected from the waiting list are required to participate in an eligibility interview.

The head of household and the spouse/cohead will be strongly encouraged to attend the interview together. However, either the head of household or the spouse/cohead may attend the interview on behalf of the family. Verification of information pertaining to adult members of the household not present at the interview will not begin until signed release forms are returned to the PHA.

The interview will be conducted only if the head of household or spouse/cohead provides appropriate documentation of legal identity. (Chapter 7 provides a discussion of proper documentation of legal identity). If the family representative does not provide the required documentation, the appointment may be rescheduled when the proper documents have been obtained.

The family must provide the information necessary to establish the family's eligibility and determine the appropriate level of assistance, as well as completing required forms, providing required signatures, and submitting required documentation. If any materials are missing, the PHA will provide the family with a written list of items that must be submitted.

Any required documents or information that the family is unable to provide at the interview must be provided within 10 business days of the interview (Chapter 7 provides details about longer submission deadlines for particular items, including documentation

of Social Security numbers and eligible noncitizen status). If the family is unable to obtain the information or materials within the required time frame, the family may request an extension. If the required documents and information are not provided within the required time frame (plus any extensions), the family will be sent a notice of denial (See Chapter 3).

An advocate, interpreter, or other assistant may assist the family with the application and the interview process.

Interviews will be conducted in English. For limited English proficient (LEP) applicants, the PHA will provide translation services in accordance with the PHA's LEP plan.

If the family is unable to attend a scheduled interview, the family should contact the PHA in advance of the interview to schedule a new appointment. In all circumstances, if a family does not attend a scheduled interview, the PHA will send another notification letter with a new interview appointment time. Applicants who fail to attend two scheduled interviews without PHA approval will be denied assistance based on the family's failure to supply information needed to determine eligibility. A notice of denial will be issued in accordance with policies contained in Chapter 3.

4-III.F. COMPLETING THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The PHA must verify all information provided by the family (see Chapter 7). Based on verified information, the PHA must make a final determination of eligibility (see Chapter 3) and must confirm that the family qualified for any special admission, targeted admission, or selection preference that affected the order in which the family was selected from the waiting list.

PHA Policy

If the PHA determines that the family is ineligible, the PHA will send written notification of the ineligibility determination within 10 business days of the determination. The notice will specify the reasons for ineligibility, and will inform the family of its right to request an informal review (Chapter 16).

If a family fails to qualify for any criteria that affected the order in which it was selected from the waiting list (e.g. targeted funding, extremely low-income), the family will be returned to its original position on the waiting list. The PHA will notify the family in writing that it has been returned to the waiting list, and will specify the reasons for it.

If the PHA determines that the family is eligible to receive assistance, the PHA will invite the family to attend a briefing in accordance with the policies in Chapter 5.

[Moving On Preference]

Memorandum of Understanding

Emergency Housing Vouchers coordination between
Hall County Housing Authority and
The Nebraska Balance of State Continuum of Care

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been entered into on this date of: July 26, 2021.

Parties to this MOU include:

Hall County Housing Authority, 1834 W. 7th St., Grand Island, NE 68803

And the

Nebraska Balance of State Continuum of Care,

CoC Collaborative Applicant: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Center on Children, Families, & the Law,
206 S. 13th St., Suite 1000, Lincoln, NE 68588

The purpose of this MOU is to set forth how the PHA and the CoC will collaborate in the implementation of the Emergency Housing Voucher program and how that initiative will support the community's goal to prevent and end homelessness.

I. Introduction and Goals

- a. Commitment of the parties to administer the EHV's in accordance with all program requirements. The PHA and the CoC commit to comply with all program requirements. The PHA agrees to comply with the requirements of Notice PIH 2021-15 ['Notice'] including eligibility requirements, EHV waivers, alternative requirements, and special rules outlined in the Notice. Per this Notice, the PHA must have full and free access to accounts and records that are pertinent to the administration of the EHV's as custodian of the program's records. The CoC agrees to fulfill its responsibilities as specified in the Notice including prioritizing individuals and families for EHV assistance, determining the homelessness eligibility, referring individuals and families through the CoC's coordinated entry system, supporting individuals and families in processing voucher applications, supporting the housing search process, and planning for and coordinating the delivery of supportive services to support the housing stability of EHV participants.
- b. PHA goals and standards of success in administering the program. The PHA shares the underlying goal of the CoC to prevent and end homelessness in the community. In support of the overall goal, the PHA aims to rapidly lease the allocation of EHV's through close coordination with the CoC in the referral, voucher issuance and lease-up process. The PHA will measure its success in administering the EHV program by: tracking the number of referrals from the CoC that are issued a voucher or denied entry; tracking the length of time from referral to the PHA to voucher issuance; tracking the time from voucher issuance to lease up; minimizing the number

of voucher holders who do not succeed in leasing a unit with EHV assistance; increasing the length of participation in the EHV program.

c. Identification of staff person at PHA and CoC who will serve as the lead EHV liaisons:

Lead PHA EHV Liaison:

Jennifer Scheil, Housing Choice Voucher Program Supervisor

Lead CoC Liaison:

Denise K. Packard, MA, Coordinated Entry Manager

Responsibilities of the PHA liaison: serve as the key point of contact between the PHA and the CoC; in coordination with the CoC, develop benchmarks for successful implementation of the EHV program; have regular monthly meetings with the CoC liaison and provide updates on available vouchers, vouchers under lease, commitment and expenditure of services fees to assist participants to locate and secure housing; coordinate PHA efforts to outreach to area landlords to secure participation in the EHV program; identify barriers to voucher issuance or unit lease-up and collaborate with CoC to address barriers; ensure that the PHA or entity providing services to EHV participants is informed regarding key program issues including whether vouchers are about to expire without leasing, whether the PHA is planning action that could lead to the termination of participation, and/or whether the PHA is unable to contact the participant. Have periodic meetings with CoC Liaison and CoC Service Providers to monitor lease-up and identify actions needed to maintain leasing schedule and to maintain occupancy for those placed in housing.

Responsibilities of the CoC Liaison: serve as the key point of contact between the CoC and PHA; ensure that sufficient number of participants who meet eligibility for the EHV program are referred to the PHA through coordinated entry to lease all available EHV vouchers; ensure that referred individuals are able to engage with the PHA, attend necessary briefings, complete documentation requirements, and understand actions that need to be taken to secure a qualified unit, obtain PHA approval of the unit, and enter into a lease; and coordinate services providers so that participants are able to access support in maintaining housing stability. Have periodic meetings with PHA and CoC Service Providers to monitor lease-up and identify actions needed to maintain leasing schedule and to maintain occupancy for those placed in housing.

II. Populations Eligible for EHV Assistance to be Referred by CoC

- a. Universe of Eligible Household for EHV. The below listed groups are eligible for referral for a EHV voucher. As with all assistance provided by the CoC, certain groups of the population eligible for assistance will be prioritized for the first receipt of EHV's. The eligible population for EHV assistance includes:

1. Households meeting HUD's definition of homelessness
2. Households meeting HUD's definition of 'at risk of homelessness'
3. Any household fleeing, attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
4. Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability

b. Priority Populations for EHV Assistance. In order to most effectively employ EHV vouchers to prevent and end homelessness in the community, priority will be given to the following groups, in the following order to receive EHV's. The CoC will use the coordinated entry system to refer eligible households to partner PHAs for EHV voucher issuance. Referrals by the CoC to the PHA will be made according to the following order of priority. All individuals and families referred to the PHA will meet one of the eligibility factors for EHV identified above.

1. First priority for EHV are individuals and families currently receiving rapid rehousing assistance through either the CoC or ESG programs. These will be households nearing the end of the time-limited RRH assistance who lack and are not likely to acquire sufficient income to meet housing and other essential costs of living in the absence of continuing housing subsidy.
2. Second priority are households at risk of homelessness, who are likely to have a continuing need for housing subsidy, and who, in the absence of support, will become literally homeless.

Special Considerations for Prioritization:

Individuals and families who are fleeing, attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking.

Individuals or families fleeing domestic violence will receive a higher priority for referral under their respective category of current housing placement within the priority populations listed above.

Additionally, newly identified person(s) fleeing DV will not be served according to this prioritization. These households will be immediately available for assessment under for assistance based on self or other certification of risk of domestic violence or abuse including offering immediate access to an EHV for any household needing an emergency transfer. Households in this category will receive an expedited referral (especially in the case of emergency transfers) from the CoC's coordinated entry to the PHA.

Unaccompanied youth under the age of 25

Unaccompanied Youth currently enrolled in a housing program will receive a higher priority for referral under their respective category within the priority populations listed above.

Literally Homeless Families

This prioritization does not suggest that literally homeless people are a low priority for the CoC – they are the highest priority to be served under CoC and ESG programming – however, the limited services funding associated with EHV means that the literally homeless will be the highest priority for all CoC supported housing because it provides the services needed to sustain housing. EHV are being targeted to facilitate CoC prioritization of the literally homeless with other housing resources.

III. Services to be Provided to Eligible EHV Families

The Continuum of Care Service Providers member agencies of the CoC shall provide the following services to families eligible for EHV to support them in acquiring vouchers, securing housing, and maintaining housing stability:

1. Preparation for voucher issuance. CoC service providers referring persons for EHV will assist in securing necessary documentation including household composition, income verification for all household members, Social Security cards, and any need for reasonable accommodations in the voucher issuance or housing search process.
2. Coordination with PHA. CoC service providers will assist participants to attend PHA briefings on the voucher, complete intake interviews, assembling of additional required documentation, and facilitating access to the PHA for meetings and briefings.
3. Housing search assistance. Partnering service providers, specifically Hope Harbor and Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership, will assist voucher holders to locate and secure housing. This includes helping individual families identify potentially available units during their housing search, providing transportation assistance, conducting owner outreach, assisting with the completion of rental applications and PHA forms, and helping expedite the EHV leasing process for the family. This assistance will be contracted out to Hope Harbor and the Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership at a rate of \$500 per EHV family that has a qualified voucher. These funds will come from the Services Fees provided to the PHA.
4. Understanding obligations of tenancy. Partnering service providers will support voucher holders and EHV tenants in meeting their tenancy obligations. As part of the program entry process, partners will familiarize participants with the key obligations of lease-holders including rent and utility payments, authorized and unauthorized occupancy, minimum housekeeping standards, and allowing fellow residents to have peaceful enjoyment of their units. Providers will reinforce those understandings once the participants have signed their leases by again reviewing the key lease terms with participants. Property owners will be strongly encouraged to contact participating service providers in the event that

there are tenant behaviors that could lead to the loss of housing and agree to work with the provider prior to commencing eviction proceedings.

5. Support in equipping unit for residency. Partnering service providers will assist EHV participants in securing moving assistance as needed in securing essential household furnishings and supplies. To the extent possible, providers will rely on existing community resources and use EHV services funds only when there are no viable alternatives.
6. Support in securing necessary utilities. Given the limited incomes of EHV participants and credit background issues, partnering providers will first seek to locate units with utilities included in the rent. When this is not possible, providers will facilitate utility hook-ups by arranging deposits and securing utilities for the unit.

IV. PHA Roles and Responsibilities:

1. Administer EHV vouchers consistent with the operating requirements established by HUD and assure that allocated vouchers are utilized.
2. Reach agreement with the CoC on the uses to which the EHV services fee will be placed. The PHA and CoC will jointly agree on the uses of the EHV services fee and will seek existing community resources prior to reliance on the services fee.
3. To facilitate leasing of units and if needed due to market conditions, the PHA agrees to use services fees not contracted to services providers as an incentive payment to landlords to encourage their participation in the EHV program. Incentive and/or retention payments to landlords are fully earned upon leasing or renewing the lease of an eligible program participant. The PHA agrees to commit a minimum of \$200 from the services fees to the landlord with an existing lease in place with the referred EHV individual or family as a retention payment. The PHA agrees to provide a \$300 incentive payment to any landlord that has previously worked with the EHV program, but does not currently have a lease in place with the program and \$400 to any new landlord to the program who has never executed a lease or HAP contract through the EHV program. This fee is to assist the landlord with additional costs associated with inspection of the unit and signing or re-signing lease agreements and/or documents.
4. To further facilitate leasing of units, the PHA further agrees to use services fees not contracted to services providers to expedite the inspection process as a method of owner recruitment and outreach. The PHA inspector will provide batteries for smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors if not operable due to need for battery replacement. The PHA agrees to commit a maximum of \$100 from the services fees to the landlord for minor repairs to enable a unit to pass inspection. This fee will be paid to the landlord upon leasing or renewing the lease of an eligible program participant.

5. To assist in reducing the risk of homelessness or in the event an EHV participant finds it necessary to move from their current unit, the PHA will use services fees not contracted to services providers to assist the family with some or all of the costs of acquiring essential household items as defined by the PHA. The PHA agrees to commit a maximum of \$200 per voucher to purchase necessary household items such as mattresses, dressers, table/chairs, washers/dryers, microwaves, dishes, cleaning supplies, towels, bedding, or home decor.
6. To assist EHV families that are relocating from their current unit to a new unit on the EHV program, the PHA will use services fees not contracted to services providers to assist the family with the security deposits on residential units or services, if applicable, on the new unit. The PHA agrees to commit one month's rent that will be paid directly to the landlord for security deposit and up to \$100 for each required deposit for electrical and/or gas utilities to be supplied by the tenant. The PHA agrees that any services fees used to pay security deposits for units or services do not need to be repaid but may be retained by the participant for future housing needs. Additionally, security deposit assistance will only be provided to EHV families that have exhausted all other resources.
7. To assist EHV families that are relocating from their current unit to a new unit on the EHV program, the PHA will use services fees not contracted to services providers to assist the family with moving expenses. The PHA agrees to commit a maximum of \$500 for allowable expenses related to the cost of moving.
8. The PHA agrees to designate a staff lead to oversee the EHV program and to make special provisions for EHV voucher holders including: providing specialized, accessible voucher briefings solely for EHV participants; committing to expediting inspections for EHV voucher holders and accepting inspections conducted by properly trained CoC partner agencies; and promptly notifying partnering providers of any possible issues that could jeopardize the continuation of the voucher. Upon request from the CoC or partnering service provider, the PHA agrees to pre-inspect identified units to expedite the leasing process.
9. The PHA agrees that the only persons to be admitted to the EHV program will be those that are referred by the partner CoC through the Coordinated Entry process. The only exceptions shall be people experiencing or fleeing domestic abuse or violence including those requiring emergency transfers. DV survivors may directly access EHV's without a referral from CE provided there is a certification (including self-certification) of their status.
10. The PHA understands that the goal of the EHV program is to assist in preventing and ending homelessness in the community and that to achieve this goal, rental assistance must be provided to households that might not otherwise be eligible for PHA assistance. The PHA agrees that all current and prior actions by applicants that may be grounds for denying entry to the EHV program will be considered on a case-by-case basis and that blanket prohibitions will not be

issued for: violent criminal activity, criminal activities that could interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of other residents, crime or criminal activity in association with Federal housing programs, and/or threatening or abusive behavior to PHA staff. An individualized assessment will be made of all prospective EHV voucher holders— only those persons individually determined to pose a risk to themselves, other residents, or program staff will be denied a voucher.

11. The PHA agrees that with the exception of persons who must be excluded from the EHV program and those denied based on an individualized determination, it will accept all referrals from coordinated entry and, if income eligible, will process the households for an EHV voucher.
12. To expedite the leasing of units under the EHV program, the PHA agrees to accept self-certification of income when requiring other documentation would lead to delays in the issuance of a voucher.
13. To expedite the leasing of units under the EHV program, the PHA agrees to accept self-certification of citizenship and eligible immigration status.
14. To facilitate the leasing of units under the EHV program, the PHA will set the payment standard for EHV vouchers at 110% of the applicable Fair Market Rent. This will increase the availability of housing for EHV voucher holders.

V. CoC Roles and Responsibilities

1. Designate an EHV lead to have regular communication with the PHA and partnering service providers. Hold regular monthly meetings to review voucher utilization, rate of referrals of eligible participants from CoC, declinations of referrals from PHA, vouchers terminated or at risk of termination, and strategies to support participant housing stability.
2. Establish assessment and prioritization policies for the EHV program and refer sufficient eligible households to the PHA to meet the lease-up schedule agreed to by the PHA and CoC. The PHA and CoC will jointly agree to a referral and leasing schedule that will ensure that there are sufficient referrals to lease available EHV vouchers and that the timing of referrals is coordinated to ensure that the PHA and partnering service providers are not over-burdened but have a steady pipeline of eligible applicants. As part of the referral process, the CoC will provide the PHA with sufficient documentation to establish eligibility for the EHV program.

VI. Program Evaluation

The PHA, and CoC or designated CoC recipient agree to cooperate with HUD, provide requested data to HUD or HUD-approved contractor delegated the responsibility of program evaluation protocols established by HUD or HUD-approved contractor, including possible random assignment procedures.

Appendix as referenced to this document:

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SUBJECT: Emergency Housing Vouchers – Operating Requirements

1. Purpose

This notice describes the process HUD is using to allocate approximately 70,000 emergency housing vouchers (EHVs) to public housing agencies (PHAs).

These EHVs are to assist individuals and families¹ who are experiencing homelessness; at risk of experiencing homelessness; fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; or were recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

This notice also sets forth the operating requirements for the EHVs, including the administrative fees and fees for other eligible expenses; the housing assistance payments (HAP) funding renewal process; family eligibility requirements; EHV waivers, alternative requirements, and special rules, including a requirement that families are offered housing search assistance and that PHAs partner with the Continuum of Care (CoC) or other homeless or victim services providers to assist qualifying families through a direct referral process; the EHV recapture and redistribution procedures, and the prohibition on the reissuance of turnover EHVs after September 30, 2023.

2. Background

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2, hereafter referred to in this notice as "the ARP") into law, which provides over \$1.9

¹ While the ARP and the definitions of the qualifying categories specifically refer to "individuals and families," under the HCV program regulations at 24 CFR 982.4, the term "family" is a person or a group of persons, as determined by the PHA consistent with 24 CFR 5.403, approved to reside in a unit with assistance under the program. The term "family" used in EHV/HCV context always includes a family that is comprised of a single individual as well as a group of persons.

trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the -COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

Section 3202 of the ARP appropriates \$5 billion for new incremental EHV, the renewal of those EHV, and fees for the cost of administering the EHV and other eligible expenses defined by notice to prevent, prepare, and respond to coronavirus to facilitate the leasing of the emergency vouchers, such as security deposit assistance and other costs related to retention and support of participating owners.²

Eligibility for these EHV is limited to individuals and families who are (1) homeless; (2) at risk of homelessness; (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking; or (4) recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability. After September 30, 2023, a PHA may not reissue any previously leased EHV, regardless of when the assistance for the formerly assisted family ends or ended.

EHV are tenant-based rental assistance under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)). The ARP further provides that HUD may waive any provision of any statute or regulation used to administer the amounts made available under section 3202 (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards and the environment) upon a finding that any such waivers or alternative requirements are necessary to expedite or facilitate the use of amounts made available for the EHV.

To facilitate and expedite leasing, PHAs that accept an allocation of EHV will receive an allocation of administrative fee funding for other eligible expenses defined by this notice that are not normally eligible administrative expenses under the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, as well as administrative fees for the cost of administering EHV. The administrative fees and fees for EHV eligible expenses are described in detail in section 6 of this notice.

EHV Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) funding (both the initial funding allocation and subsequent renewals) and both forms of administrative fee funding have been appropriated separate and apart from the regular HCV program appropriations provided through HUD's annual appropriations acts. The ARP limits the use of all EHV funding by time and purpose. Consequently, ARP EHV funding HAP and administrative fee funding (including services fees) covered by this notice may only be used for the EHV and may not be for the PHA's regular HCVs or other special purpose vouchers (including Mainstream vouchers).

²Under Section 3202, the \$5 billion in appropriations may also be used for "adjustments in the calendar year 2021 section 8 renewal funding allocations, including mainstream vouchers, for public housing agencies that experience a significant increase in voucher per-unit costs due to extraordinary circumstances or that, despite taking reasonable cost savings measures, would otherwise be required to terminate rental assistance for families as a result of insufficient funding." Use of a portion of the \$5 billion for that purpose will be covered under a separate notice.

3. PHA Eligibility

To be eligible to receive an EHV funding allocation, a PHA must currently administer the HCV program through an existing Consolidated Annual Contributions Contract (CACC) with HUD. Non-profit agencies that only administer HCV Mainstream vouchers are not eligible to receive an EHV allocation.

4. EHV Allocation Formula

HUD's allocation formula is designed to direct emergency vouchers to the PHAs operating in areas where the EHV's eligible populations have the greatest need while also taking into account PHA capacity and the requirement to ensure geographic diversity, including rural areas.

The following data and indicators were used to develop the statutorily mandated allocation formula:

a. Comparative homeless and at-risk of homelessness need

In developing an allocation formula based on comparative need, HUD focused on "homeless need" and "at-risk of homelessness need." These measures also serve as a proxy for relative need regarding the eligibility categories that includes those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking³; as well as recently homeless families for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having a high risk of housing instability.

HUD is defining homeless need as the total count of persons experiencing homelessness (whether sheltered or unsheltered). HUD is using January 2020 Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) homeless data for this measure. HUD does not generally use PIT homeless data to allocate funds. However, as was the case when HUD allocated Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)-CV2 funding⁴, HUD is using PIT homeless data to allocate these emergency vouchers to PHAs as expeditiously as possible.

For at-risk of homelessness need, HUD used special tabulation data from the American Community Survey (ACS 2013-17) on rental households with incomes less than 30

³ The 2018 Part 2 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) notes that it is difficult to count the full extent that individuals are fleeing domestic and other violence, but based on bed capacity, we expect a substantial portion of those in the homeless data are in fact homeless because of domestic violence: "Based on the bed counts in the 2018 HIC, 12 percent of the emergency shelter, safe haven, and transitional housing beds for people currently experiencing homelessness were intended for survivors of domestic violence (DV). A smaller share, 6 percent, of all the beds available year-round in the homeless services system (including beds in permanent housing programs) were targeted to domestic violence survivors. Approximately 16 percent of all DV beds were in permanent housing programs." <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/2018-AHAR-Part-2.pdf>

⁴ https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/ESG_CARES_Act_Round_2_Allocation_Methodology_rev.pdf

percent of Area Median Income (AMI).⁵ HUD used data sets on those households living in overcrowded units (1.01 or more persons per room) and/or without complete kitchen or plumbing (referred to below as “At-risk Category 1”); and for those households that in addition to meeting the income and housing condition criteria are also severely rent burdened (paying more than half their income for rent) (referred to below as “At-risk Category 2”).

To construct need measures for PHAs, HUD had to convert data to the county level. ACS at-risk of homelessness data are available at the county level. However, the PIT homeless data are available at the Continuums of Care geographies that can vary from a place within a county to being multiple counties. HUD allocated the PIT homeless data to the county level using a county-to-CoC crosswalk based on the renter share in each county with income less than 30 percent of AMI and then used it to determine comparative homeless and at-risk of homelessness need at a county-by-county level.

To allocate the PIT homeless data and the ACS at-risk of homelessness data to PHAs, each PHA was allocated these need variables based on their December 2020 share of voucher leasing in each county. For example, if a PHA’s share of currently served voucher tenants in a county is 20 percent, they would be allocated 20 percent of the need for that county. Their total need is the sum of their county allocated need across all counties in which they have active voucher tenants.

b. Ensuring geographic diversity including with respect to rural areas

As discussed above, HUD’s allocation formula is primarily driven by relative EHV eligibility need under the assumption that a PHA with an operating area that includes a higher number of homeless or at-risk of homelessness people should receive a larger allocation share than a PHA with relatively few homeless or at-risk of homelessness individuals and families in its operating area. However, PHAs serving rural areas might have a relatively low absolute number of such individuals and families due to the low population of the area in general, but nonetheless have a high rate of homeless and at-risk individuals and families as a percentage of that general population. To address these circumstances, HUD’s allocation formula also identifies PHAs that operate in areas which have high rates of homelessness or at-risk of homelessness (among all PHAs, those with a rate of need in the top quartile for any of the three need variables – homeless persons, At-risk Category 1, and At-risk Category 2), even if the overall number of those individuals and families is comparatively low when compared to the rest of the country. The formula ensures that at least one PHA operating in each area with these high homeless or at-risk of homelessness rates will receive an EHV allocation.

⁵The McKinney-Vento definition of “at-risk” homelessness for households specifies that they have incomes of less than 30 percent of Area Median Income in addition to one or more other characteristic that puts them at risk for homelessness.

c. *Public housing agency capacity*

The HUD allocation formula considers two factors when determining the PHA's capacity to implement this program effectively and quickly. The first is how many vouchers an agency currently administers within each county. As discussed above, the more vouchers a PHA administers in a county relative to other PHAs with jurisdiction in that same county, the greater the share of the homeless/at-risk of homelessness need within the county that will be potentially allocated to that PHA.

The second factor is the PHA's estimated leasing potential, as measured by the PHA's current number of unleased vouchers and its available budget authority to lease those vouchers (over and above voucher turnover) in its existing HCV program. PHAs with HCV programs that are fully leased or almost fully leased are assumed to have the operational capacity to take on a new allocation of vouchers, specifically an allocation targeted for traditionally hard-to-house homeless and at-risk of homelessness populations. In contrast, PHAs that will simultaneously need to put significant attention and effort into leasing a significant number of unused vouchers that are already part of the PHA's HCV program are assumed to have less capacity to administer the EHV's.

HUD calculates leasing potential using the PHA's actual leasing and cost data reported by the PHA in the Voucher Management System (VMS) and all the budget authority available to the PHA for the calendar year (including reserves). HUD projects PHA spending for the future months based on VMS information (e.g., vouchers that have been issued to families that are currently engaged in their housing search, per unit cost (PUC) trends, etc.) and then estimates the number of vouchers the PHA could potentially lease, factoring in the need for the PHA to maintain a reasonable reserve. Once the need from each county is assigned to a PHA consistent with paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that need is then adjusted based on a PHA's current leasing potential for their existing HCV program.

Leasing potential for the initial 39 MTW agencies is calculated in the following manner. *The Planned Number of MTW HCV Households Served*, as stated in an MTW PHA's FY2020 Annual MTW Plan, is the total number of households that the MTW PHA planned to serve through the full Plan Year. This total is compared to VMS data from the last month of the MTW PHA's Fiscal Year 2020 (e.g., for an MTW PHA with a Fiscal Year 2020 that spans January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020, December 2020 VMS data is used). Based on an MTW PHA's agreed upon baseline worksheet for the MTW statutory requirement of Serving Substantially the Same (STS) number of families as it otherwise would have absent MTW designation, certain Special Purpose Vouchers (SPVs) may have also been included in the leasing calculation if applicable to an MTW PHA's specific STS compliance documents.

The total number of MTW voucher units in VMS is then divided by the *Planned Number of MTW HCV Households Served* as stated in an agency's FY 2020 Annual MTW Plan, to arrive at a leasing percentage that determines if an agency has met its stated goal for

housing MTW voucher households for FY2020. MTW PHAs that have achieved less than 95 percent of their Planned Number of MTW HCV Households Served will have the allocation adjusted downward in proportion to the extent that it is below 95 percent.

Finally, with further respect to capacity, HUD may determine a PHA, including an MTW PHA, lacks capacity to administer EHV's based on unresolved outstanding civil rights violations or major program management findings from an Inspector General audit, HUD management review, or Independent Public Accountant (IPA) audit for the PHA's HCV program, or other significant program compliance issues that were not resolved, or in the process of being resolved, as determined by HUD.

d. Base formula structure

All PHAs will be assigned a base formula allocation, which is estimated using a dual formula structure that provides the highest allocation of vouchers for a PHA based on one of these formulas:

Formula A. Homeless Need Adjusted for PHA Capacity

The estimated Homeless Need as described in paragraph (a) assigned to a PHA reduced by the PHA's leasing potential *divided by* total Homeless Need *less* national leasing potential *multiplied by* the number of EHV's available to be allocated.

Formula B. At-risk of Homelessness Need Adjusted for PHA Capacity

At-risk Category 1 assigned to a PHA reduced by a PHA's leasing potential *divided by* all PHA At-risk Category 1 *less* national leasing potential *multiplied by* 50 percent of EHV's available to be allocated *plus*

At-risk category 2 assigned to a PHA reduced by a PHA's leasing potential *divided by* all PHA At-risk category 2 *less* national leasing potential *multiplied by* 50 percent of EHV's available to be allocated.

The formula compares the allocation the PHA would receive under each formula and uses the formula allocation that allocates the highest number of EHV's to the PHA. That assigned voucher allocation is then subject to a pro-rata reduction so that the total number of EHV's that will be allocated to all PHAs is equal to the 70,000 vouchers available to be allocated.

e. Minimum allocation size and rural area adjustments

HUD generally considers 25 vouchers to be the necessary minimum allocation size for a PHA to implement a targeted voucher program that has unique rules and alternative requirements. Accordingly, the basic allocation formula requires that the PHA must qualify for a minimum of 25 vouchers in order to receive an allocation with the following exception. As discussed earlier, the formula makes adjustments with respect to this minimum size in order to ensure high need rural areas are represented. For areas (county

or group of counties) with high rates of homelessness or at-risk of homelessness populations, at least one PHA will receive an allocation of EHV's, even if no PHA met the minimum 25 voucher requirement. The PHA that is primarily operating in the high need area and to which the formula would allocate the largest allocation of EHV's will be allocated the greater of (1) the number of vouchers it received under the base formula or (2) 15 EHV's.

Each state has a base allocation, which is the total number of EHV's allocated to each PHA in the state under the base formula allocation in paragraph d. The minimum size allocation requirement and the rural high need adjustments may, however, cause the base allocation of some states to change. To restore the state base allocation (and to maintain the national total of 70,000 EHV's), the formula makes one final pro-rata adjustment. If there are not enough "below the minimum" vouchers (EHV's not allocated because they were part of an allocation that was less than 25 vouchers) within the state necessary to make up for the rural high need adjustments (where PHAs received additional vouchers to reach the 15-voucher minimum), each PHA will always receive its minimum size allocation. The minimum allocation size is 25 vouchers in most cases but will be 24 to 15 vouchers for PHAs that received the rural high need adjustment.

If on the other hand there are more vouchers available for the state because of the number of "below the minimum" vouchers exceeded the number of vouchers needed to make the rural high need adjustments, the formula makes the following adjustment. First, the number of vouchers available for reallocation is reduced proportionate across all of this subgroup of states to support the vouchers allocated above the state base amounts described in the paragraph above.

Next, for the remaining vouchers, for states where there is a state agency that administers the HCV program, the state agency will receive the additional vouchers because the state agency is likely to be able to operate in those rural areas of the state that did not get an allocation because they did not qualify as a high need area. For states without a state agency administering the HCV program, HUD will prorate the excess "below the minimum" vouchers to all PHAs in the state that qualified for an EHV allocation based on their share of allocated vouchers above the high need rural area 15-voucher minimum.

HUD will reallocate any vouchers within the state that become available because PHAs declined their initial EHV allocation using the same approach described above, that is, allocating to state agencies if a state has a state agency or pro-rata within the state if it does not.

5. Invitation/Acceptance Process

Once HUD has determined the EHV allocation in accordance with section 4 above, HUD will notify eligible PHAs of the number of EHV's allocated to the PHA no later than May 10, 2021.

The notification will specify the number of vouchers allocated to the PHA in accordance with the allocation formula and will provide specific instructions regarding how the PHA may either accept or decline the allocation. While PHAs are encouraged to accept the entire EHV allocation, the PHA may choose to accept a lower number of vouchers than the number offered by HUD in the notification, but not less than the minimum allocation of 25 or 15 EHV, as applicable.

HUD may subsequently contact PHAs to ask them to accept or decline the offer of additional EHV, if additional EHV become available because other PHAs declined their allocation.

PHAs are encouraged to respond to HUD's notification as soon as possible but must provide their acceptance of the allocation (or a portion of the allocation) and the terms and conditions of the program no later than 14 calendar days following HUD's notification.⁶

6. Administrative Fees and Funding for Other Eligible Expenses

The ARP provides funding for fees for the costs of administering the EHV and other eligible expenses defined by notice to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus to facilitate the leasing of the emergency housing vouchers, such as security deposit assistance and other costs related to retention and support of participating owners.

PHAs will be allocated administrative fee funding for EHV administrative costs and for other eligible expenses described in this notice. These fees may only be used for EHV administration and other eligible expenses and must not be used for or applied to other PHA programs or vouchers (e.g., regular HCVs, Mainstream vouchers, etc.). As is the case with Mainstream vouchers, the PHA must maintain separate financial records from its regular HCV funding for all EHV funding, both HAP and administrative fee amounts. Please see section 15 below for more information on the use of funds, reporting, and financial records.

PHAs will be allocated administrative fees as follows:

- a. Preliminary Fee.** PHAs will receive a single, one-time preliminary fee of \$400 per EHV allocated to the PHA once the PHA's CACC is amended to reflect the EHV funding obligation. This fee amount will support the anticipated immediate start-up costs that the PHA will incur in implementing the EHV alternative requirements, such as the outreach to and coordination with the CoC⁷ and other potential partnering agencies and planning and development. This fee may be used for any eligible administrative expenses related to the EHV. This fee may also be used to pay for any of the eligible activities under the EHV services fee (see paragraph d below).

- b. Placement Fee /Expedited Issuance Reporting Fee.** This fee amount will support initial lease-up costs as well as the added cost and effort required to expedite the leasing

⁶ PHAs are not required to have the memorandum of understanding (MOU) in place with the CoC at the time they accept the allocation. PHAs that agree to accept an allocation must enter into an MOU with a partnering CoC within 30 days of the effective date of the ACC funding increment for the EHV. See section 9.b below.

⁷ Please see the description of the CoC and its partnership role in referring families to the PHA in section 9.b below.

of the EHV's. Initial lease-up costs are expected to include the PHA's costs to establish and refine the direct referral process with its partners and to expedite income determinations, family briefings, and voucher issuance. It also supports the PHA's costs to report the issuance of the EHV to HUD ahead of the normally applicable reporting deadlines, which will allow HUD access to EHV issuance data in as timely a manner as possible.

PHAs will receive \$100 for each EHV that is initially leased upon the effective leasing date of that voucher if the PHA reported the voucher issuance date⁸ in the Public Housing Information Center-Next Generation (PIC-NG) system within 14 days of the later of the voucher issuance date or the date when the system becomes available for reporting. (See Section 15 for additional information on reporting requirements.)

PHAs will receive an additional placement fee of \$500 for each EHV family placed under a HAP contract that is effective no later than four months after the effective date of the ACC funding increment for that EHV, or \$250 for each EHV family placed under a HAP contract with an effective date that is after 4 months but no later than six months after the effective date of the ACC funding increment for that EHV.⁹ This bifurcated fee structure is based on the anticipated extra costs the PHA will experience in its efforts to expedite the leasing of the EHV's and the expectation that those costs should start to diminish as the PHA gains more experience operating the EHV program and resolving leasing challenges for EHV families.

In cases where the PHA received more than one EHV allocation and the funding increments have different dates, HUD will determine the PHA's eligibility for the placement fee based on the effective date of the PHA's initial increment. EHV's from the initial increment are expected to be issued and leased first for purposes of calculating the placement fee. Once the number of EHV's under lease equals the total number of vouchers allocated under the initial increment, HUD will use the effective date of the PHA's subsequent allocation to determine the PHA's eligibility for the \$500 or \$250 placement fee.

For example, if the PHA reported the voucher issuance within 14 days and leased the voucher within the four-month window, the PHA would receive \$600 as the total placement and expedited issuance fee. If the PHA reported the voucher issuance within 14 days and leased the voucher within the six-month window, the PHA would receive \$350. If the PHA reported the voucher issuance within 14 days but did not lease the voucher until after the six-month window had passed, the PHA would receive \$100. The PHA does not receive the fee if the issued voucher is never leased.

⁸ The "voucher issuance date" is the actual date the voucher is issued to the family, line 2 on the Voucher (form HUD-52646).

⁹ For example, if the funding increment for the family's EHV is June 1, 2021, the HAP contract must have an effective date of no later than October 1, 2021, for the PHA to earn the \$500 placement fee, or no later than December 1, 2021, for the PHA to earn the \$250 placement fee.

The placement/expedited issuance reporting fee is only applicable to the initial time the voucher is leased by the PHA. The placement/expedited issuance reporting fee is not paid for subsequent lease-ups (e.g., the family moves to another unit or the EHV participant leaves the program and the voucher is reissued to another family prior to the prohibition on reissuance of turnover vouchers after September 30, 2023).

This placement fee may be used for any eligible administrative expenses related to the EHV. This fee may also be used to pay for any of the eligible activities under the EHV services fee (see paragraph d below).

- c. **On-going Administrative Fee.** The on-going administrative fee for EHV is calculated in the same manner as the on-going administrative fee that the PHA receives for its regular HCV program. PHAs will be allocated the full Column A administrative fee amount for each EHV that is under HAP contract as of the first day of each month. The Column A administrative fee rates for the HCV program are available on HUD's website and may be accessed at the following:
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hev

As the ARP appropriations for the EHV are obligated to PHAs and expended by PHAs on program purposes over time, HUD may be required to prorate the EHV ongoing administrative fee calculations in future years, based on available EHV funding.

Similar to the regular HCV administrative fee process, HUD will make the EHV ongoing administrative fees available to PHAs each month based on actual leasing reported by the PHA for prior months. HUD will reconcile the PHA's EHV administrative fees on a periodic basis and at the end of each calendar year (commencing with CY 2022). HUD recognizes that prior month EHV leasing data will not be available during the early stages of the PHA's EHV program. For each of the first three months following the ACC funding increment effective date, HUD will advance the PHA ongoing administrative fees equal to the amount of ongoing administrative fees the PHA would receive for that month if all EHV allocated to the PHA were fully leased so that the PHA also has ongoing administrative fees available to meet the initial costs of EHV administration. The advanced ongoing administrative fees will be taken into account when HUD first reconciles the PHA's EHV administrative fees.

EHV ongoing administrative fees may be used for any eligible administrative expenses related to the EHV. These fees may also be used to pay for any of the eligible activities under the EHV services fee (see paragraph d below).

- d. **Services Fee.** A PHA will be allocated a one-time services fee to support its efforts in implementing and operating an effective EHV services program that will best address the needs of EHV eligible individuals and families in its jurisdiction. This fee will be allocated to the PHA once the PHA's CACC is amended to reflect the EHV funding obligation. The amount allocated to each PHA will be equal to \$3,500 for each EHV allocated to the PHA. Note that the services fee amount is not tied to each voucher, but instead is the combined total of the services fees are available to the PHA to design a

menu of services that will best address the leasing challenges faced by the EHV eligible families in the PHA's community. The PHA may use the services fee to provide any or all of the defined eligible uses to assist families to successfully lease units with the EHV's.

The PHA is strongly encouraged to consult with its CoC and its other homeless services/victim services referral partners in establishing which activities it will undertake in support of EHV's and any parameters or requirements regarding the application of those activities. For example, if the PHA is working with several direct referral partners and one partner is able to provide security deposit assistance and the other is not, the PHA may provide security deposit assistance for direct referral families from the latter agency but not for families who are already eligible for and receiving security deposit assistance from the partnering agency. The PHA may limit the amount of assistance that it provides for any of the eligible uses and place other restrictions on those uses. However, the services fee funding must be initially used for these defined eligible uses and not for other administrative expenses of the EHV. Service fee funding may never be used for the HCV program.

The eligible uses implemented by the PHA and the parameters/requirements established by the PHA must be described in the PHA's administrative plan. Any services fee assistance that is returned to the PHA after its initial or subsequent use (such as security deposits/utility deposits/other assistance that may be wholly or partly returned to the PHA by the owner/utility supplier/family) may only be applied to the eligible services fee uses defined by this notice (or subsequent notice) or other EHV administrative costs. Any amounts not expended for these eligible uses when the PHA's EHV program ends must be remitted to HUD.

The eligible uses are designed to prevent and respond to coronavirus by facilitating the leasing of the EHV's, which will provide vulnerable individuals and families a much safer housing environment to minimize the risk of coronavirus exposure or spread. Individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness are often living in conditions that significantly increase the risk of exposure to coronavirus in addition to other health risks.

The services fees fall into four main components comprised of specific activities:

i. Housing Search Assistance.

As discussed in section 9.d below, the PHA is required to ensure housing search assistance is made available to EHV families during their initial housing search. The PHA may use the services fee funding to provide this required housing search assistance to EHV families during their initial housing search. Housing search assistance is a broad term which may include many activities such as but not limited to helping a family identify and visit potentially available units during their housing search, helping to find a unit that meets the household's disability-related needs, providing transportation and directions, assisting with the completion of rental applications and PHA forms, and helping to expedite the EHV leasing process for

the family. For specific information on the EHV housing search assistance requirement, please refer to section 9.d.

ii. **Security Deposit/Utility Deposit/Rental Application/Holding Fee Uses.**

- A. Application fees/non-refundable administrative or processing fees¹⁰/refundable application deposit assistance.** The PHA may choose to assist the family with some or all these expenses.
- B. Holding fees.** In some markets, it is not uncommon for an owner to request a holding fee that is rolled into the security deposit after an application is accepted but before a lease is signed. The PHA may cover part or all of the holding fee for units where the fee is required by the owner after a tenant's application has been accepted but before the lease signing. The PHA and owner must agree how the holding fee gets rolled into the deposit, and under what conditions the fee will be returned. In general, owners need to accept responsibility for making needed repairs to a unit required by the initial housing quality standards (HQS) inspections and can only keep the holding fee if the client is at fault for not entering into a lease.
- C. Security deposit assistance.** The PHA may provide security deposit assistance for the family. The amount of the security deposit assistance may not exceed the lesser of two months' rent to owner, the maximum security deposit allowed under applicable state and/or local law, or the actual security deposit required by the owner. The PHA may choose to pay the security deposit assistance directly to the owner or may pay the assistance to the family, provided the PHA verifies the family paid the security deposit. The PHA may place conditions on the security deposit assistance, such as requiring the owner or family to return the security deposit assistance to the PHA at the end of the family's tenancy (less any amounts retained by the owner in accordance with the lease). Security deposit assistance returned to the PHA must be used for either services fee eligible uses or other EHV administrative costs.
- D. Utility deposit assistance/utility arrears.** The PHA may provide utility deposit assistance for some or all of the family's utility deposit expenses. Assistance can be provided for deposits (including connection fees) required for the utilities to be supplied by the tenant under the lease. The PHA may choose to pay the utility deposit assistance directly to the utility company or may pay the assistance to the family, provided the PHA verifies the family paid the utility deposit. The PHA may place conditions on the utility deposit assistance, such as requiring the utility supplier or family to return the utility

¹⁰ In some markets, non-refundable administrative fees are becoming more common as states pass laws limiting application fees, or as an alternative to refundable deposits.

deposit assistance to the PHA at such time the deposit is returned by the utility supplier (less any amounts retained by the utility supplier). In addition, some families may have large balances with gas, electric, water, sewer, or trash companies that will make it difficult if not impossible to establish services for tenant-supplied utilities. The PHA may also provide the family with assistance to help address these utility arrears to facilitate leasing. Utility deposit assistance that is returned to the PHA must be used for either services fee eligible uses or other EHV administrative costs.

iii. Owner-related uses.

A. Owner recruitment and outreach. The PHA may use the service fee funding to conduct owner recruitment and outreach specifically for EHV. In addition to traditional owner recruitment and outreach, activities may include conducting pre-inspections (see section 9.1 below) or otherwise expediting the inspection process, providing enhanced customer service, and offering owner incentive and/or retention payments (see paragraph B that follows below).

B. Owner incentive and/or retention payments. The PHA may make incentive or retention payments to owners that agree to initially lease their unit to an EHV family and/or renew the lease of an EHV family. The PHA may design the owner incentive payment to meet its specific needs (such as, for example, limiting the incentive payments to new owners or owners in high opportunity neighborhoods, or structuring all or part of the payment as a damages or unpaid rent mitigation fund, where the owner receives the mitigation payment only if the security deposit is insufficient to cover damages and other amounts owed under the lease). The PHA may condition the offer of the owner incentive payment on the owner's agreement to abide by certain terms and conditions. For example, the PHA could require the owner to agree to contact and work with the family's CoC case manager or other intervention services (assuming such services are available) should lease violations or other tenant-related issues arise during the assisted tenancy before taking action to evict the tenant.

HUD anticipates that owner incentive/retention payments would typically be made as a single payment at the beginning of the assisted lease term (or lease renewal if a retention payment). However, regardless of the frequency that the PHA chooses to make such payments, owner incentive/retentions payments are not housing assistance payments and are not part of the rent to owner. Owner incentive/retention payments are not taken into consideration when determining whether the rent for the unit is reasonable.

iv. Other eligible uses.

A. Moving expenses (including move-in fees and deposits). The PHA may provide assistance for some or all of the family's reasonable moving expenses

when they initially lease a unit with the EHV. The PHA may not provide moving expenses assistance for subsequent moves unless the family is required to move for reasons other than something the family did or failed to do (e.g., the PHA is terminating the HAP contract because the owner did not fulfill the owner responsibilities under the HAP contract or the owner is refusing to offer the family the opportunity to enter a new lease after the initial lease term, as opposed to the family choosing to terminate the tenancy in order to move to another unit), or a family has to move due to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, for example.

- B. Tenant-readiness services.** The PHA may use the services fee funding to help create customized plans to address or mitigate barriers that individual families may face in renting a unit with an EHV, such as negative credit, lack of credit, negative rental or utility history, or to connect the family to other community resources (including COVID-related resources) that can assist with rental arrears.
- C. Essential household items.** The PHA may use the services fee funding to assist the family with some or all of the costs of acquiring essential household items as defined by the PHA (e.g., tableware, bedding, etc.).
- D. Renter's insurance if required by the lease.** The PHA may use the services fee funding to assist the family with some or all of the cost of renter's insurance, but only in cases where the purchase of renter's insurance is a condition of the lease.

7. Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Funding

ARP funding obligated to the PHA as HAP funding may only be used for eligible EHV HAP expenses (i.e., rental assistance payments). EHV HAP funding may not be used for EHV administrative expenses or for the eligible uses under the EHV services fee.

EHV HAP funding amounts will be calculated as follows:

a. **Initial funding allocation**

Upon the PHA's acceptance of the EHV allocation in accordance with section 5 above and the requirements of the allocation notification, HUD will amend the PHA's CACC to reflect the obligation of the EHV funding and the associated units for the initial funding term of those vouchers.

The initial funding term will expire on December 31, 2022.

The initial funding increment for the EHV allocation will be based on the PHA's per unit cost (PUC) for the PHA's HCV program, adjusted for inflation and taking into consideration that the initial term is longer than 12 months. However, if during the initial term a PHA can demonstrate based on actual leasing and costs that the HAP funding will

be insufficient to cover its actual HAP costs for the EHV for the initial term, the PHA may request that HUD adjust the initial funding increment amount for the EHV during the initial funding term. If the PHA has demonstrated the need to do so, HUD will adjust the initial funding amount based on the actual costs incurred upon request by the PHA to ensure the PHA has sufficient funding during the initial funding term to lease all of its EHV and pay its EHV HAP costs through December 31, 2022. If the PHA believes that it needs an adjustment, it should contact its financial analyst in HUD's Office of Housing Voucher Programs Financial Management Center (FMC).

b. Renewal funding process

HUD will provide renewal funding to the PHA for the EHV on a calendar year basis commencing with CY 2023. The renewal funding allocation will be based on the PHA's actual EHV HAP costs and leasing, similar in many respects to the renewal process for the regular HCV program. However, renewal funding for the EHV is not part of the annual HCV renewal funding formula nor are the funds for EHV renewals appropriated in HUD's annual appropriations Acts. EHV are renewed separately from the regular HCV program (similar to Mainstream vouchers). All renewal funding for the duration of the EHV program has already been appropriated as part of the \$5 billion provided by the ARP. No additional EHV HAP renewal appropriations are anticipated at this time.

The process for determining the PHA's EHV renewal funding for CY 2023 and subsequent calendar years is described below. Note that PHAs may receive an estimated renewal amount for the first few months of the calendar year until their final renewal eligibility is determined for the calendar year.

- (1) The HAP funding baseline is established based on the PHA's actual EHV leasing and cost data for the previous calendar year.
- (2) The Renewal Funding Inflation Factor (RFIF) used in the HCV program, adjusted for localities, will be applied to the PHA's EHV HAP funding baseline described above. The RFIFs are published by HUD's Office of Policy, Development and Research (PD&R) and can be found at <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/rfif/rfif.html>.
- (3) HUD will review the PHA's EHV Restricted Net Position (RNP), including amounts held by HUD, for the PHA's EHV. HUD may adjust the CY renewal allocation based on the calculated year end EHV RNP and HUD Held Reserves. Starting with the CY 2024 renewal allocations, HUD will also take into consideration the number of EHV that have turned over and cannot be reissued because of the statutory prohibition on reissuance of turnover vouchers after September 30, 2023. HUD will further adjust the renewal allocation based on the number of vouchers that are being reallocated to other PHAs due to the PHA's failure to lease its authorized vouchers as described in section 14 below.

HUD will consider the number of vouchers that have not yet been leased and if the number of EHV leased increased throughout the baseline CY. If the renewal

allocation and the PHA's EHV RNP and HUD Held Reserves are insufficient to account for the increased leasing or expected increased leasing, HUD will adjust the renewal funding allocation accordingly.

- (4) Adjustments to the PHA's EHV renewal allocation may also be made during the HCV renewal funding calendar year. Subject to availability of the remaining funds, HUD will adjust renewal allocations upon request by the PHA for (1) EHV per-unit cost increases for unforeseen circumstances that occurred within or after the benchmarking period which the PHA could not reasonably have anticipated and were out of the PHA's control, and (2) a PHA that would otherwise be required to terminate participating EHV families from the program due to insufficient funds, despite taking reasonable cost savings measures as determined by HUD,.
- (5) When the remaining EHV HAP renewal funding is no longer sufficient to fully fund all PHAs' EHV renewal funding eligibility, HUD will prorate EHV renewal funding allocations. To determine the proration factor for the EHV renewal allocation, HUD will calculate the total HAP renewal funding eligibility for all PHAs still administering EHV's and compare that amount to the remaining available EHV HAP renewal funds. This proration factor is then applied to each PHA's EHV HAP renewal eligibility to determine the EHV renewal allocations.

HUD will provide the PHA with detailed information on its EHV renewal calculations and the process by which PHAs may request renewal funding allocation adjustments during the covered renewal period.

8. Individual and Family Eligibility under the Qualifying Categories

In order to be eligible for an EHV, an individual or family must meet one of four eligibility categories:

- Homeless
- At risk of homelessness
- Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

In general, the verification that the individual or family meets one of these four eligibility categories is conducted by the CoC or another partnering agency that makes direct referrals to the PHA. The CoC or other direct referral partner must provide supporting documentation to the PHA of the referring agency's verification that the family meets one of the four eligible categories for EHV assistance.

The following definitions always apply with respect to EHV eligibility, regardless of whether the PHA may have established another definition for any of these terms in its PHA administrative plan.

a. Individuals and families who are homeless

The meaning of “homeless” is as such term is defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)), which is codified in HUD’s Continuum of Care Program regulations at 24 CFR 578.3 and reads as follows:

Homeless means:

- (1) An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
 - (i) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
 - (ii) An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
 - (iii) An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.
- (2) An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:
 - (i) The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
 - (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and
 - (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, *e.g.*, family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, needed to obtain other permanent housing.
- (3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
 - (i) Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42

U.S.C. 1786(b)), or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a);

(ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;

(iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and

(iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities; chronic physical health or mental health conditions; substance addiction; histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect); the presence of a child or youth with a disability; or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment.

b. Individuals or families who are at-risk of homelessness

The meaning of “at-risk of homelessness” is as such term is defined in section 401(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(1)), which is codified in HUD’s Continuum of Care Program regulations at 24 CFR 578.3 and reads as follows:

At risk of homelessness. (1) An individual or family who:

- (i) Has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD;
- (ii) Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, *e.g.*, family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the “Homeless” definition above; and
- (iii) Meets one of the following conditions:
 - (A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;
 - (B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
 - (C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their

current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days of the date of application for assistance;

- (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;
- (E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons, or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;
- (F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or
- (G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan.

(2) A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section, but qualifies as “homeless” under section 387(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330(h)(5)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)(5)(A)), section 3(m) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(m)), or section 17(b)(15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)(15)); or

(3) A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section, but qualifies as “homeless” under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)), and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him.

c. Individuals or families who are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking

This category is composed of any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. This includes cases where a HUD-assisted tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain within the same dwelling unit, or in the case of sexual assault, the HUD-assisted tenant reasonably believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain within the same dwelling unit that they are currently occupying, or the sexual assault occurred on the premise during the 90-day period preceding the date of the request for transfer.

Domestic violence includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by:

- a. a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim (the term “spouse or intimate partner of the victim” includes a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, as determined by the length of the relationship, the type of the relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship),
- b. a person with whom the victim shares a child in common,
- c. a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner,
- d. a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or
- e. any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Dating violence means violence committed by a person:

- a. Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
- b. Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
 1. The length of the relationship;
 2. The type of relationship; and
 3. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Sexual assault means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, Tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

Stalking means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

- (1) Fear for the person's individual safety or the safety of others; or
- (2) Suffer substantial emotional distress.

Human trafficking includes both sex and labor trafficking, as outlined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. § 7102). These are defined as:

Sex trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of

age; (and)

Labor trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

d. Individuals or families who are recently homeless

This category is composed of individuals and families determined by the CoC or its designee to meet the following definition.

Recently homeless is defined as individuals and families who have previously been classified by a member agency of the CoC as homeless but are not currently homeless as a result of homeless assistance (financial assistance or services), temporary rental assistance or some type of other assistance, and where the CoC or its designee determines that the loss of such assistance would result in a return to homelessness or the family having a high risk of housing instability. Examples of households that may be defined as recently homeless by the CoC include, but are not limited to, participants in rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing.

Individuals and families classified as recently homeless must be referred by the CoC or its designee.

9. Waivers and Alternative Requirements.

The Secretary may waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of the United States Housing Act of 1937 or regulation applicable to such statute other than requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment, upon a finding that the waiver or alternative requirement is necessary to expedite or facilitate the use of EHV funding.

EHVs are tenant-based vouchers under Section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937. Unless expressly waived below, all statutory and regulatory requirements and HUD directives regarding the HCV program are applicable to EHVs, including the use of all HUD-required contracts and other forms. The administrative policies adopted in the PHA's written administrative plan apply to the EHVs vouchers unless such local policy conflicts with the requirements of the ARP, the requirements of this notice, or the waivers and alternative requirements outlined below.

These waivers and alternative requirements have been determined by the Secretary to be necessary to expedite and facilitate the use of the EHV funding. These waivers or alternative requirements are exceptions to the normal HCV requirements, which otherwise apply to the administration of the EHVs.

HUD may waive and/or establish alternative requirements for additional statutory and regulatory provisions by subsequent notice. A PHA may request additional good cause regulatory waivers in connection with the use of the EHV's, which HUD will consider and assess upon the request of the PHA.

a. COVID-19 waivers (waivers authorized for the regular HCV program under the CARES Act)

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136) provides HUD with broad authority to waive or establish alternative requirements for numerous statutory and regulatory requirements for the HCV program. However, the CARES Act waiver authority does not cover EHV funding appropriated by the ARP.

HUD recognizes that the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has created for the regular HCV program will likewise apply to the administration of the EHV's. Consequently, HUD is exercising its waiver authority under the ARP to provide some of the same menu of HCV-applicable CARES Act waivers to PHAs for administration of the EHV assistance. The use of these COVID-19-related EHV waivers is at the discretion of the individual PHA. A PHA may choose to apply all, some, or none of the waivers to the EHV assistance.

Unlike the other ARP waivers provided through this notice, these EHV COVID-19 waivers have limited periods of availability that currently match the same periods of availability for the CARES Act waivers. The period of availability for these EHV COVID-19 waivers/alternative requirements, collectively or individually, may be further extended by PIH notice should HUD determine that such similar extension is necessary for the CARES Act waivers, or if HUD otherwise determines it necessary to further extend these waivers for the EHV's. PHAs that implement these waivers are not required to keep the waiver/alternative requirement in-place for the full period of availability (including any extension) but may at any time choose to revert to regular program requirements and operations.

Attachment 1 of this notice provides the list of COVID-19 related waivers that the PHA may apply to the EHV. PHAs should refer to Notice PIH 2021-14 or its successor notice(s) for detailed information on the individual waivers listed in Attachment 1.

b. Required partnerships with the CoC and other organizations for direct referrals and services

EHV's are one of several resources that communities can use to house individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or have unstable housing. To ensure that the EHV's assist families who are most in need, PHAs are required to work with community partners to determine the best use and targeting for the vouchers along with other resources available in the community.

HUD's CoC program is authorized by subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381-11389). The program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals (including unaccompanied youth) and families, while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The CoC is organized to carry out the responsibilities required under the program and is composed of representatives of organizations, including nonprofit homeless providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement, organizations that serve homeless and formerly homeless veterans, and homeless and formerly homeless persons to the extent these groups are represented within the geographic area and are available to participate.

Provisions in the CoC Program Interim Rule at 24 CFR § 578.7(a)(8) require that CoCs establish a Coordinated Entry (CE) System. The CE System is a centralized or coordinated process designed to coordinate program participant intake assessment and provision of referrals. A centralized or coordinated assessment system covers the geographic area of the CoC, is easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services, is well advertised, and includes a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool.

HUD is establishing an alternative requirement under which the PHA must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CoC to establish a partnership for the administration of the EHVs. The primary responsibility of the CoC under the MOU is to make direct referrals of qualifying individuals and families to the PHA (see section 9.c below). Partner CoCs are responsible for determining whether the family qualifies under one of the four eligibility categories for EHVs. Additionally, CoCs are encouraged to offer or make connections to supportive services for families that are referred to the PHA, including, but not limited to, short- or long-term case management, collecting necessary verifications to support referrals, housing counseling, housing search assistance and utility deposit assistance.¹¹ HUD recommends CoCs and PHAs seek a diverse range of supportive services by partnering with organizations trusted by people experiencing homelessness. The specific services that the CoCs will provide to individuals or families referred for the EHV program must be outlined in the MOU with the CoC.

¹¹PHAs may use services fee funding for housing search assistance and utility deposit services, but if such services are already available through the CoC, the services fee funding should be directed to other uses that are not available through the CoC. It is important that the PHA collaborate with the CoC and any other partnering agencies in designing its menu of uses for the services fee funding.

PHAs that agree to accept an allocation must enter into an MOU with a partnering CoC within 30 days of the effective date of the ACC funding increment for the EHV's.

The MOU is a complete statement of the responsibilities of the parties and evidence of a commitment of resources to the EHV program. The MOU may be subsequently amended to add or change the services that the CoC may provide but must always retain the direct referral responsibility of the CoC. A sample MOU template is included in Attachment 2 of this notice.

The MOU must include at a minimum:

1. The PHA's and CoC's commitment to administering the EHV's in partnership.
2. The goals and standards of success in administering the EHV's.
3. The staff position for each organization that will serve as the lead EHV liaison.
4. A statement that all parties agree to cooperate with any program evaluation efforts undertaken by HUD, or a HUD-approved contractor, including compliance with HUD evaluation protocols and data sharing requests.
5. The specific population eligible for the EHV assistance that will be referred to the PHA by the CoC or other partnering referral agency.
6. The services, including financial assistance, that will be provided to assist EHV applicants and participants and who will provide them.
7. The roles and responsibilities of the PHA and CoC, including but not limited to the CoC making direct referrals of families to the PHA through the CE system.

A PHA that experiences difficulty in identifying a CoC partner, or where the CoC may be unwilling or reluctant to enter the MOU due to capacity issues or other concerns, or where the PHA is worried about its ability to fulfill this requirement within the required deadline despite a good-faith effort, is encouraged to contact HUD as promptly as possible for assistance. HUD or its Technical Assistance (TA) provider will work with the PHA to help facilitate a partnership, which may include using a partnering referral agency other than the CoC. In rare circumstances HUD may waive the partnership/direct referral requirement for the PHA for an interim period if such a step is necessary while building capacity at the CoC or other potential partnering referral agency. Information on EHV technical assistance and how to request it will be provided by HUD during the EHV webinar to be conducted after issuance of this notice.

c. Admissions process - Direct referrals from the CoC and other partnering organizations

PHAs must accept referrals for EHV's directly from the CE System. Accepting direct referrals from the CE System will help ensure families are able to get assistance quickly and eliminate the administrative burden on the PHA regarding the determination as to whether the family meets the definition of a qualifying individual or family for EHV assistance. CoC partners may also support applicants through the application process and attend meetings with applicants and PHAs to aid individuals and families through the admissions process. Direct referrals for EHV's are not added to the PHA's regular HCV

waiting list.

In general, EHV families are issued EHV as the result of either:

- (1) the direct referral process from the CoC CE System and/or other partnering organizations, or
- (2) a situation where the PHA makes an EHV available in order to facilitate an emergency transfer in accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) as outlined in the PHA's Emergency Transfer Plan. (PHAs are strongly encouraged to utilize EHV as a resource to effectuate emergency transfers for a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as part of their Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Emergency Transfer Plan.)

The PHA must also take direct referrals from outside the CoC CE system if:

- (1) the CE system does not have a sufficient number of eligible families to refer to the PHA, or
- (2) the CE system does not identify families that may be eligible for EHV assistance because they are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking.

In those instances the PHA must enter into a partnership to receive direct referrals from another entity (a Victim Services provider or anti-trafficking service provider, for example, if the CE system is not referring victims fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human tracking) or another homeless services provider (if there are not enough direct referrals coming through the CE system), assuming there are such additional organizations that can certify that an individual or family is homeless or at risk of homelessness, formerly homeless, is an individual or family is fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. (Applicants under the "Recently homeless" category must by definition (see section 8.d above) always be referred by the CoC or its designee.) The PHA must enter an MOU with partnering referral agency as described above in section 9.b. Alternatively, the partnering referral agency may be added to the MOU between the PHA and CoC.

The referring agency must provide documentation to the PHA of the referring agency's verification that the family meets one of the four eligible categories for EHV assistance. The PHA must retain this documentation as part of the family's file. HUD has attached to this notice two examples of certifications that could be used to document the referring agency's verification. (See Attachments 3 and 4).

Other than cases where a family is requesting an emergency transfer in accordance with VAWA as outlined in the PHA's Emergency Transfer Plan, the PHA must refer a family

that is seeking EHV assistance directly from the PHA to the CoC or other referring agency partner for initial intake, assessment, and possible referral for EHV assistance.

If at any time the PHA is not receiving enough referrals or is not receiving referrals in a timely manner from the CoC CE system or other partner referral agencies (or the PHA and CoC cannot identify any such alternative referral partner agencies), the PHA should contact HUD for assistance. HUD may permit the PHA on a temporary or permanent basis to take EHV applications directly from applicants and admit eligible families to the EHV program in lieu of or in addition to direct referrals in those circumstances.

PHAs must inform families on the HCV waiting list of the availability of EHV by, at a minimum, either by posting the information to their website or providing public notice in their respective communities. The PHA notice must describe the eligible populations to which the EHV is limited and clearly state that the availability of these EHV is managed through a direct referral process. The PHA notice must advise the family to contact the CoC (or any other PHA referral partner, if applicable) if the family believes they may be eligible for EHV assistance. In providing this notice, PHAs must ensure effective communication with persons with disabilities, including those with vision, hearing, and other communication-related disabilities. PHAs must also take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP). (See Section 11 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Requirements - for more information.)

If the PHA has a preference for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking for the regular HCV program, the PHA must refer any applicant on the waiting list that indicated they qualified for this preference to the CoC or the applicable partnering referral agency. The CoC or partnering referral agency will determine if the family is eligible (based on the qualifying definition for EHV assistance for those fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking or another eligible category as applicable) for an EHV.

If the PHA has a homeless preference for the regular HCV program, the PHA must refer any applicant on the waiting list that indicated they qualified for the homeless preference to the CoC. The CoC will determine whether the family is eligible for an EHV (based on the qualifying definition for EHV assistance for homelessness or another eligible category as applicable). The CoC will also determine if the family is eligible for other homeless assistance through the CE system.

With the exception of special admissions,¹² the HCV regulations require that the PHA admit an applicant as a waiting list admission. In order to implement the above alternative requirements, HUD is waiving § 982.204(a), which requires that except for special admissions, participants must be selected from the PHA waiting list and that the PHA must select participants from the waiting list in accordance with admission policies

¹² A special admission (24 CFR § 982.203) is a non-waiting list admission that is only applicable if HUD awards a PHA program funding that is targeted for families living in specified units.

in the PHA administrative plan.

d. Required housing search assistance

Housing search assistance can help EHV participants successfully move to areas of higher opportunity, as well as broaden the pool of landlords participating in the EHV program, including culturally or racially diverse landlords and landlords with smaller numbers of units. HUD has established as an alternative requirement that the PHA must ensure housing search assistance is made available to EHV families during their initial housing search. The housing search assistance may be provided directly by the PHA or through the CoC or another partnering agency or entity.

Housing search assistance is a broad term which can include many activities, but with respect to this requirement it must at a minimum (1) help individual families identify potentially available units during their housing search, including physically accessible units with features for family members with disabilities, as well as units in low-poverty neighborhoods, (2) provide transportation assistance and directions to potential units, (3) conduct owner outreach, (4) assist with the completion of rental applications and PHA forms, and (5) help expedite the EHV leasing process for the family. Other recommended, but not required, housing search activities include helping individual families identify barriers to leasing (e.g., low credit score, evictions history) and strategies to address these barriers, workshops on how to conduct an effective housing search, enhanced support for portability processing, regular proactive check-ins for families searching with a voucher, regular reminders to the family of their voucher expiration date and extension policies, and a dedicated landlord liaison for EHV voucher families. The PHA may use any of the EHV administrative fees (including the services fees) described in section 6 for EHV housing search assistance.

e. Separate waiting list for EHV's

The HCV program regulations at § 982.204(f) provide that a PHA must use a single waiting list for admission to its HCV program.

It is possible that the number of applicants referred by partnering agencies at a given time may exceed the EHV's available for the PHA to issue to families. HUD recognizes that requiring PHAs to utilize its existing HCV waiting list to manage EHV referrals will create unnecessary administrative burden, complications, and delays.

HUD is therefore waiving § 982.204(f) to establish an alternative requirement under which the PHA shall maintain a separate waiting list for EHV referrals/applicants to help expedite the leasing process, both at initial leasing and for any turnover vouchers that may be issued prior to the September 30, 2023 turnover voucher cut-off date.

Because the EHV waiting list is based on direct referrals or requests through the PHA's VAWA emergency transfer plan and not applications from the general public, HUD is also waiving § 982.206, which requires the PHA to give public notice when opening and

closing the waiting list. Under this alternative requirement, the PHA will work directly with its CoC and other referral agency partners to manage the number of referrals and the size of the EHV waiting list.

f. Local Preferences

Under the HCV program, the PHA may establish a system of local preferences for the selection of families. The PHA may have an existing set of local preferences for its HCV program that understandably does not align with the specific targeted purpose of the EHV. Furthermore, the PHA, in conjunction with the CoC and other referral partners, may wish to establish preferences specifically designed for EHV admissions that the PHA would not want to apply to its regular HCV waiting list. Excluding EHV from the PHA's normally applicable local preference system will simplify EHV administration and ensure that EHV are not being prioritized based on preferences designed for the broad universe of HCV eligible applicants rather than the subset of EHV qualifying families.

HUD is waiving § 982.207(a) and establishing an alternative requirement that the local preferences established by the PHA for HCV admissions do not apply to EHV. The PHA may choose, in coordination with the CoC and other referral partners, to establish separate local preferences for EHV, or may simply choose to not establish any local preferences for the EHV waiting list.

In establishing any local preferences for the EHV waiting list, the preference may not prohibit EHV admissions from any of the four qualifying categories of eligibility. The preference system prioritizes the order in which families on the EHV waiting list are assisted but does not allow the PHA to refuse to accept a referred family that meets one of the four EHV eligibility categories, or otherwise delay issuance of an available voucher to that eligible family in order to "hold" the voucher for a future referral of a preference holder. In cases where the PHA and the referral agency partners are contemplating local preferences for the EHV waiting list, HUD strongly encourages PHAs and their partners to consider designing preferences that take into consideration the comparative health risks that COVID-19 poses to the subgroup of families eligible for EHV (e.g., individuals or families living in environments where practicing social distancing or taking other preventive measures may be particularly challenging). The PHA must ensure any local preferences did not discriminate on the basis of any federally protected classes and cannot utilize criteria or methods of administration which would result in discrimination. See Section 11 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Requirements for more information on applicable federal civil rights requirements.

The HCV program regulations at § 982.207(b) allows a PHA to adopt and implement a residency preference in accordance with the non-discrimination and equal opportunity requirements listed at § 5.105(a). Given the emergency nature of these vouchers, the fact that many individuals and families in the targeted populations may not necessarily qualify as a "resident" due to their housing circumstances, and the direct referral /coordinated

entry aspect of EHV administration, it is not appropriate to apply residency preferences for EHV admission. Consequently, HUD is waiving § 982.207(b) and establishing an alternative requirement under which a PHA may not apply any residency preference to EHV applicants.

g. Restrictions on PHA denial of assistance to an EHV applicant

The HCV program regulations at § 982.552 and § 982.553 cover the grounds under which a PHA may deny an applicant admission to the program and in certain cases is required to do so. These grounds include the following:

- If any member of the family has been evicted from federally assisted housing in the last five years.
- If a PHA has ever terminated assistance under the program for any member of the family.
- If any member of the family has committed fraud, bribery, or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with any Federal housing program.
- If the family currently owes rent or other amounts to the PHA or to another PHA in connection with Section 8 or public housing assistance under the 1937 Act.
- If the family has not reimbursed any PHA for amounts paid to an owner under a HAP contract for rent, damages to the unit, or other amounts owed by the family under the lease.
- If the family breached an agreement with the PHA to pay amounts owed to a PHA, or amounts paid to an owner by a PHA.
- If the family engaged in or threatened abusive or violent behavior toward PHA personnel.
- If the family has been engaged in criminal activity or alcohol abuse as described in § 982.553.

HUD is waiving §982.552 and § 982.553 in part and establishing an alternative requirement with respect to mandatory and permissive prohibitions of admissions for EHV applicants. The EHV alternative requirement is as follows:

Mandatory Prohibitions.

- (1) The PHA must apply the standards it established under § 982.553(a)(1)(ii)(C) that prohibit admission if any household member has ever been convicted of drug-related criminal activity for manufacture or production of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing to EHV applicants.
- (2) The PHA must apply the standards it established under § 982.553(a)(2)(i) that prohibit admission to the program if any member of the household is subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program to EHV applicants.

Permissive Prohibitions.

The PHA may prohibit admission of a family for the grounds stated below. The PHA may choose not to prohibit admission for these grounds or may establish a more permissive policy than the PHA's policy for admission to the regular HCV program. The PHA may not establish a permissive prohibition policy for EHV applicants that is more prohibitive than the policy established for admissions to the regular HCV program. The PHA policy on EHV permissive prohibitions must be described in the PHA's administrative plan.

If the PHA intends to establish permissive prohibition policies for EHV applicants, the PHA must consult with its CoC partner to understand the impact that the proposed prohibitions may have on referrals and must take the CoC's recommendations into consideration. The PHA policy on EHV permissive prohibitions must be described in the PHA's administrative plan. Determinations must be made based on an individualized assessment of relevant mitigating information.¹³ The permissive prohibitions are:

- (1) If the PHA determines that any household member is currently engaged in, or has engaged in within the previous 12 months:
 - a. Violent criminal activity.
 - b. Other criminal activity which may threaten the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents or persons residing in the immediate vicinity.¹⁴
- (2) If any member of the family has committed fraud, bribery, or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with any Federal housing program within the previous 12 months.
- (3) If the family engaged in or threatened abusive or violent behavior toward PHA personnel within the previous 12 months.

Unlike regular HCV admissions, PHAs may not deny an EHV applicant admission regardless of whether:

¹³ See Office of General Counsel Guidance on Application of Fair Housing Act Standards to the Use of Criminal Records by Providers of Housing and Real Estate-Related Transactions (April 4, 2016), available at https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/HUD_OGCGUIDAPPFHASTANDCR.PDF at 7 (“individualized assessment of relevant mitigating information beyond that contained in an individual’s criminal record is likely to have a less discriminatory effect than categorical exclusions that do not take such additional information into account. Relevant individualized evidence might include: the facts or circumstances surrounding the criminal conduct . . . evidence that the individual has maintained a good tenant history before and/or after the . . . conduct; and evidence of rehabilitation efforts.”)

¹⁴ Please see PIH Notice 2015-19. The purpose of PIH 2015-19 is to inform PHAs and owners of other federally-assisted housing that arrest records may not be the basis for denying admission, terminating assistance or evicting tenants, to remind PHAs and owners that HUD does not require their adoption of “One Strike” policies, and to remind them of their obligation to safeguard the due process rights of applicants and tenants. See also Office of General Counsel Guidance on Application of Fair Housing Act Standards to the Use of Criminal Records by Providers of Housing and Real Estate-Related Transactions (April 4, 2016), available at https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/HUD_OGCGUIDAPPFHASTANDCR.PDF (overviewing how applying criminal records screening too broadly may implicate fair housing liability for housing providers).

- Any member of the family has been evicted from federally assisted housing in the §A PHA has ever terminated assistance under the program for any member of the family.
- The family currently owes rent or other amounts to the PHA or to another PHA in connection with Section 8 or public housing assistance under the 1937 Act.
- The family has not reimbursed any PHA for amounts paid to an owner under a HAP contract for rent, damages to the unit, or other amounts owed by the family under the lease.
- The family breached an agreement with the PHA to pay amounts owed to a PHA, or amounts paid to an owner by a PHA.
- The family would otherwise be prohibited admission under alcohol abuse standards established by the PHA in accordance with §982.553(a)(3).
- The PHA determines that any household member is currently engaged in or has engaged in during a reasonable time before the admission, drug-related criminal activity.

Similar to the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program, HUD is eliminating the PHA's permissive prohibitions for EHV admissions for drug-related criminal activity. The eligible populations of homeless and at-risk of homelessness individuals and families may include individuals struggling with drug addiction, and that addiction may be one of the root causes of their homelessness. As demonstrated by the "Housing First" model, providing the individual with safe housing may be a critical first step in helping the individual recover from addiction. Consequently, prohibitions based on criminal activity for the eligible EHV populations regarding drug possession should be considered apart from criminal activity against persons (i.e., violent criminal activity). Further, the Department remains concerned about the potential discriminatory effect that reliance on drug-related criminal activity history as grounds for denial of admission may pose for the EHV program. For further information on the use of criminal histories and the Fair Housing Act, please see [HUD's Office of General Counsel Guidance on the Application of Fair Housing Act Standards to the Use of Criminal Records by Providers of Housing and Real Estate-Related Transactions, issued on April 4, 2016.](#)¹⁵

The PHA must still deny admission to the program if any member of the family fails to sign and submit consent forms for obtaining information in accordance with 24 CFR part 5 as required by § 982.552(b)(3), but should notify the family of the limited EHV grounds for denial of admission first.

When adding a family member after the family has been placed under a HAP contract with EHV assistance, the regulations at § 982.551(h)(2) apply. Other than the birth,

¹⁵ Available at https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/HUD_OGCGUIDAPPFHASTANDCR.PDF. This Guidance cautions against the screening of applicants for tenancy using criminal records where such screening may disproportionately impact protected classes, and where the housing provider cannot prove such a policy is necessary to achieve a substantial, legitimate, nondiscriminatory interest.

adoption or court-awarded custody of a child, the PHA must approve additional family members and may apply its regular screening criteria in doing so.

h. Income Verification at Admissions

Under the HCV program, PHAs must determine whether an applicant family's income exceeds the applicable income limit as established by HUD in the jurisdiction where the family wishes to lease a unit. While the verification hierarchy described in Notice PIH 2018-18 applies to income determinations for applicants, the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system generally is not available for verifying income of applicants.

The program regulations under § 982.201(e) requires that the PHA must receive information verifying that an applicant is eligible within the 60-day period before the PHA issues a voucher to the applicant. For verification purposes, Notice PIH 2018-18 states that third-party generated documents be dated within 60 days of the PHA's request.

For homeless families and other EHV eligible families, documentation may not be readily on-hand and may be difficult to obtain quickly. Accepting self-certifications and allowing for the delay of receipt of documentation and/or third-party verification will allow the CoC/partnering agency to assist the family in obtaining the necessary documentation without unduly delaying the family's housing assistance.

HUD is waiving the third-party income verification requirements for EHV applicants and, alternatively, allowing PHAs to consider self-certification as the highest form of income verification at admission. Applicants must submit an affidavit attesting to reported income, assets, expenses and other factors which would affect an income eligibility determination. Additionally, applicants may provide third-party documentation which represents the applicant's income within the 60-day period prior to admission or voucher issuance but is not dated within 60 days of the PHA's request. For example, a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit letter that was issued in November 2020 to represent the applicant's benefit amount for 2021 and was provided to the PHA in September 2021 would be an acceptable form of income verification. As a reminder, the PHA may also use the SSI benefit letter as proof of disability.

Once HUD makes the EIV data available to PHAs under this waiver and alternative requirement, the PHA must: review the EIV Income and Income Validation Tool (IVT) Reports to confirm/validate family-reported income within 90 days of the PIC-NG (see Section 15 of this notice below) submission date; print and maintain copies of the EIV Income and IVT Reports in the tenant file; and resolve any income discrepancy with the family within 60 days of the EIV Income or IVT Report dates.

Prior to admission, PHAs must continue to use HUD's EIV system to search for all household members using the Existing Tenant Search. The PHA may be required to deny assistance to household members already receiving assistance from another program.

PHAs are encouraged to incorporate additional procedures to remind families of the obligation to provide true and complete information. PHAs that conduct eligibility determinations under this waiver/alternative requirement will be responsible for addressing any material discrepancies (i.e., unreported income or a substantial difference in reported income) that may arise later and must take necessary enforcement actions if the tenant was never eligible due to their income, as well as initiate HUD-compliant payment plans for those whose unreported income was unintentional and do not make the tenant ineligible for the program accordingly.

The adoption of this waiver does not authorize any ineligible family to receive assistance under these programs. If a PHA later determines that an ineligible family received assistance, the PHA must take steps to terminate that family from the program.

i. Eligibility Determination: Social Security Number and Citizenship Verification

HCV applicants must disclose and document and PHAs must verify the social security numbers (SSN) of each applicant. Applicant documentation may include a valid SSN card issued by the Social Security Administration; an original document issued by a federal or state government agency which contains the individual's name, SSN and other identifying information; or other evidence of the SSN as prescribed by HUD. Generally, a PHA may not admit an applicant until the required documentation is provided to verify the SSN of each household member.

PHAs also must verify evidence of U.S. citizenship or eligible immigration status for noncitizens claiming eligibility for assistance. Each eligible household member must sign a declaration of their status and eligible noncitizens must also provide supporting documentation, which must be submitted by the time of the eligibility determination. Documentation verifying U.S. citizenship may also be requested. Since eligibility for assistance is limited to U.S. citizens and noncitizens who have eligible immigration status, families in which not all members are U.S. citizens or have eligible immigration status are only eligible to receive pro-rated housing assistance based on the percentage of family members who qualify for assistance.

Additionally, PHAs must verify each family member's date of birth to verify identity and determine age and disability status per 24 CFR § 5.403, if claimed. These family characteristics impact the income and tenant rent calculations.

This documentation may not be readily on hand and may be difficult to obtain for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Accepting self-certifications and delaying the receipt of documentation and/or third-party verification will allow PHAs to assist EHV families more quickly and provide time for the family (with assistance from the CoC or other partnering agencies) to obtain the necessary documentation.

HUD is consequently waiving the requirement to obtain and verify SSN documentation and documentation evidencing eligible noncitizen status before admitting the family to the EHV program. PHAs may adopt policies to admit EHV applicants who are unable to

provide the required SSN or citizenship documentation during the initial eligibility determination. As an alternative requirement, such individuals must provide the required documentation within 180 days of admission to be eligible for continued assistance, pending verification, unless the PHA provides an extension based on evidence from the family or confirmation from the CoC or other partnering agency that the family has made a good-faith effort to obtain the documentation. If a family member appeals secondary verification of immigration documents, PHAs are reminded that assistance may not be delayed, denied, reduced or terminated on the basis of immigration status pending the completion of the appeal as described in § 5.514(e).

Additionally, PHAs may accept self-certification of date of birth and disability status if a higher level of verification is not immediately available. If self-certification is used, the PHA must obtain a higher level of verification within 90 days of admission or verify the information in EIV.

PHAs are encouraged to incorporate additional procedures to remind families of the obligation to provide true and complete information. PHAs that conduct eligibility determinations under this waiver/alternative requirement will be responsible for addressing any material discrepancies (i.e., erroneous SSNs) that may arise later and must take necessary enforcement actions accordingly. The adoption of this waiver does not authorize any ineligible family to receive assistance under these programs. If a PHA determines that an ineligible family received assistance, the PHA must take steps to terminate that family from the program.

j. Inapplicability of Income Targeting Requirements

The PHA must determine income eligibility for EHV families in accordance with § 982.201. However, the income targeting requirements of section 16(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and § 982.201(b)(2) are waived and do not apply for EHV families so that participating PHAs can effectively serve individuals and families in all the eligibility categories under the ARP who may be at a variety of income levels, including low-income families. The PHA may still choose to include the admission of extremely low-income EHV families in its income targeting numbers for the fiscal year in which these families are admitted. In conformance with normal program rules, PHAs may not deny admission to a family with zero income and must consider hardship circumstances before charging a minimum rent in accordance with § 5.630(b).

k. Use of recently conducted initial income determinations and verifications at admission

Some families who were recently homeless but are now currently residing in rapid rehousing or are receiving other time-limited housing assistance may have had their income recently verified under that housing assistance program. Furthermore, families who are eligible for EHV assistance as victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking may be currently assisted through other subsidized housing programs such as public housing. PHAs may accept income

calculations and verifications from third-party providers or from an examination that the PHA conducted on behalf of the family for another subsidized housing program in lieu of conducting an initial examination of income as long as the income was (1) calculated in accordance with rules outlined at 24 CFR Part 5 and within the last six months and (2) the family certifies there has been no change in income or family composition in the interim. At the time of the family's annual reexamination the PHA must conduct the annual reexamination of income as outlined at 24 CFR § 982.516.

For each new admission under this waiver and alternative requirement, the PHA must: review the EIV Income and IVT Reports to confirm/validate family-reported income within 90 days of the PIC-NG (see Section 15 of this notice) submission date; print and maintain copies of the EIV Income and IVT Reports in the tenant file; and resolve any income discrepancy with the family within 60 days of the EIV Income or IVT Report dates.

l. Pre-inspection of HQS units

To expedite the leasing process, PHAs may pre-inspect available units that EHV families may be interested in leasing in order to maintain a pool of eligible units. If an EHV family selects a unit that passed a HQS inspection (without intervening occupancy) within 45 days of the date of the Request for Tenancy Approval (form HUD-52517), the unit may be approved as long as it meets all other conditions under § 982.305. However, the family must be free to select their unit and cannot be required to accept a pre-screened unit.

m. Initial Search Term

While the EHV program provides the PHA with funding designed to help increase the success rate of EHV families in obtaining housing (such as security deposit assistance, landlord incentives, and housing search assistance), these families may still face significant challenges with their housing search. An initial search term of 60 days may be inadequate for EHV families. Consequently, HUD is waiving § 982.303(a), which provides that the initial search term must be at least 60 days and is establishing an alternative requirement that the initial term for an EHV must be at least 120 days. Any extensions, suspensions, and progress reports will remain under the policies in the PHA's administrative plan but will apply after the minimum 120-day initial search term.

As a reminder, a PHA must grant reasonable accommodation requests to extend the housing search term that may be necessary for individuals with disabilities to find a unit that meets their disability-related needs. For example, it may be challenging to find a unit that includes specific accessibility features, is close to accessible transportation, or close to supportive services or medical facilities.

n. Initial lease term

Under the HCV program, the family must enter into an initial lease with the owner for at least one year, unless a shorter term would improve housing opportunities for the tenant and the shorter term is a prevailing market practice. To provide a greater range of housing opportunities for EHV families, HUD is waiving Section 8(o)(7)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and § 982.309(a)(2)(ii). The initial lease term for an EHV family may be less than 12 months regardless of whether the shorter term is a prevailing market practice.

o. Portability

The normal HCV portability procedures and requirements generally apply to EHV families with the following exceptions.

i. No prohibition on portability for non-resident applicants

Under the HCV program, if neither the household head nor spouse of an assisted family already had a “domicile” (legal residence) in the jurisdiction of the PHA at the time the family first submitted an application for participation in the program, the family does not have any right to portability during the 12-month period from when the family is admitted to the program. Such a family is a “non-resident applicant.” The initial PHA may choose to allow portability during this period but is not required to do so.

In order to provide maximum housing choice for the targeted populations, HUD is removing this restriction for EHV nonresident applicants to allow all EHV families to immediately move under portability. Accordingly, HUD is waiving section 8(r)(1)(B)(i) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and § 982.353(c). The PHA may not restrict an EHV family from exercising portability because they are a non-resident applicant.

ii. Portability billing and absorption

A receiving PHA cannot refuse to assist an incoming EHV family, regardless of whether the PHA does or does not currently administer EHV families under its own ACC.

If the EHV family moves under portability to another PHA that administers EHV families under its own ACC:

- The receiving PHA may only absorb the incoming EHV family with an EHV (assuming it has an EHV voucher available to do). If the PHA does not have an EHV available to absorb the family, it must bill the initial PHA. The receiving PHA must allow the family to lease the unit with EHV assistance and may not absorb the family with a regular HCV when the family leases the unit.
- Regardless of whether the receiving PHA absorbs or bills the initial PHA for the family’s EHV assistance, the EHV administration of the voucher is in accordance with the receiving PHA’s EHV policies, although neighboring

PHAs and PHAs in the same metro area or region are strongly encouraged to work collaboratively with one another to align EHV policies and help facilitate EHV portability moves between their jurisdictions.

If the EHV family moves under portability to another PHA that does not administer EHV under its own ACC, the receiving PHA may absorb the family into its regular HCV program or may bill the initial PHA.

iii. Family briefing/initial PHA and receiving PHA coordination on services

In addition to the applicable family briefing requirements at § 982.301(a)(2) as to how portability works and how portability may affect the family's assistance, the initial PHA must inform the family how portability may impact the special EHV services and assistance that may be available to the family.

The initial PHA is required to help facilitate the family's portability move to the receiving PHA and inform the family of this requirement in writing taking reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP). If the portability move is in connection with the EHV family's initial lease-up, the receiving PHA and the initial PHA must consult and coordinate on the EHV services and assistance that will be made available to the family. The primary purpose of this communication is to ensure there is no duplication of EHV services and assistance provided to the family and that the receiving PHA is aware of the maximum amount of services fee funding that the initial PHA may provide to the receiving PHA on behalf of the family. (Further information on this subject is provided in subsection iv below.)

iv. EHV portability – HAP and EHV administrative fees

A. HAP and ongoing fees

The requirements at 982.355(e) apply to portability billing arrangements on behalf of an EHV family:

- The initial PHA must promptly reimburse the receiving PHA for the full amount of the housing assistance payments made by the receiving PHA for the family.
- The initial PHA must promptly reimburse the receiving PHA for the lesser of 80 percent of the initial PHA's EHV ongoing administrative fee or 100 percent of the receiving PHA's ongoing administrative fee (or the receiving PHA's EHV ongoing administrative fee if the receiving PHA administers the EHV program). If both PHAs agree, the PHAs may negotiate a different amount of reimbursement.

B. Services Fee Funding:

If the receiving PHA, in consultation and coordination with the initial PHA, will provide eligible services or assistance to the incoming EHV family, the receiving

PHA may be compensated for those costs by the initial PHA. This is the case regardless of whether the receiving PHA bills the initial PHA or absorbs the family into its own program at initial lease-up.

If the receiving PHA administers EHV's under its CACC, the receiving PHA may use its own services fee and may be reimbursed by the initial PHA, or the initial PHA may provide the services funding upfront to the receiving PHA for those fees and assistance. If the receiving PHA does not administer EHV's under its CACC, the initial PHA must provide the services funding upfront to the receiving PHA. Any amounts provided to the receiving the PHA that are not used for services or assistance on behalf of the EHV family must promptly be returned by the receiving PHA to the initial PHA.

The amount of the service fee provided by the initial PHA may not exceed the lesser of the actual cost of the services and assistance provided to the family by the receiving PHA or \$1750, unless the initial PHA and receiving PHA mutually agree to change the \$1750 cap.

C. Placement fee/issuance reporting fee:

If the portability lease-up qualifies for the placement fee/issuance reporting fee, the receiving PHA receives the full amount of the placement component of the placement/issuing reporting fee. The receiving PHA is eligible for the placement fee regardless of whether the receiving PHA bills the initial PHA or absorbs the family into its own program at initial lease-up. The initial PHA qualifies for the issuance reporting component of the placement fee, as applicable.

Note that the entire preliminary fee is always paid to and retained by the initial PHA and is not impacted by an EHV portability move.

p. Payment standard amounts

The HCV regulations at 24 CFR § 982.503(a)(3) provide that the PHA voucher payment standard schedule shall establish a single payment standard amount for each unit size, and that for each unit size, the PHA may establish a single payment standard amount for the whole Fair Market Rent (FMR) area, or may establish a separate payment standard amount for each designated part of the FMR area.

Many rental markets with a high need for the EHV's are very competitive with a shortage of affordable rental units. EHV recipients who are homeless or at risk of homelessness may have relatively lower incomes than regular HCV recipients, limiting their ability to rent units with rents above the payment standard. In addition, landlords may be more reluctant to rent to homeless individuals who may have limited or poor credit history, a limited established rental history, or other issues.

Due to those factors and the emergency nature of these vouchers, HUD is waiving § 982.503(a)(3) and establishing an alternative requirement permitting PHAs to establish separate higher payment standards for the EHV in order to increase the potential pool of available units for EHV families. The separate EHV payment standard must comply with all other HCV requirements under § 983.503 with the exception of the waivers of § 982.503(b)(i) and § 982.503(b)(iii) discussed below.

Establishing a separate EHV payment standard is at the discretion of the PHA and the PHA is not required to do so. PHAs are not permitted to establish a separate payment standard for the EHV that is lower than the regular HCV payment standard. If the PHA is increasing the regular HCV payment standard, the PHA must also increase the EHV payment standard if it would be otherwise lower than the new regular HCV payment standard.

In addition, HUD is waiving § 982.503(b)(1)(i) and establishing an alternative requirement to allow the PHA to establish a payment standard amount for a unit size at any level between 90 percent and 120 percent (as opposed to 110 percent) of the published FMR for that unit size. HUD approval is not required to establish an EHV payment standard within that range.

Furthermore, HUD is waiving § 982.503(b)(1)(iii) and establishing an alternative requirement to provide that a PHA that is not in a designated Small Area FMR area or has not opted to voluntarily implement Small Area FMRs under 24 CFR 888.113(c)(3) may establish exception payment standards for a ZIP code area above the basic range for the metropolitan FMR based on the HUD published Small Area FMRs. The PHA may establish an exception payment standard up to 120 percent (as opposed to 110 percent) of the HUD published Small Area FMR for that ZIP code area. As is the case for the regular HCV program, the PHA must notify HUD if it establishes an EHV exception payment standard based on the Small Area FMR. The exception payment standard must apply to the entire ZIP code area.

PHAs may also still request approval for exception EHV payment standards above 120% of the applicable FMR/SAFMR from HUD in accordance with § 982.503(b)(1)(iv) or § 982.503(c) if needed.

All rent reasonableness requirements at § 982.507 continue to apply to EHV units, regardless of whether the PHA has established an alternative or exception EHV payment standard. As discussed in section 6 above, PHAs may provide EHV owner incentive payments to recruit and retain owners, but the rent charged for the unit must be a reasonable rent in comparison to rent for other comparable units.

q. Increase in Payment Standard During HAP Contract Term

The HCV regulations at 24 CFR § 982.505(c)(4) require that if the payment standard amount is increased during the term of the HAP contract, the increased payment standard amount shall be used to calculate the monthly housing assistance payment for the family

beginning at the effective date of the family's first regular reexamination on or after the effective date of the increase in the payment standard amount.

HUD is waiving this requirement and as an alternative requirement providing a PHA with the discretion to establish a policy in the PHA administrative plan on when to apply the increased payment standard (e.g., interim reexamination, owner rent increase) after the effective date of the increase in the payment standard amount, provided the increased payment standard is used to calculate the HAP no later than the effective date of the family's first regular reexamination following the change.

10. Moving-to-Work (MTW) Agencies

MTW agencies that administer EHV's are bound by the terms and conditions of this notice. As discussed above in section 9, all HCV statutory and regulatory requirements and HUD directives are applicable to EHV's unless waived by this notice. However, MTW agencies may request approval from HUD's Office of Housing Voucher Programs to administer EHV's in accordance with the HCV programmatic flexibilities approved under PHA's Annual MTW Plan or MTW Supplement to the PHA Plan, as permitted by its MTW Agreement or the MTW Operations Notice. The Office of Housing Voucher Programs may approve the MTW PHA's request provided it determines the requested MTW flexibility is not in direct conflict with an EHV waiver or alternative requirement and its application would not have a detrimental impact on EHV families. MTW PHAs must submit such requests with supporting justification through their local Field Office.

EHV funding is not eligible for MTW fungibility but must only be used for EHV eligibility activities and to assist EHV eligible families. This applies to EHV HAP funding and to all forms of EHV administrative fees.

11. Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Requirements

PHAs are reminded in administering the EHV program to follow all applicable nondiscrimination and equal opportunity requirements at 24 CFR 5.105(a) and 24 CFR 982.53, including but not limited to the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act, HUD's Equal Access Rule, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. These requirements prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, and marital status. PHAs should also comply with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (see 28 CFR 35.160 and 28 CFR 36.303).

When an EHV household is or includes a person with disabilities, reasonable accommodations may be necessary. A reasonable accommodation is a change, exception or adjustment to rules, policies, practices or services that may be necessary in order to enable an applicant or resident with a disability to have an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling, including public and common areas, or to participate in or access programs and activities. This extends to various aspects of EHV program implementation including for

example, denial or termination of assistance, initial search term of the EHV, initial lease term, and informal reviews and hearings, as well as reasonable accommodations that may be necessary during one's tenancy. Under Section 504, reasonable accommodations may also include a structural change to a unit.

In addition, the PHA must also provide effective communication to persons with disabilities, including those with vision, hearing, and other communication related disabilities, which includes ensuring that information is provided in appropriate accessible formats as needed, e.g., Braille, audio, large type, assistive listening devices, and sign language interpreters, accessible website and other accessible electronic communications. See 24 CFR 8.6. The PHA must also take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP). LEP guidance and LEP information is available here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2007/01/22/07-217/final-guidance-to-federal-financial-assistance-recipients-regarding-title-vi-prohibition-against>

12. Inapplicability of Project-based Voucher Assistance

Section 3202(b)(1) of the ARP provides that the EHV's "shall be tenant-based assistance under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937." In addition to the requirement that EHV's must be tenant-based voucher assistance, several provisions of section 3202 are not compatible with project-based voucher assistance. In particular, the requirement with respect to the termination of vouchers upon turnover discussed below in Section 13 is clearly compatible with tenant-based voucher assistance, but it is not compatible with multi-year PBV contracts where assistance is tied to the project. Furthermore, tenant-based assistance, when coupled with the funding for other eligible expenses designed to facilitate the leasing of the emergency vouchers (notably the security deposit assistance and other costs related to the retention and support of owners specifically included in the Act), offers the most expeditious approach to assisting families as quickly as possible with these emergency housing vouchers.

Consequently, PHAs may not project-base EHV's but must administer these vouchers exclusively as tenant-based assistance.

13. Termination of Vouchers upon Turnover after September 30, 2023

The ARP provides that after September 30, 2023, a PHA may not reissue the EHV when assistance for an assisted family ends. This means that when an EHV participant (a family that is receiving rental assistance under a HAP contract) leaves the program for any reason, the PHA may not reissue that EHV to another family unless it does so no later than September 30, 2023.

For example, if an EHV participant leaves the program and their HAP contract terminates on August 31, 2023, that EHV must be reissued to another family no later than September 30, 2023. If the PHA does not reissue the EHV to another family by September 30, 2023, the EHV may not be reissued and effectively sunsets. Provided the EHV re-issuance date is no later than September 30, 2023, the term of the EHV may extend beyond September 30, 2023.

However, if the family that was issued the EHV is ultimately unsuccessful in finding a unit and that EHV expires after September 30, 2023, the EHV may not be reissued to another family. All EHV's under lease on or after October 1, 2023, may not under any circumstances be reissued to another family when the participant leaves the program for any reason.

An EHV that has never been issued to a family may be initially issued and leased after September 30, 2023, since this prohibition only applies to EHV's that are being reissued upon turnover after assistance to a family has ended. However, HUD may direct PHAs administering EHV's to cease leasing any unleased EHV's if such action is determined necessary by HUD to ensure there will be sufficient funding available to continue to cover the HAP needs of currently assisted EHV families. (While HUD anticipates most EHV's under the initial allocation would be leased by September 30, 2023, PHAs may have subsequently received a new allocation of EHV's as part of the recapture/reallocation process described in section 14 below.)

HUD will remove any turnover EHV that cannot be reissued from the PHA's CACC as part of the next funding renewal process.

14. HUD authority to revoke and reallocate vouchers for PHA failure to use vouchers promptly

The ARP provides that if a PHA fails to lease its authorized EHV's within a reasonable period of time, HUD may revoke and redistribute any unleased vouchers and associated funds to other public housing agencies. This would include recapturing any funds previously obligated to the PHA that are associated with those revoked vouchers, as described further below.

HUD will be closely monitoring EHV leasing and will evaluate the PHA's leasing progress for purposes of EHV reallocation by assessing the PHA's EHV performance. This evaluation will occur no sooner than the one-year anniversary of the effective date of the PHA's EHV funding increment. A PHA that has a substandard EHV leasing performance may be subject to having some or all of its unissued vouchers revoked and reallocated. However, under no circumstances will PHAs that have leased at least 95 percent of their EHV's have any of their unissued vouchers recaptured and reallocated.

HUD will refresh the formula allocation data when determining the number of vouchers for which a PHA qualifies under the reallocation. PHAs that have reduced their leasing potential by increasing voucher utilization during the intervening months, for example, may benefit from that improved performance when the allocation formula is run again to reallocate the recaptured vouchers.

In a situation where EHV's are being revoked, the number of EHV's under that PHA's CACC will be reduced to reflect that some or all of the PHA's EHV's have been revoked. The "associated funds" subject to recapture along with the unleased vouchers are the following:

- HAP funding HUD obligated to the PHA that is attributable to the unleased voucher in

the initial funding allocation (and/or subsequent renewal allocations if applicable), unless the excess HAP funding has already been accounted for through HUD's renewal process.

- Ongoing administrative fees that were advanced to the PHA unless the advanced ongoing administrative fees have already been accounted for through HUD's reconciliation process.
- An amount equivalent to 50 percent of the services fee for each EHV that is being revoked, not to exceed the total amount of unexpended services fees available to the PHA.
- Preliminary fee. The preliminary fee is provided to the PHA for planning and other implementation efforts and it is not expected to be available for recapture and reallocation. However, any unused preliminary fee amounts remaining at the time of recapture and reallocation will be subject to recapture and reallocation.
- Placement/issuance reporting fee. The placement/issuance reporting fee is provided to the PHA to enable the PHA to fulfill lease-up responsibilities. It is not expected that any amounts from this fee will remain at the time of recapture and reallocation. However, any unused placement fee amounts remaining at the time of recapture and reallocation will be subject to recapture and reallocation.

HUD will issue a separate notice that details the process by which vouchers may be revoked and reallocated at least four months before the PHA's leasing performance will be evaluated. PHAs that experience difficulties in leasing EHV's should contact HUD for technical assistance (see section 17 below).

15. Use of funds, reporting, and financial records

EHV funds allocated to the PHA for HAP (both funding for the initial allocation and HAP renewal funding) may only be used for eligible EHV HAP purposes. EHV HAP funding obligated to the PHA may not be used for EHV administrative expenses or the other EHV eligible expenses under this notice. Likewise, EHV administrative fees and funding obligated to the PHA are to be used for those purposes and must not be used for HAP. See section 7 above for instructions if the PHA needs an adjustment to its initial HAP funding allocation or its HAP renewal funding to fully lease its EHV's or meet its EHV HAP costs.

The appropriated funds for EHV's are separate from the regular HCV program. Similar to the Mainstream program, these funds may not be used for the regular HCV program but may only be expended for EHV eligible purposes. EHV HAP funds may not roll into the regular HCV restricted net position (RNP) and must be tracked and accounted for separately as EHV RNP. EHV administrative fees and funding for other eligible expenses permitted by this notice may only be used in support of the EHV's and cannot be used for regular HCV's. EHV funding may not be used for the repayment of debts or any amounts owed to HUD by HUD program participants including, but not limited to, those resulting from Office of Inspector General (OIG), Quality Assurance Division (QAD) or other monitoring review findings.

HUD will update the Voucher Management System (VMS) to collect aggregate data from participating PHAs on a monthly basis consistent with other programs under Section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937. This data will initially be used to track leasing and cost data and to reconcile funds advanced to participating PHAs against actual expenditures reported.

HUD plans to leverage PIC-NG, the new information technology platform developed for the MTW Demonstration program's expansion, to collect EHV tenant information as opposed to using the existing legacy IMS/PIC system. HUD expects to issue a streamlined Form 50058 in the near future that will allow HUD to pay monthly HAP and administrative fee disbursements based on that information. Once the new application and processes are implemented, HUD plans to reduce or eliminate VMS reporting requirements for the program. Additional information will be forthcoming on PIC-NG rollout and implementation requirements including expedited timelines for tenant characteristics reporting. PHAs do not report into IMS/PIC for EHV families.

In the meantime, in order to account for and track the use of the EHV funding, PHAs must comply with the following reporting and financing record requirements.

a. Voucher Management System reporting:

Because EHV's are funded from a separate appropriation than the regular HCV's, HUD will modify VMS to track the following data points for EHV's from participating PHAs:

- **Emergency Housing Vouchers— Leasing**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers - HAP Expenses**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers – Preliminary Fee Expenses**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers—Placement/Issuance Reporting Fee Expenses**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers—Ongoing Administrative Fee Expenses**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers – Services Fee – Housing Search Assistance Expenses**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers- Services Fee – Security/Utility Deposit/Rental Application/Holding Fee Expenses**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers -Services Fee -Owner Incentive Expenses**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers – Services Fee – Other Expenses**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers - Number of New Vouchers Issued but Not Under HAP Contract as of the Last Day of the Month**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers - HAP Expenses After the First of the Month**
- **Emergency Housing - FSS Escrow Deposits**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers - FSS Escrow Forfeitures This Month**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers - Fraud Recovery Total Collected This Month**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers - Unrestricted Net Position Funds (UNP) as of the Last Day of the Month**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers - Restricted Net Position Funds (RNP) as of the Last Day of the Month**
- **Emergency Housing Vouchers - Cash/Investment as of the Last Day of the Month**

The PHA must enter the data on a monthly basis into VMS. These reporting requirements also apply to MTW agencies.

b. Financial Data Schedule (FDS) Reporting for EHV Program:

HUD's Uniform Financial Reporting Standards (UFRS) Rule (24 CFR § 5.801) requires PHAs that administer the Section 8 programs to submit annual financial data to HUD. Specifically, UFRS requires that the financial data is: 1) prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as further defined by HUD in supplementary guidance; 2) submitted electronically to HUD through the internet; and 3) submitted in such form and substance as prescribed by HUD.

To meet the goals of the UFRS rule, PHAs are required to submit their financial information to HUD's Financial Assessment Sub-system for Public Housing (FASS-PH). PHAs are required to submit this financial information in a prescribed format, the Financial Data Schedule (FDS) (also referred to as Public Housing Financial Management template). Financial information collected in the FASS-PH system includes the reporting of the receipts, uses, and balances of all PHA funds regardless of the funding source (i.e., entity-wide reporting). This financial information is reported at the funding source level.

As a separate funding source, the ARP supplemental funding for the EHV's must be reported separately on the FDS. The default reporting level is at the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) level. However, when a CFDA number does not exist or is not applicable, HUD will provide a program number under which the PHA should report its financial information.

Due to the likely one-time appropriation of the supplemental funds provided under ARP, CFDA numbers for these EHV funds will not be issued. However, HUD must still meet its monitoring responsibilities and provide transparency in the PHAs' receipts and uses of EHV supplemental funding. Thus, HUD recommends that PHAs establish a separate general ledger for the program or at the very least provide subsidiary details under the existing HCV program sufficient to provide the necessary information in the FDS.

Rather than have PHAs report under the generic Federal Program columns that are already established in the FASS-PH system (e.g., Federal Program 1, Federal Program 2), the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) has established a new column on the FDS for reporting EHV supplemental funds. REAC will publish specific guidance on revenue recognition in a future notice.

The PHA must maintain complete and accurate accounts and other records for the program and provide HUD and the Comptroller General of the United States full and free access to all accounts and records that are pertinent the administration of the EHV's in accordance with the HCV program requirements at § 982.158.

16. Reconciliation and recapture of unexpended EHV funds at program end

As noted above, the appropriated funds for EHV's are separate from the regular HCV program and may only be used for EHV purposes. If any of these funds are not expended on eligible EHV expenses before the end of the EHV program, the remaining unexpended EHV funds must be recaptured by HUD.

Currently, the EHV program end date for each individual PHA is unknown and additional guidance regarding program wrap-up and closeout will be issued in the future. However, outer boundaries are known. For example, when a PHA no longer has any EHV families under lease and is not permitted to reissue any of its remaining EHV's due to the statutory September 30, 2023 reissuance prohibition, the PHA's program will have effectively ended and all associated unexpended funds must be remitted to HUD. Likewise, the funds appropriated for the EHV program are available for obligation by HUD only until September 30, 2030 and will be cancelled as a matter of law on September 30, 2035.

HUD will conduct a final reconciliation of the PHA's EHV funding and expenses when each PHA's EHV program ends. Accounting and remittance guidance on HAP and administrative fee funding will be forthcoming under separate notice.

17. Technical Assistance

The ARP makes resources available to HUD to provide technical assistance to the PHAs administering EHV assistance. Information regarding technical assistance for these EHV's will be made available to PHAs in the near future.

18. Further Information.

Question concerning this notice should be submitted by email to the following HUD mailbox: chv@hud.gov.

19. **Paperwork Reduction Act.**

The information collection requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C 35013520). In accordance with the PRA, HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. The following active information collections contained in this notice have been approved under the PRA-OMB Control Numbers 2577-0169 and 2577-0083.

_____/s/_____
Dominique Blom
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for Public and Indian Housing

Attachment 1

COVID-19 waivers and alternative requirements the PHA may choose to apply to its EHV's for a limited period of availability. Details on the individual waivers and alternative requirements are found in Notice PIH 2021-14.

This chart summarizes the COVID-19 waivers/alternative requirements the PHA may choose to apply to its EHV's and the periods of availability. PHAs must keep written documentation on the waivers applied by the PHA as well as the effective dates.

Waiver Code in Notice PIH 2021-14 (see for details)	Statutory and regulatory waivers	Summary of alternative requirements	Availability Period Ends
PH and HCV-4 Family Income and Composition: Interim Examinations	<u>Statutory Authority</u> Section 3(a)(1) <u>Regulatory Authority</u> §§ 5.233(a)(2), 982.516(c)(2), 960.257(a), (b) and (d), 960.259(c) <u>Sub-regulatory Guidance</u> Notice PIH 2018-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waives the requirement to use the income verification requirements, including the use of EIV, for interim reexaminations 	12/31/21
PH and HCV-5 Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) Monitoring	<u>Regulatory Authority</u> § 5.233 <u>Sub-regulatory Guidance</u> Notice PIH 2018-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waives the mandatory EIV monitoring requirements 	12/31/21
HQS-1 Initial Inspection Requirements	<u>Statutory Authority</u> Section 8(o)(8)(A)(i), Section 8(o)(8)(C) <u>Regulatory Authority</u> §§ 982.305(a), 982.305(b), 982.405	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes initial inspection requirements, allowing for owner certification that there are no life-threatening deficiencies • Where self-certification was used, PHA must inspect as soon as reasonably possible but no later than 6/30/22. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/31/21 • 6/30/22

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COVID-19 waivers and alternative requirements the PHA may choose to apply to its EHVs for a limited period of availability. Details on the individual waivers and alternative requirements are found in Notice PIH 2021-14.

Waiver Code in Notice PIH 2021-14 (see for details)	Statutory and regulatory waivers	Summary of alternative requirements	Availability Period Ends
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HQS waiver does not include a waiver of 24 CFR 35.15, visual assessment for deteriorated paint 	
HQS-3 Initial Inspection: Non-Life-Threatening Deficiencies (NLT) Option	<u>Statutory Authority</u> Section 8(o)(8)(A)(ii) <u>Sub-regulatory Guidance</u> HOTMA HCV Federal Register Notice January 18, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows for extension of up to 30 days for owner repairs of non-life threatening conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/31/21
HQS-4 HQS Initial Inspection Requirement: Alternative Inspection Option	<u>Statutory Authority</u> Section 8(o)(8)(A)(iii) <u>Sub-regulatory Guidance</u> HOTMA HCV Federal Register Notice January 18, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Initial HQS Alternative Inspection Option - allows for commencement of assistance payments based on owner certification there are no life-threatening deficiencies Where self-certification was used, PHA must inspect the unit as soon as reasonably possible but no later than 6/30/22. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/31/21 6/30/22
HQS-6 HQS Interim Inspections	<u>Statutory Authority</u> Section 8(o)(8)(F) <u>Regulatory Authority</u> §§ 982.405(g), 983.103(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waives the requirement for the PHA to conduct interim inspection and requires alternative method Allows for repairs to be verified by alternative methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/31/21
HQS-9 HQS Quality Control Inspections	<u>Regulatory Authority</u> §§ 982.405(b), 983.103(e)(3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides for a suspension of the requirement for QC sampling inspections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/31/21

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HQS-10 Housing Quality Standards: Space and Security	<u>Regulatory Authority</u> § 982.401(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waives the requirement that each dwelling unit have at least 1 bedroom or living/sleeping room for each 2 persons. 	Remains in effect one year from beginning of lease term
HCV-1 Administrative Plan	<u>Regulatory Authority</u> § 982.54(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes an alternative requirement that policies may be adopted without board approval until 9/30/21 • Any provisions adopted informally must be adopted formally by 12/31/21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/30/21 • 12/31/21
HCV-2 Information When Family is Selected: PHA Oral Briefing	<u>Regulatory Authority</u> §§ 982.301(a)(1), 983.252(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waives the requirement for an oral briefing • Provides for alternative methods to conduct required voucher briefing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/31/21
HCV-3 Term of Voucher: Extensions of Term	<u>Regulatory Authority</u> § 982.303(b)(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows PHAs to provide voucher extensions regardless of current PHA policy • Note that the initial term of the EHV must be a minimum of 120 days (see section 9.m of this notice) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/31/21
HCV-4 PHA Approval of Assisted Tenancy: When HAP Contract is Executed	<u>Regulatory Authority</u> § 982.305(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides for HAP payments for contracts not executed within 60 days • PHA must not pay HAP to owner until HAP contract is executed 	12/31/21

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HCV-5 Absence from Unit	<u>Regulatory Authority</u> § 982.312	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows for PHA discretion on absences from units longer than 180 days • PHAs must not make HAP payments beyond 12/31/20 for units vacant more than 180 consecutive days 	12/31/21
HCV-6 Automatic Termination of HAP Contract	<u>Regulatory Authority</u> § 982.455	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows PHA to extend the period of time after the last HAP payment is made before the HAP contract terminates automatically. 	• 12/31/21

Attachment 2

Sample MOU Template

Memorandum of Understanding

*[** This sample document demonstrates the Memorandum of Understanding requirements for the administration Emergency Housing Voucher. Unless otherwise noted, all elements are required. **]*

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been created and entered into on *[** Insert execution date. **]*.

[PHA Name and Address]

[CoC Name and Address]

I. Introduction and Goals (the following elements, listed in a – c., are required elements of the MOU):

- a. PHA and CoC’s commitment to administering the EHV’s in accordance with all program requirements.
- b. PHA goals and standards of success in administering the program.
- c. Identification of staff position at the PHA and CoC who will serve as the lead EHV liaisons.

Lead HCV Liaison:

[Name and title of PHA staff position]

Responsibilities of the PHA EHV liaison *[**Optional**]*.

[Name and title of CoC staff position]

Responsibilities of the CoC EHV liaison *[**Optional**]*.

II. Define the populations eligible for EHV assistance to be referred by CoC.

III. Services to be provided to eligible EHV families

1. List the services to be provided to assist individuals and families have success in the program and who will provide them.

[**The following services are listed for example purposes. **]

1. Partnering service providers will support individuals and families in completing applications and obtaining necessary supporting documentation to support referrals and applications for assistance; while aiding households in addressing barriers.
2. Partnering service providers will support PHAs in ensuring appointment notifications to eligible individuals and families and will assist eligible households in getting to meetings with the PHA.
3. PHAs will establish windows of time for EHV applicants to complete intake interviews for EHV.
4. Partnering service providers will provide housing search assistance for eligible individuals and families.
5. Partnering service providers will provide counseling on compliance with rental lease requirements.
6. Partnering service providers will assess individuals and families who may require referrals for assistance on security deposits, utility hook-up fees, and utility deposits.
7. Partnering service providers will assess and refer individuals and families to benefits and supportive services, where applicable.

IV. PHA Roles and Responsibilities

[**The following responsibilities are listed for example purposes. **]

1. Coordinate and consult with the CoC in developing the services and assistance to be offered under the EHV services fee.
2. Accept direct referrals for eligible individuals and families through the CoC Coordinated Entry System.
3. Commit a sufficient number of staff and necessary resources to ensure that the application, certification, and voucher issuance processes are completed in a timely manner.
4. Commit a sufficient number of staff and resources to ensure that inspections of units are completed in a timely manner.
5. Designate a staff to serve as the lead EHV liaison.

6. Comply with the provisions of this MOU.

V. CoC Roles and Responsibilities

[**The following responsibilities are listed for example purposes. **]

1. Designate and maintain a lead EHV liaison to communicate with the PHA.
2. Refer eligible individuals and families to PHA using the community's coordinated entry system.
3. Support eligible individuals and households in completing and applying for supportive documentation to accompany admissions application to the PHA (i.e. self-certifications, birth certificate, social security card, etc.).
4. Attend EHV participant briefings when needed.
5. Assess all households referred for EHV for mainstream benefits and supportive services available to support eligible individuals and families through their transition.
6. Identify and provide supportive services to EHV families. (While EHV participants are not required to participate in services, the CoC should assure that services are available and accessible.)
7. Comply with the provisions of this MOU.

VI. Third Party Entity Roles Responsibilities

[**The following responsibilities are listed for example purposes. **]

1. Describe how the State, local, philanthropic, faith-based organizations, Victim Service Providers or CoC recipients it designates will fulfill each of the following responsibilities:
 - a. Outline resource and/or service being provided in support of the community's EHV Program. Commit a sufficient number of staff and necessary resources to ensure that the application, certification and voucher issuance processes are completed in a timely manner.
 - b. Comply with the provisions of this MOU.

VII. Program Evaluation

The PHA, and CoC or designated CoC recipient agree to cooperate with HUD, provide requested data to HUD or HUD-approved contractor delegated the responsibility of program evaluation protocols established by HUD or HUD-approved contractor, including possible random

assignment procedures.

[Signed and dated by the official representatives of the PHA, CoC, CoC Contractor organization (if applicable), and third-party entities (if applicable.)]

Signed by

_____	_____
Executive Director, PHA	Date

_____	_____
CoC Executive Director	Date

Attachment 3 - Example of a Homeless Provider's Certification

Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)

HOMELESS CERTIFICATION

EHV Applicant Name: _____

- Household without dependent children (complete one form for each adult in the household)
- Household with dependent children (complete one form for household)

Number of persons in the household: _____

This is to certify that the above named individual or household meets the following criteria based on the check mark, other indicated information, and signature indicating their current living situation-

Check only one box and complete only that section

Living Situation: place not meant for human habitation (e.g., cars, parks, abandoned buildings, streets/sidewalks)

- The person(s) named above is/are currently living in (or, if currently in hospital or other institution, was living in immediately prior to hospital/institution admission) a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus station, airport, or camp ground.

Description of current living situation:

Homeless Street Outreach Program

Name: _____

This certifying agency must be recognized by the local Continuum of Care (CoC) as an agency that has a program designed to serve persons living on the street or other places not meant for human habitation. Examples may be street outreach workers, day shelters, soup kitchens, Health Care for the Homeless sites, etc.

Authorized Agency Representative Signature: _____

Date: _____

Living Situation: Emergency Shelter

The person(s) named above is/are currently living in (or, if currently in hospital or other institution, was living in immediately prior to hospital/institution admission) a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter as follows:

Emergency Shelter Program Name: _____

This emergency shelter must appear on the CoC's Housing Inventory Chart submitted as part of the most recent CoC Homeless Assistance application to HUD or otherwise be recognized by the CoC as part of the CoC inventory (e.g., newly established Emergency Shelter).

Authorized Agency Representative Signature: _____

Date: _____

Living Situation: Recently Homeless

The person(s) named above is/are currently receiving financial and supportive services for persons who are homeless. Loss of such assistance would result in a return to homelessness (ex. Households in Rapid Rehousing Programs, residents of Permanent Supportive Housing Programs participating in Moving On, etc.)

Authorized Agency Representative Signature: _____

This referring agency must appear on the CoC's Housing Inventory Chart submitted as part of the most recent CoC Homeless Assistance application to HUD or otherwise be recognized by the CoC as part of the CoC inventory.

Immediately prior to entering the household's current living situation, the person(s) named above was/were residing in:

emergency shelter OR a place unfit for human habitation

Authorized Agency Representative Signature: _____

Date: _____

Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)

SAMPLE HUMAN TRAFFICKING CERTIFICATION

Purpose of Form:

The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 provides assistance to victims of trafficking making housing, educational health care, job training and other Federally-funded social service programs available to assist victims in rebuilding their lives.

Use of This Optional Form:

In response to this request, the service provider may complete this form and submit it to the Public Housing Agency (PHA) to certify eligibility for EHV assistance.

Confidentiality: All information provided to the service provider concerning the incident(s) of human trafficking shall be kept confidential and such details shall not be entered into any shared database. Employees of the PHA will not have access to these details, and such employees may not disclose this information to any other entity or individual, except to the extent that disclosure is: (i) consented to by you in writing in a time-limited release; (ii) required for use in an eviction proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance; or (iii) otherwise required by applicable law.

TO BE COMPLETED ON BEHALF OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVOR

EHV Applicant Name: _____

This is to certify that the above named individual or household meets the definition for persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking under section 107(b) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000.

Immediately prior to entering the household's current living situation, the person(s) named above was/were residing in:

This is to certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection, and that the individual(s) named above is/has been a victim of human trafficking. I acknowledge that submission of false information could jeopardize program eligibility and could be the basis for denial of admission, termination of assistance, or eviction.

Authorized Agency Representative Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Letter Signed by Working Group



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September 15, 2023

Dear Nebraska Balance of State CoC Board,

The Consumer Engagement Committee has reviewed the Nebraska Balance of State Continuum of Care Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs.

The Committee supports the priorities in the Balance of State plan to expand housing programs to areas of the state that are significantly underserved so that homeless persons with severe service needs can be sheltered, connected with housing resources, and permanently housed.

The Committee values the efforts being made by the CoC, specifically in the areas of; extended outreach opportunities in Rural Nebraska, broadening efforts in preventing homelessness, and hiring persons with lived experience to engage persons experiencing homelessness or near homelessness.

The Committee is excited about the opportunity to continue to be an integral part of the CoC leadership governance and provide ongoing feedback on overall policy, and this specific opportunity to provide feedback for the upcoming grant cycle.

Sincerely,

Jade Fowler
Consumer Engagement Committee Representative



September 18th, 2023

Dear HUD SNAPs Office,

Jade Fowler, as the Consumer Engagement Committee Representative through Region V Systems, is confirmed to be an authorized representative of the Consumer Engagement Committee, which is the CoC's lived experience workgroup for persons who have experienced or are currently experiencing homelessness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J M Chambers', written in a cursive style.

Jeff M. Chambers, MA
Senior Project Director – Community Services
Continuum of Care Lead
Center on Children, Families and the Law
University of Nebraska–Lincoln

[Housing First Evaluation]

Housing First Policies Review

CoC	Agency	YES	NO	Uncertain	NOTES/COMMENTS
NE-500	Care Corps - Permanent Supportive Housing				
1. Admission/Acceptance Process	a. Program does not require criminal background checks and does not exclude on a blanket basis. Only factors that could impact occupancy are based on actual convictions for offenses that could constitute a risk to fellow residents.	X			
	b. Program does not require that participants demonstrate a period of sobriety prior to admission or commit to participation in treatment	X			
	c. Program does not restrict access based on ability to work, minimal income, available documentation, or anything beyond HUD minimum standards.	X			Incorporated recent CoC Fair Housing policy recommendations to strengthen.
	d. Program serves people as they present, respecting transgender persons and accepting individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, marital status, and family composition	X			
	e. Program has no other barriers to entry and seeks to screen-in instead of screening-out participants.	X			
2. Move-in/Housing Support	a. Program actively recruits landlords to participate emphasizing program support in maintaining housing	X			emails, social media, direct outreach
	b. Program promotes choice in housing including locations and amenities	X			
	c. Participation in services/programming is entirely voluntary and participants are not mandated to participate	X			CC HF Policies
	d. Program actively seeks to prevent evictions through mediation and, if necessary, assisting a household to relocate to avoid eviction.	X			
3. Program Termination	a. Program will not terminate a participant for failure to engage in services including participation in case management, failure to take medications, or non-participation in treatment services	X			
	b. Program will not terminate participants solely for substance use	X			
	c. Program will not terminate participants for failure to obtain income - either earned or benefit	X			
	d. Program does not impose requirements on participants that are not consistent with standard residential leases such as unreasonable restrictions on visitation, curfews, requirements to do chores or other uncompensated services, or not being allowed to have legally permitted substances	X			
Housing First	The program meets all requirements for Housing First.	X			
Notes:	Review by Jeff Chambers UNL-CCFL - July 2023 - Care Corps Housing First policies, HMIS data, Coordinated Entry data				

Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline

Nebraska Balance of State Continuum of Care

The Nebraska Balance of State Continuum of Care meets via Zoom at 10:00 am to 11:30 am on the 2nd Friday of each month. For more information, please contact the Continuum of Care Planning Manager, Jay Schalk, at jschalk3@unl.edu

A Continuum of Care System is a community and regional-based process that provides a comprehensive and coordinated housing and service delivery system. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) initiated the Continuum of Care process in 1994. The process promotes a coordinated, strategic planning approach for programs that assist families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

A Continuum of Care System has the goal of stably housing all persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in appropriate housing. This means identifying all homeless and at risk of homeless populations in communities, understanding their needs, and building a comprehensive and responsive system.

A Continuum of Care System helps communities and regions strategically plan for and provide a balance of emergency, transitional, and permanent housing and service resources to address the needs of people who are homeless so they can make the critical transition from homelessness to jobs, independent living, and permanent housing. It is widely recognized that homelessness is not due to just a lack of shelter. Homelessness encompasses a wide range of conditions and involves a variety of unmet needs as well as underlying economic, physical, and social challenges.

Communities and regions that adopt a Continuum of Care system recognize the importance of all components of a Continuum of Care: prevention, outreach, intake and assessment, emergency shelter, transitional programs, supportive housing, permanent housing and all appropriate support services.

The Nebraska Balance of State CoC opens local FY 2023 CoC Program Funding Competition July 14, 2023

The Nebraska Balance of State CoC seeks organizations interested in applying for new and/or renewal projects for consideration in the HUD FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.

- The Deadline for Renewal Project Applications is August 18, 2023
- The Deadline for New Project Applications is August 25, 2023

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Local Competition Scoring Tool

2023 Individual TH Program Evaluation Report

Agency Name: _____
 HMIS Name: _____
 Program Name: _____

HMIS ID(s): _____

Component Type: _____
 Grant Number: _____
 Number of Units in Application: _____

Grant Dates: _____

Number of Participants: _____ Households: _____
 Number of Leavers: _____ Adult Leavers: _____

Number of Adults: _____
 Total Grant: _____

Adult Stayers: _____
 Amount Unspent: _____

Evaluation Criteria		2022 Benchmark/ Standard RRH	Program Performance	2023 Points Available	Awarded Points
Resource Utilization					
OBJ	Occupancy / Utilization	95-100% = 10 90-94.99% = 8 85-89.99% = 5 80-84.99% = 2	70%	10	
OBJ	Expenditures of Grant Funds	100% = 10 95-99% = 8 90-94% = 4 85% -90% = 2	100%	10	
Participant Income and Resources					
SYS	Percent of participants [18 years+] who sustained or increased <u>employment income</u> from entry to exit/follow up (leavers and stayers)	20%	63%	10	
SYS	Percent of participants [18 years+] who sustained or increased <u>other cash income</u> from entry to exit/follow up (leavers and stayers)	35%	38%	10	
SYS	Percent of participants [18+] with <u>mainstream non-cash benefits</u> (including health insurance) from entry to exit/follow-up (leavers and stayers)	35%	63%	5	
Serving a High Need Population					
OBJ	Serving a high-need population – at least 50% of program participants had 2 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures on program entry	50% with 2 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures	100%	5	
OBJ	Serving a high need population – at least 25% had 3 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures on program entry	25% with 3 or more harder to serve measures	57%	5	
System Engagement					
SYS	[RRH, TH and Joint RRH/TH] percentage of leavers who exit to permanent housing	85%	60%	10	
SYS	[All Projects] Percent of participants who return to homelessness after permanent housing destination	Below 10% within 6 months	0%	5	
SYS	[All Projects] Percent of participants who return to homelessness after permanent housing destination	Below 15% in 12 months	0%	5	
SYS	[Joint TH/RRH and TH] Average length of time (days) from program enrollment to the RRH component of Joint and TH housing move in date	90 days		5	
SYS	[all projects] percent of admissions referred through ADLH	100%	100%	5	
Consumer Engagement					
OBJ	Completion/return rate of consumer surveys	At least 35%	63%	5	
Other Program Requirements					
OBJ	Less than 5% null or missing values on any Universal Data Element	YES	Yes	5	
OBJ	Review: ADHL referral decline; and the following Reasons for Exit: noncompliance with program/disagreement with rules or persons/needs could not be met – review declined referrals and specified reasons for exit to assess compliance with Housing First	Reviews are conducted only for programs with greater than 10% (look at exit data on measures) of exits for noncompliance/disagreement with rules or needs that could not be met. Review denials and specified reasons for exit – points not awarded if evidence of Housing First is not being followed		5	
SCORING SUMMARY					
Total				100	0
Total Score, converted to a percentage		formula = (Points Awarded / Points Available for Scoring)			
Benchmark					
Reducing disparity in program outcomes (permanent dest., < returns, income, benefits, time from enrollment to housing move-in) among racial/ethnic minorities		Grantee has reviewed its policies and procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers		Not scored in 2023 – data collected for Benchmark purposes	
At least 10% of the governing board has lived experience of homelessness or there is greater representation on governing board in 2023 than in 2021		Representativeness of the agency board to persons served		Not scored in 2023 – data collected for Benchmark purposes	
Grand Total					

2023 Individual Joint TH/RRH Program Evaluation Report

Agency Name:
HMIS Name:
Program Name:
Grant Dates:

HMIS ID(s):

Component Type: Joint TH/RRH
Grant Number:
Number of Units in Application:

Number of Participants: Households:
Number of Leavers: Adult Leavers:

Number of Adults:
Total Grant:

Adult Stayers:
Amount Unspent:

	Evaluation Criteria	2022 Benchmark/ Standard RRH	Program Performance	2023 Points Available	Awarded Points
Resource Utilization					
OBJ	Occupancy / Utilization	95-100% = 10 90-94.99% = 8 85-89.99% = 5 80-84.99% = 2		10	
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Participant Income and Resources					
SYS	Percent of participants [18 years+] who sustained or increased <u>employment income</u> from entry to exit/follow up (leavers and stayers)	20%		10	
SYS	Percent of participants [18 years+] who sustained or increased <u>other cash income</u> from entry to exit/follow up (leavers and stayers)	35%		10	
SYS	Percent of participants [18+] with <u>mainstream non-cash benefits</u> (including health insurance) from entry to exit/follow-up (leavers and stayers)	35%		5	
Serving a High Need Population					
OBJ	Serving a high-need population – at least 50% of program participants had 2 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures on program entry	50% with 2 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures		5	
OBJ	Serving a high need population – at least 25% had 3 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures on program entry	25% with 3 or more harder to serve measures		5	
System Engagement					
SYS	[RRH, TH and Joint RRH/TH] percentage of leavers who exit to permanent housing	85%		10	
SYS	[All Projects] Percent of participants who return to homelessness after permanent housing destination	Below 10% within 6 months		5	
SYS	[All Projects] Percent of participants who return to homelessness after permanent housing destination	Below 15% in 12 months		5	
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SYS	[all projects] percent of admissions referred through ADLH	100%		5	
Consumer Engagement					
OBJ	Completion/return rate of consumer surveys	At least 35%		5	
Other Program Requirements					
OBJ	Less than 5% null or missing values on any Universal Data Element	YES		5	
OBJ	Review: ADHL referral decline; and the following Reasons for Exit: noncompliance with program/disagreement with rules or persons/needs could not be met – review declined referrals and specified reasons for exit to assess compliance with Housing First	Reviews are conducted only for programs with greater than 10% (look at exit data on measures) of exits for noncompliance/disagreement with rules or needs that could not be met. Review denials and specified reasons for exit – points not awarded if evidence of Housing First is not being followed		5	
SCORING SUMMARY					
Total				100	0
Total Score, converted to a percentage		formula = (Points Awarded / Points Available for Scoring)			
Benchmark					
Reducing disparity in program outcomes (permanent dest.,< returns, income, benefits, time from enrollment to housing move-in) among racial/ethnic minorities		Grantee has reviewed its policies and procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers		Not scored in 2023 – data collected for Benchmark purposes	
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Grand Total					

2023 Individual RRH Program Evaluation Report

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 HMIS Name:
 Program Name:

HMIS ID(s):

Component Type:
 Grant Number:
 Number of Units in Application:

Grant Dates

Number of Participants: Households:
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Evaluation Criteria		2022 Benchmark/ Standard RRH	Program Performance	2023 Points Available	Awarded Points
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OBJ	Expenditures of Grant Funds	100% = 10 95-99% = 8 90-94% = 4 85% -90% = 2	100%	10	
Participant Income and Resources					
SYS	Percent of participants [18 years+] who sustained or increased employment income from entry to exit/follow up (leavers and stayers)	20%	58%	10	
SYS	Percent of participants [18 years+] who sustained or increased other cash income from entry to exit/follow up (leavers and stayers)	35%	31%	10	
SYS	Percent of participants [18+] with mainstream non-cash benefits (including health insurance) from entry to exit/follow-up (leavers and stayers)	35%	76%	5	
Serving a High Need Population					
OBJ	Serving a high-need population – at least 50% of program participants had 2 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures on program entry	50% with 2 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures	27%	5	
OBJ	Serving a high need population – at least 25% had 3 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures on program entry	25% with 3 or more harder to serve measures	8%	5	
System Engagement					
SYS	[RRH, TH and Joint RRH/TH] percentage of leavers who exit to permanent housing	85%	92%	10	
SYS	[All Projects] Percent of participants who return to homelessness after permanent housing destination	Below 10% within 6 months	1%	5	
SYS	[All Projects] Percent of participants who return to homelessness after permanent housing destination	Below 15% in 12 months	0%	5	
SYS	[RRH] Average length of time (days) from program enrollment to housing move in date	90 days or less	100%	5	
SYS	[all projects] percent of admissions referred through ADLH	100%	%	5	
Consumer Engagement					
OBJ	Completion/return rate of consumer surveys	At least 35%	16%	5	
Other Program Requirements					
OBJ	Less than 5% null or missing values on any Universal Data Element	YES	Yes	5	
OBJ	Review: ADHL referral decline; and the following Reasons for Exit: noncompliance with program/disagreement with rules or persons/needs could not be met – review declined referrals and specified reasons for exit to assess compliance with Housing First	Reviews are conducted only for programs with greater than 10% (look at exit data on measures) of exits for noncompliance/disagreement with rules or needs that could not be met. Review denials and specified reasons for exit – points not awarded if evidence of Housing First is not being followed		5	
SCORING SUMMARY					
Total				100	#REF!
Total Score, converted to a percentage		formula = (Points Awarded / Points Available for Scoring)			
Benchmark					
Reducing disparity in program outcomes (permanent dest., < returns, income, benefits, time from enrollment to housing move-in) among racial/ethnic minorities		Grantee has reviewed its policies and procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers		Not scored in 2023 – data collected for Benchmark purposes	
At least 10% of the governing board has lived experience of homelessness or there is greater representation on governing board in 2023 than in 2021		Representativeness of the agency board to persons served		Not scored in 2023 – data collected for Benchmark purposes	
Grand Total					

2023 PSH Individual Program Evaluation Report

Agency Name: _____
 HMIS Name: _____
 Program Name: _____

HMIS ID(s): _____

Component Type: _____
 Grant Number: _____
 Number of Units in Application: _____

Grant Dates: _____

Number of Participants: _____ Households: _____
 Number of Leavers: _____ Adult Leavers: _____

Number of Adults: _____
 Total Grant: _____

Adult Stayers: _____
 Amount Unspent: _____

Evaluation Criteria	2022 Benchmark/ Standard PSH	Program Performance	2023 Points Available	Awarded Points
Resource Utilization				
OBJ Occupancy / Utilization	95-100% = 10 90-94.99% = 8 85-89.99% = 5 80-84.99% = 2 100% = 10	70%	10	
OBJ Expenditures of HUD Grant Funds	95-99% = 8 90-94% = 4 85% -90% = 2	84%	10	
Participant Income and Resources				
SYS Percent of participants [18 years+] who sustained or increased <u>employment income</u> from entry to exit/follow up (leavers and stayers)	10%	31%	10	
SYS Percent of participants [18 years+] who sustained or increased <u>other cash income</u> from entry to exit/follow up (leavers and stayers)	55%	6%	10	
SYS Percent of participants [18+] with <u>mainstream non-cash benefits</u> (including health insurance) from entry to exit/follow-up (leavers and stayers)	35%	51%	5	
Serving a High Need Population				
OBJ Serving a high-need population – at least 50% of program participants had 2 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures on program entry	50% with 2 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures	97%	5	
OBJ Serving a high need population – at least 25% had 3 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures on program entry	25% with 3 or more harder to serve measures	69%	5	
System Engagement				
SYS [PSH only] percent remaining in PSH or exiting to other permanent housing (leavers and stayers)	90%	97%	10	
SYS [All Projects] Percent of participants who return to homelessness after permanent housing destination	Below 10% within 6 months	0%	5	
SYS [All Projects] Percent of participants who return to homelessness after permanent housing destination	Below 15% in 12 months	0%	5	
SYS [PSH] Average length of time (days) from program enrollment to housing move in date	60 days or less	100%	5	
OBJ [all projects] Percent of admissions referred through ADLH	100%	100%	5	
Consumer Engagement				
OBJ Completion/return rate of consumer surveys	At least 35%	0%	5	
Other Program Requirements				
OBJ Less than 5% null or missing values on any Universal Data Element	YES	yes	5	
OBJ Review: ADHL referral decline; and the following Reasons for Exit: noncompliance with program/disagreement with rules or persons/needs could not be met – review declined referrals and specified reasons for exit to assess compliance with Housing First	Reviews are conducted only for programs with greater than 10% (look at exit data on measures) of exits for noncompliance/disagreement with rules or needs that could not be met. Review denials and specified reasons for exit – points not awarded if evidence of Housing First is not being followed	0	5	
SCORING SUMMARY				
Total			100	0
Total Score, converted to a percentage		formula = (Points Awarded / Points Available for Scoring)		
Benchmark				
Reducing disparity in program outcomes (permanent dest., < returns, income, benefits, time from enrollment to housing move-in) among racial/ethnic minorities	Grantee has reviewed its policies and procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers		Not scored in 2023 – data collected for Benchmark purposes	
At least 10% of the governing board has lived experience of homelessness or there is greater representation on governing board in 2023 than in 2021	Representativeness of the agency board to persons served		Not scored in 2023 – data collected for Benchmark purposes	
Grand Total				

Scored Forms for One Project

2023 Individual RRH Program Evaluation Report

Agency Name: Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership
 HMIS Name: a_CNCAP CoC Veterans RRH, BOS
 Program Name: Vets RRH Renewal FY2021
 Grant Dates
 12.1.2021 to 11.30.2022

HMIS ID(s): 241

Component Type: RRH
 Grant Number: NE0090L7D002106
 Number of Units in Application: 12 Units
 14 Beds

Number of Participants: 27 Households: 15
 Number of Leavers: 12 Adult Leavers: 8

Number of Adults: 19

Adult Stayers: 11

Total Grant:

Amount Unspent:

	Evaluation Criteria	2022 Benchmark/ Standard RRH	Program Performance	2023 Points Available	Awarded Points
Resource Utilization					
OBJ	Occupancy / Utilization	95-100% = 10 90-94.99% = 8 85-89.99% = 5 80-84.99% = 2	63%	10	0
OBJ	Expenditures of Grant Funds	100% = 10 95-99% = 8 90-94% = 4 85% -90% = 2	88%	10	2
Participant Income and Resources					
SYS	Percent of participants [18 years+] who sustained or increased <u>employment income</u> from entry to exit/follow up (leavers and stayers)	20%	42%	10	10
SYS	Percent of participants [18 years+] who sustained or increased <u>other cash income</u> from entry to exit/follow up (leavers and stayers)	35%	68%	10	10
SYS	Percent of participants [18+] with <u>mainstream non-cash benefits</u> (including health insurance) from entry to exit/follow-up (leavers and stayers)	35%	63%	5	5
Serving a High Need Population					
OBJ	Serving a high-need population – at least 50% of program participants had 2 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures on program entry	50% with 2 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures	53%	5	5
OBJ	Serving a high need population – at least 25% had 3 or more 'Harder to Serve' measures on program entry	25% with 3 or more harder to serve measures	20%	5	0
System Engagement					
SYS	[RRH, TH and Joint RRH/TH] percentage of leavers who exit to permanent housing	85%	100%	10	10
SYS	[All Projects] Percent of participants who return to homelessness after permanent housing destination	Below 10% within 6 months	0%	5	5
SYS	[All Projects] Percent of participants who return to homelessness after permanent housing destination	Below 15% in 12 months	0%	5	5
SYS	[RRH] Average length of time (days) from program enrollment to housing move in date	90 days or less	100%	5	5
SYS	[all projects] percent of admissions referred through ADLH	100%	100%	5	5
Consumer Engagement					
OBJ	Completion/return rate of consumer surveys	At least 35%	0%	5	0
Other Program Requirements					
OBJ	Less than 5% null or missing values on any Universal Data Element	YES	yes	5	5
OBJ	Review: ADHL referral decline; and the following Reasons for Exit: noncompliance with program/disagreement with rules or persons/needs could not be met – review declined referrals and specified reasons for exit to assess compliance with Housing First	Reviews are conducted only for programs with greater than 10% (look at exit data on measures) of exits for noncompliance/disagreement with rules or needs that could not be met. Review denials and specified reasons for exit – points not awarded if evidence of Housing First is not being followed		5	5
SCORING SUMMARY					
Total				100	72
Total Score, converted to a percentage		formula = (Points Awarded / Points Available for Scoring)			
Benchmark					
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Grand Total					

Aug 7.5 Units/12 = 63

leavers 12 exit to perm 12

Average 2 days

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Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

The Nebraska Balance of State Continuum of Care (NE-500) did not reject or reduce any project during our CoC's local competition.

Notification of Projects Accepted

FY2023 NOFO Notification of Projects Accepted - Bos CoC



Jayson Schalk

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 Cc Jayson Schalk

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Congratulations! This is to inform you that the following applications have been accepted for inclusion in the Collaborative Application being submitted to HUD as part of the 2023 Continuum of Care NOFO Competition.

See the spreadsheet below (also attached) for the following:

- All accepted projects;
- all project rankings;
- all project scores;
- all funding amounts; and
- all reallocation funds.

Balance of State - Nebraska NE-500							
Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Score	Accepted/Rejected	Project Rank	Amount	Reallocated Funds	Project Type
Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc.	THRIVES 2023	70	Accepted	6	\$535,918	\$0	Renewal
Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc.	Vets RRH	72	Accepted	5	\$174,308	\$0	Renewal
Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska	SHP Renewal FY2023	40	Accepted	13	\$32,488	\$0	Renewal
Blue Valley Community Action, Inc.	PROJECT FIRST RRH FY 2023	65	Accepted	7	\$45,194	\$0	Renewal
Residential Assistance to Families in Transition	Residential Assistance to Families in Transition	80	Accepted	1	\$90,717	\$0	Renewal
Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska	Panhandle PSHP FY2023	65	Accepted	8	\$185,043	\$0	Renewal
Blue Valley Community Action, Inc.	BVCA Project FIRST TH Renewal Application 2023	55	Accepted	9	\$162,972	\$0	Renewal
Care Corps	PSH FY23	75	Accepted	2	\$224,947	\$0	Renewal
Region V Systems	Rural Permanent Housing Renewal FY 2023	47	Accepted	12	\$365,388	\$0	Renewal
Not Scored - per CoC Rank and Review Policy							
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	FY2023 NE BOS HMIS	N/A	Accepted	3	\$173,806	\$0	HMIS
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	FY2023 NE BOS Coordinated Entry	N/A	Accepted	4	\$71,632	\$0	CE
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	FY2023 NE BOS Planning	N/A	Accepted	N/A	\$214,523	\$0	Planning
Hope Harbor, Inc.	Joint TH-RRH Bonus Project Hope Harbor	N/A	Accepted	14	\$247,032	\$0	PH Bonus - New
Care Corps	TH/RRH Expansion FY23	N/A	Accepted	15	\$53,300	\$0	PH Bonus - New
Care Corps	TH/RRH FY23	N/A	Accepted	11	\$121,815	\$0	FY22 Project Start
The DOVES Program	DOVES & Bright Horizons	N/A	Accepted	10	\$470,472	\$0	FY22 Project Start
YHDP Renewal							
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Central Plains Center for Services	FY 23 RRH BOS	N/A	Accepted	N/A	\$99,872	\$0	YHDP
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Care Corps	YHDP TH/RRH FY23	N/A	Accepted	N/A	\$136,885	\$0	YHDP
Care Corps	YHDP PSH FY23	N/A	Accepted	N/A	\$73,417	\$0	YHDP
Care Corps	YHDP RRA FY23	N/A	Accepted	N/A	\$46,800	\$0	YHDP
YHDP Replacement							
CEDARS Youth Services	YHDP Replacement Project Application FY2023	N/A	Accepted	N/A	\$104,964	\$0	YHDP

Best,
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Final Project Scores for All Projects

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HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report

2023 HDX Competition Report

PIT Count Data for NE-500 - Nebraska Balance of State CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	542	425	482	558
Emergency Shelter Total	260	207	253	241
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	257	191	206	270
Total Sheltered Count	517	398	459	511
Total Unsheltered Count	25	27	23	47

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	19	36	39	35
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	16	30	34	24
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	3	6	5	11

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PIT Count Data for NE-500 - Nebraska Balance of State 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	65	41	55	61
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	64	40	55	59
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	1	1	0	2

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	39	21	11	22	19
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	18	19	10	21	15
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	21	2	1	1	4

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

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HIC Data for NE-500 - Nebraska Balance of State CoC

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	408	256	289	88.58%	119	119	100.00%	375	91.91%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	375	347	347	100.00%	28	28	100.00%	375	100.00%
RRH Beds	425	425	425	100.00%	0	0	NA	425	100.00%
PSH Beds	140	140	140	100.00%	0	0	NA	140	100.00%
OPH Beds	55	55	55	100.00%	0	0	NA	55	100.00%
Total Beds	1,403	1,223	1,256	97.37%	147	147	100.00%	1,370	97.65%

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Notes

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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	58	62	62	88

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	52	61	89	86

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	248	291	424	425

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HIC Data for NE-500 - Nebraska Balance of State CoC

2023 HDX Competition Report

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Summary Report for NE-500 - Nebraska Balance of State 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	1816	1838	43	49	6	16	19	3
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	2388	2461	80	78	-2	27	33	6

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.

2023 HDX Competition Report
FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	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")	1907	1904	121	141	20	37	43	6
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	2571	2681	163	184	21	54	63	9

2023 HDX Competition Report

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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	5	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Exit was from ES	530	73	14%	22	4%	37	7%	132	25%
Exit was from TH	304	35	12%	18	6%	20	7%	73	24%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	482	32	7%	12	2%	21	4%	65	13%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	1321	140	11%	52	4%	78	6%	270	20%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

2023 HDX Competition Report

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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	425	482	57
Emergency Shelter Total	207	253	46
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	191	206	15
Total Sheltered Count	398	459	61
Unsheltered Count	27	23	-4

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	2471	2545	74
Emergency Shelter Total	1875	1891	16
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	956	1136	180

2023 HDX Competition Report

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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)	45	58	13
Number of adults with increased earned income	7	17	10
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	16%	29%	13%

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)	45	58	13
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	11	13	2
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	24%	22%	-2%

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)	45	58	13
Number of adults with increased total income	16	27	11
Percentage of adults who increased total income	36%	47%	11%

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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)	269	269	0
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	87	56	-31
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	32%	21%	-11%

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)	269	269	0
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	16	23	7
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	6%	9%	3%

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)	269	269	0
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	96	73	-23
Percentage of adults who increased total income	36%	27%	-9%

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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.	2196	2348	152
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.	539	610	71
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)	1657	1738	81

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.	2718	2940	222
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.	616	680	64
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.)	2102	2260	158

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

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

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	0	6	6
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	0	1	1
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	0	0	0
% Successful exits		17%	

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	2412	2511	99
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	1062	1170	108
% Successful exits	44%	47%	3%

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	156	173	17
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	138	147	9
% Successful exits/retention	88%	85%	-3%

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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	373	289	328	306	292	369	141	138	193	230	291	424			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	306	256	295	306	292	369	141	138	193	230	291	424			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	82.04	88.58	89.94	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	2054	1875	1891	965	956	1136	148	163	196	918	1164	1265	6	1	6
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	1889	1722	1706	758	804	903	55	55	63	627	736	816	6	0	6
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	528	393	371	112	124	134	4	2	1	7	30	26	0	0	5
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	27.95	22.82	21.75	14.78	15.42	14.84	7.27	3.64	1.59	1.12	4.08	3.19	0.00		83.33

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Submission and Count Dates for NE-500 - Nebraska Balance of State 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	4/25/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/25/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/23/2023	Yes

Memorandum of Understanding
Care Corps' LifeHouse Apartments
Housing Leverage Commitment

Care Corps' LifeHouse exists to provide a path to stability to those most affected by poverty. Care Corps, Inc. is a homeless services provider currently administering HUD scattered site housing programs, including Permanent Supportive Housing, Transitional Housing, Rapid ReHousing, YHDP Permanent Supportive Housing, YHDP Transitional/Rapid ReHousing, and YHDP Rapid Response Assistance.

Care Corps, Inc. is the owner of ten 2-bedroom and five 3-bedroom low-income units in Fremont NE. They are 100% owned by Care Corps, Inc. dba Care Corps' LifeHouse Apartments; none of the units are or have been funded with ESG or CoC funds.

Understanding

Care Corps, Inc. desires to provide low-barrier permanent supportive housing opportunities to people experiencing homelessness in the Nebraska Balance of State CoC.

The commitment, as described in this MOU, is conditioned on Care Corps, Inc. successfully being awarded funds for this TH/RRH expansion grant.

In entering this MOU:

- a. Care Corps, Inc. confirms our commitment to successfully providing low-barrier permanent supportive housing to persons experiencing homelessness.
- b. Care Corps, Inc agrees to the following goals and standards in administering this housing program partnership:
 - i. Compliance with HUD and other federal regulations and requirements, as applicable, including ensuring participants served through this commitment meet both HUD's Special NOFO to Address Rural and Unsheltered Homelessness project eligibility criteria and Care Corps' LifeHouse Apartment eligibility criteria.
 - ii. Timely utilization of the Corps' LifeHouse Apartment and CoC program funds for eligible households; and
 - iii. Adhering to the details of this MOU.
- c. The following staff are liaisons for this agreement:

Tera Kucera
CEO

Jessica Timm
Director of Housing & Case Management

Care Corps, Inc. Commitment

1. Commit 2 units of subsidized housing to this TH/RRH funded project.
2. Commit staff and necessary resources to ensure that the application, certification, and low-income unit processes are completed in a timely manner.
3. Maintain eligibility criteria for the Care Corps LifeHouse Apartments that is no more restrictive than what is required by federal regulation.
4. Accept referrals for the project through the BoS CoC Coordinated Entry System.
5. Assist program participants in completing applications, obtaining required documentation, and required signatures.
6. Provide on-going housing stability case management to participants living in Care Corps' LifeHouse Apartments, including, but not limited to regular check-ins with participants, assistance in applying for and maintaining mainstream benefits/income such as SSI/SSDI, SNAP, and Childcare Assistance.

7. Connect/refer participants to other supportive services as needed, including, but not limited to health care, employment assistance and training, education services, legal services, and transportation.
8. Operate the program utilizing a Housing First model, including, but not limited to, no service participation requirements.

Timeframe of Commitment

Care Corps LifeHouse Apartment agrees to make the units available to this project upon the commencement of the Care Corps, Inc.'s project. Committed units will remain with the project through the duration of the 3-year grant term. This commitment may be extended upon the HUD grant for this project being renewed after its initial 3-year period.

In agreement with the commitment, signed by:



Tera Kucera, CEO
Care Corps, Inc.

09/08/2023

Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CARE CORPS LIFEHOUSE AND EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT (GOOD NEIGHBOR FREMONT)

This agreement is entered into by and between Care Corps' LifeHouse (hereinafter "CCLH") and East Central District Health Department (Good Neighbor Fremont) (Hereinafter "Provider").

Assistance Title: Emergency Homeless Shelter

Assistance Title: Joint Transitional/Rapid Re-Housing

Assistance Title: Permanent Supportive Housing

The purpose of this agreement is for the provision of medical/healthcare services. Healthcare may include treatment for physical health, mental health, and substance abuse. Project eligibility for program participants in the above listed projects will be based on CoC program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the health care service provider.

I. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE AND TERMINATION

- A. TERM. This memorandum of understanding went into effect November 1, 2018. Updated memorandum of understanding effective September 1, 2022.
- B. TERMINATION. This agreement may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent or by either party for any reason upon submission of a thirty (30) day notice.

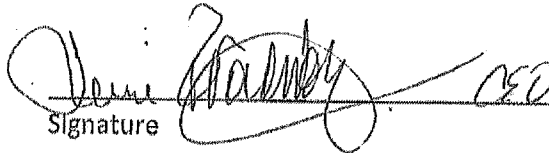
II. PAYMENT

- A. CCLH will continue to send a "voucher" for medical services. This voucher will have the housing source circled by issuing CCLH case manager upon arrival for the appointment with the Provider.
 - a. Emergency Homeless Shelter
 - b. Joint Transitional/Rapid Re-Housing
 - c. Permanent Supportive Housing
 - d. Rapid Re-housing

- B. Provider will only submit billings for services provided to individuals who present with a CCLH coupon. Charges for the visit will be printed by Provider and mailed to CCLH for reimbursement.
- C. CCLH will reimburse Provider at the current Medicaid Fee Schedule rate.
- D. Provider will waive the \$35.00 nominal office visit fee.
- E. CCLH will notify Provider when funding source is depleted, and Provider will then provide services in kind valued at the current medical fee schedule rate.
- F. CCLH will make payment via check to the Provider.

III. SIGNATURES

East Central District Health Department
(Good Neighbor Fremont)


 CEO

Signature

9.27.22

Date of Signature

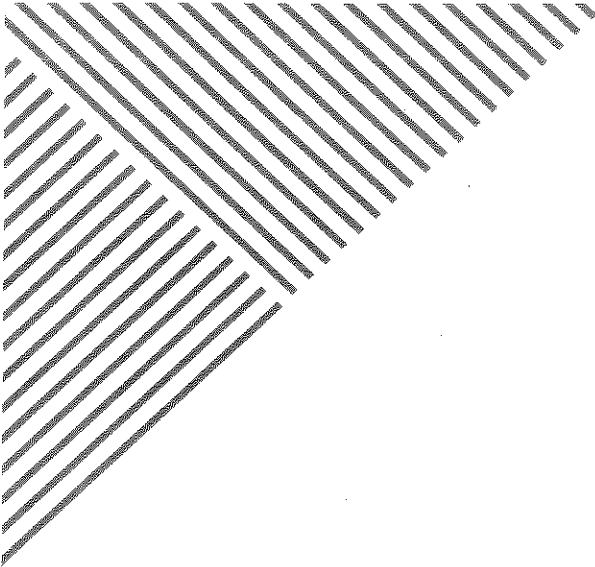
Care Corps' LifeHouse
Tera Kucera, CEO



Signature

9/27/2023

Date of Signature



Memorandum of Understanding Between Hope Harbor, Inc & Choice Family Health Care

This agreement is entered into by and between Hope Harbor and Choice Family Healthcare (Hereinafter "CFHC").

The purpose of this agreement is for the provision of medical/healthcare services. Healthcare may include treatment for physical health, mental health, and substance abuse. Project eligibility for program participants in the above listed project will be based on CoC program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the health care provider.

1. Period of performance and termination
 - a. TERM: This memorandum of understanding will go into effect September 1, 2023.
 - b. TERMINATION: This agreement may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent or by either party for any reason upon submission of a thirty (30) day notice.
2. Agreement
 - a. CFHC will provide access to its array of health services to all Hope Harbor program participants who qualify and chose the service.
 - b. Project eligibility for program participants at Hope harbor will be based on Continuum of Care Program Fair Housing requirements and will not be restricted by the service provider.
 - c. Access to services will be available throughout the entirety of the term.




Choice Family Health Care
Ryan King, Executive Director



Hope Harbor, Inc.
Liz Mayfield, Executive Director



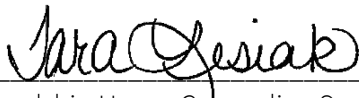


Memorandum of Understanding Between Hope Harbor, Inc & Friendship House Counseling Services

This agreement is entered into by and between Hope Harbor and Friendship House Counseling Services (Herinafter “Friendship House”).

The purpose of this agreement is for the provision of medical/healthcare services. Healthcare may include treatment for physical health, mental health, and substance abuse. Project eligibility for program participants in the above listed project will be based on CoC program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the health care provider.

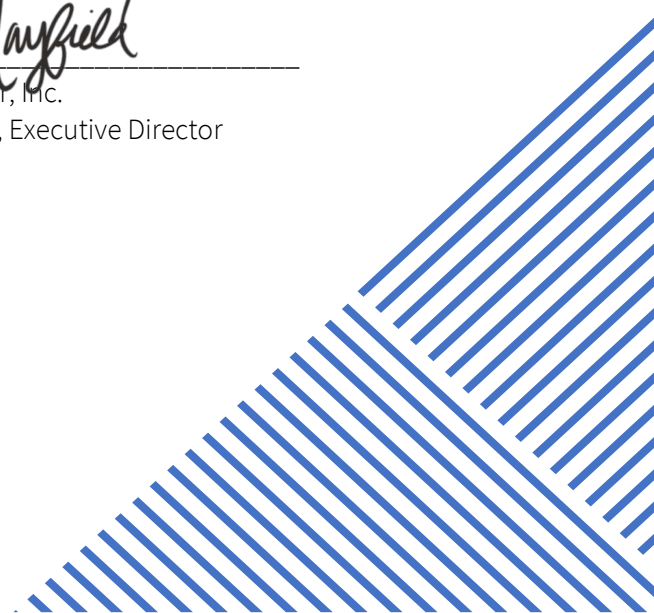
1. Period of performance and termination
 - a. TERM: This memorandum of understanding will go into effect September 1, 2023.
 - b. TERMINATION: This agreement may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent or by either party for any reason upon submission of a thirty (30) day notice.
2. Agreement
 - a. Friendship House will provide access to its array of health services to all Hope Harbor program participants who qualify and chose the service.
 - b. Project eligibility for program participants at Hope harbor will be based on Continuum of Care Program Fair Housing requirements and will not be restricted by the service provider.
 - c. Access to services will be available throughout the entirety of the term.

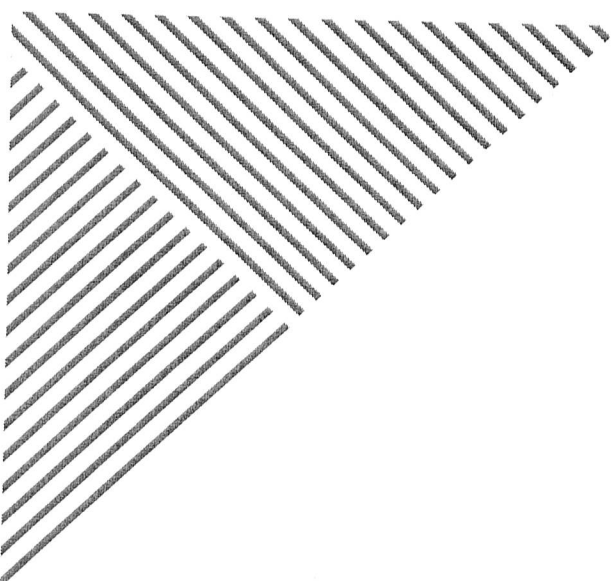


Friendship House Counseling Services
Tara Lesiak, Executive Director



Hope Harbor, Inc.
Liz Mayfield, Executive Director



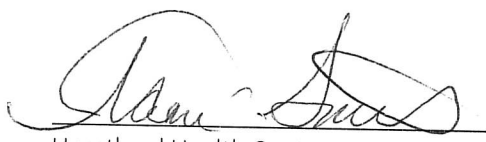


Memorandum of Understanding Between Hope Harbor, Inc & Heartland Health Center

This agreement is entered into by and between Hope Harbor and Heartland Health Center.

The purpose of this agreement is for the provision of medical/healthcare services. Healthcare may include treatment for physical health, mental health, and substance abuse. Project eligibility for program participants in the above listed project will be based on CoC program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the health care provider.

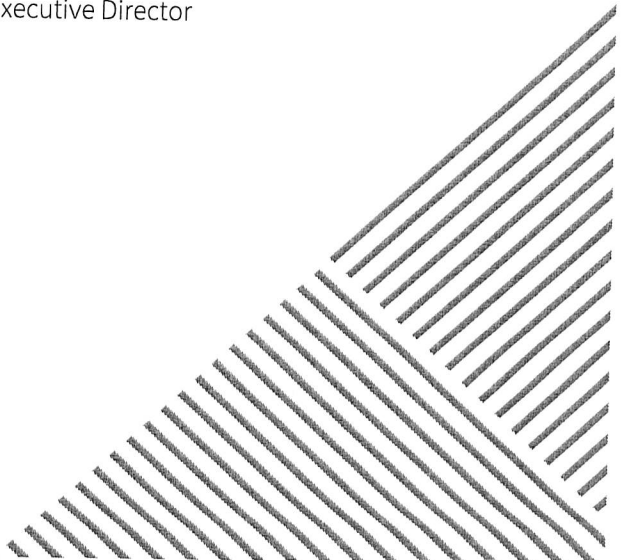
1. Period of performance and termination
 - a. TERM: This memorandum of understanding will go into effect September 1, 2023.
 - b. TERMINATION: This agreement may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent or by either party for any reason upon submission of a thirty (30) day notice.
2. Agreement
 - a. Heartland Health Center will provide access to its array of health services to all Hope Harbor program participants who qualify and chose the service.
 - b. Project eligibility for program participants at Hope harbor will be based on Continuum of Care Program Fair Housing requirements and will not be restricted by the service provider.
 - c. Access to services will be available throughout the entirety of the term.

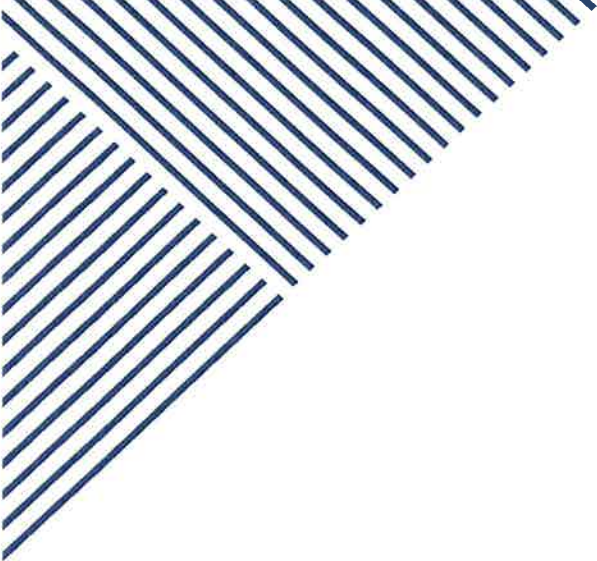


Heartland Health Center
Tami Smith, Chief Executive Director



Hope Harbor, Inc.
Liz Mayfield, Executive Director





Memorandum of Understanding Between Hope Harbor, Inc & Central District Health Department

This agreement is entered into by and between Hope Harbor and Central District Health Department (Hereinafter “CDHD”).

The purpose of this agreement is for the provision of medical/healthcare services. Healthcare may include treatment for physical health, mental health, and substance abuse. Project eligibility for program participants in the above listed project will be based on CoC program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the health care provider.


1. Period of performance and termination
 - a. TERM: This memorandum of understanding will go into effect September 1, 2023.
 - b. TERMINATION: This agreement may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent or by either party for any reason upon submission of a thirty (30) day notice.
2. Agreement
 - a. CDHD will provide access to its array of health services to all Hope Harbor program participants who qualify and chose the service.
 - b. Project eligibility for program participants at Hope harbor will be based on Continuum of Care Program Fair Housing requirements and will not be restricted by the service provider.
 - c. Access to services will be available throughout the entirety of the term.

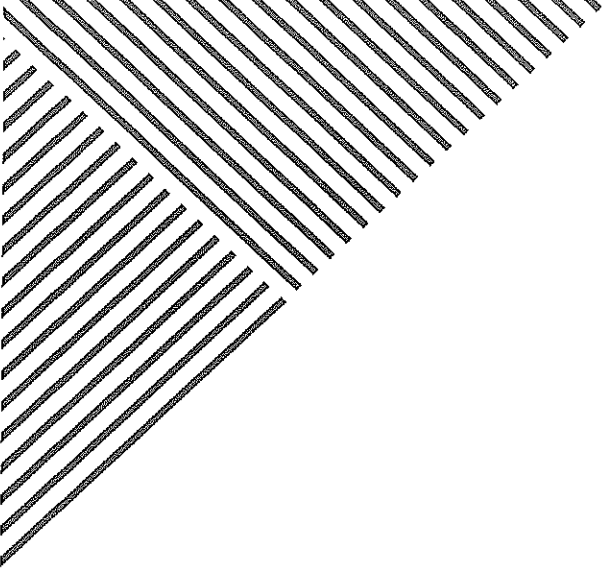


Central District Health Department
Teresa Anderson, Executive Director



Hope Harbor, Inc.
Liz Mayfield, Executive Director



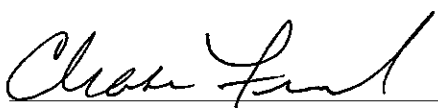


Memorandum of Understanding Between Hope Harbor, Inc & Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral Health

This agreement is entered into by and between Hope Harbor and Mid-Plains Center for Behavioral Health (Hereinafter "Mid-Plains").

The purpose of this agreement is for the provision of medical/healthcare services. Healthcare may include treatment for physical health, mental health, and substance abuse. Project eligibility for program participants in the above listed project will be based on CoC program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the health care provider.


1. Period of performance and termination
 - a. TERM: This memorandum of understanding will go into effect September 1, 2023.
 - b. TERMINATION: This agreement may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent or by either party for any reason upon submission of a thirty (30) day notice.
2. Agreement
 - a. Mid-Plains will provide access to its array of health services to all Hope Harbor program participants who qualify and chose the service.
 - b. Project eligibility for program participants at Hope harbor will be based on Continuum of Care Program Fair Housing requirements and will not be restricted by the service provider.
 - c. Access to services will be available throughout the entirety of the term.



Mid-Plains for Behavioral Health Services
Chase Francl, President/CEO



Hope Harbor, Inc.
Liz Mayfield, Executive Director



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: Board of Regents, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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 applications, 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	Comp Type	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Grant Term	Rank	PH/Reallocation	PSH/RRH	Expansion
Joint TH-RRH Bonu...	2023-09-07 15:55:...	Joint TH & PH-RRH	Hope Harbor, Inc.	\$247,032	1 Year	14	PH Bonus		
TH/RRH Expansion ...	2023-09-08 14:53:...	Joint TH & PH-RRH	Care Corps	\$53,300	1 Year	E15	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 applications, 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	Grant Term	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Rank	PSH/RRH	Comp Type	Consolidation Type	Expansion Type
Rural Permanent H...	2023-08-18 13:25:...	1 Year	Region V Systems	\$365,388	12	PSH	PH		
SHP Renewal FY2023	2023-08-18 11:13:...	1 Year	Community Action ...	\$32,488	13		TH		
FY2023 NE BOS Coo...	2023-08-18 14:48:...	1 Year	University of Neb...	\$71,632	4		SSO		
FY2023 NE BOS HMIS	2023-08-18 14:56:...	1 Year	University of Neb...	\$173,806	3		HMIS		
DOVES & Bright Ho...	2023-08-24 13:51:...	1 Year	The DOVES Program	\$470,472	10		Joint TH & PH-RRH		
PROJECT FIRST RRH...	2023-08-25 09:12:...	1 Year	Blue Valley Commu...	\$45,194	7	RRH	PH		
BVCA Project FIRS...	2023-08-25 09:07:...	1 Year	Blue Valley Commu...	\$162,972	9		TH		
Residential Assis...	2023-08-28 11:15:...	1 Year	Residential Assis...	\$90,717	1		TH		
TH/RRH FY23	2023-08-29 22:13:...	1 Year	Care Corps	\$121,815	E11		Joint TH & PH-RRH		Expansion
Panhandle PSHP FY...	2023-08-29 10:03:...	1 Year	Community Action ...	\$185,043	8	PSH	PH		
PSH FY23	2023-08-29 22:16:...	1 Year	Care Corps	\$224,947	2	PSH	PH		
THRIVE S 2023	2023-09-06 12:02:...	1 Year	Central Nebraska a ...	\$535,918	6	RRH	PH		
Vets RRH	2023-09-06 12:05:...	1 Year	Central Nebraska a ...	\$174,308	5	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.

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https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

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Project Name	Date Submitted	Grant Term	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Accepted?
FY2023 NE BOS Pla...	2023-08-24 16:26:...	1 Year	University of Neb...	\$214,523	Yes

Continuum of Care (CoC) YHDP Renewal Project Listing

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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.
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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.

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.

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
FY2023 NE BOS YHD...	2023-08-18 13:58:...	University of Neb...	\$86,164	SSO	1 Year	Yes	---		
FY2023 NE BOS YHD...	2023-08-18 14:09:...	University of Neb...	\$114,431	HMIS	1 Year	Yes	---		
BVCA FYRES YHDP R...	2023-08-25 10:14:...	Blue Valley Commu...	\$150,917	Joint TH & PH-RRH	1 Year	Yes	---		
FY 23 RRH BOS	2023-08-24 15:35:...	Central Plains Ce...	\$99,872	PH	1 Year	Yes	---	RRH	
FY 23 CPCS Coachi...	2023-08-24 15:31:...	Central Plains Ce...	\$314,620	SSO	1 Year	Yes	---		
YHDP RRA FY23	2023-08-29 22:08:...	Care Corps	\$46,800	PH	1 Year	Yes	---	RRH	
YHDP PSH FY23	2023-08-29 21:58:...	Care Corps	\$73,417	PH	1 Year	Yes	---	PSH	
YHDP Renewal FY 2...	2023-08-29 13:20:...	Communi ty Action ...	\$146,599	Joint TH & PH-RRH	1 Year	Yes	---		
YHDP 2023	2023-09-06 12:00:...	Central Nebraska ...	\$201,420	Joint TH & PH-RRH	1 Year	Yes	---		
Rural Transition ...	2023-09-08 09:26:...	Region V Systems	\$159,670	PH	1 Year	Yes	---	PSH	
YHDP TH/RRH FY23	2023-09-08 14:07:...	Care Corps	\$136,885	Joint TH & PH-RRH	1 Year	Yes	---		

Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name: FY2023 NE BOS YHDP Coordinated Entry
Project Number: 206285
Date Submitted: 2023-08-18 13:58:07.494
Applicant Name University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Budget Amount \$86,164
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)

Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name: FY2023 NE BOS YHDP HMIS
Project Number: 206284

Date Submitted: 2023-08-18 14:09:47.532
Applicant Name University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Budget Amount \$114,431
Project Type HMIS
Program Type HMIS
Component Type HMIS
Grant Term 1 Year
Priority Type HMIS

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Do you want to submit this project? Yes
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Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name: BVCA FYRES YHDP RENEWAL PROJECT 2023
Project Number: 206111
Date Submitted: 2023-08-25 10:14:58.845
Applicant Name Blue Valley Community Action, Inc.
Budget Amount \$150,917
Project Type Joint TH & PH-RRH
Program Type Joint TH & PH-RRH

Component Type Joint TH & PH-RRH
Grant Term 1 Year
Priority Type Joint TH & PH-RRH

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Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name: FY 23 RRH BOS
Project Number: 208211
Date Submitted: 2023-08-24 15:35:00.752
Applicant Name Central Plains Center for Services
Budget Amount \$99,872
Project Type PH
Program Type PH
Component Type PH
Grant Term 1 Year
Priority Type PH

Instructions

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Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name: FY 23 CPCS Coaching BOS
Project Number: 208210
Date Submitted: 2023-08-24 15:31:57.405
Applicant Name: Central Plains Center for Services
Budget Amount: \$314,620
Project Type: SSO
Program Type: SSO
Component Type: SSO
Grant Term: 1 Year
Priority Type: SSO

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Do you want to submit this project? Yes
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Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name: YHDP RRA FY23
Project Number: 209429
Date Submitted: 2023-08-29 22:08:10.509
Applicant Name: Care Corps
Budget Amount: \$46,800
Project Type: PH
Program Type: PH
Component Type: PH
Grant Term: 1 Year
Priority Type: PH

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Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name: YHDP PSH FY23
Project Number: 209699
Date Submitted: 2023-08-29 21:58:45.709
Applicant Name: Care Corps
Budget Amount: \$73,417
Project Type: PH
Program Type: PH
Component Type: PH
Grant Term: 1 Year
Priority Type: PH

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Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name: YHDP Renewal FY 2023 CAPWN
Project Number: 211126
Date Submitted: 2023-08-29 13:20:28.158
Applicant Name Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska
Budget Amount \$146,599
Project Type Joint TH & PH-RRH
Program Type Joint TH & PH-RRH
Component Type Joint TH & PH-RRH
Grant Term 1 Year
Priority Type Joint TH & PH-RRH

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Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name: YHDP 2023
Project Number: 211180
Date Submitted: 2023-09-06 12:00:34.626
Applicant Name Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc.
Budget Amount \$201,420
Project Type Joint TH & PH-RRH
Program Type Joint TH & PH-RRH
Component Type Joint TH & PH-RRH
Grant Term 1 Year
Priority Type Joint TH & PH-RRH

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Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name: Rural Transition Age Permanent Housing FY 2023
Project Number: 211052
Date Submitted: 2023-09-08 09:26:27.738
Applicant Name: Region V Systems
Budget Amount: \$159,670
Project Type: PH
Program Type: PH
Component Type: PH
Grant Term: 1 Year
Priority Type: PH

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Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name: YHDP TH/RRH FY23
Project Number: 209428
Date Submitted: 2023-09-08 14:07:48.596
Applicant Name: Care Corps
Budget Amount: \$136,885
Project Type: Joint TH & PH-RRH
Program Type: Joint TH & PH-RRH
Component Type: Joint TH & PH-RRH
Grant Term: 1 Year
Priority Type: Joint TH & PH-RRH

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Continuum of Care (CoC) YHDP Replacement Project Listing

Instructions:

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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.

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Project Name	Date Submitted	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Comp Type	Grant Term	Accepted?	Rank
YHDP Replacement ...	2023-09-07 16:55:...	CEDARS Youth Serv...	\$104,964	PH	1 Year	Yes	---

Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name: YHDP Replacement Project Application FY2023
Project Number: 213626
Date Submitted: 2023-09-07 16:55:28.502
Applicant Name: CEDARS Youth Services
Budget Amount: \$104,964
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
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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	\$2,654,700
New Amount	\$300,332
CoC Planning Amount	\$214,523
YHDP Amount - Competitive	\$0
YHDP Amount - Non-Competitive	\$1,635,759
Rejected Amount	\$0
TOTAL CoC REQUEST	\$4,805,314

Attachments

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (HUD-2991)	Yes	Certification of ...	09/20/2023
Other	No		
Other	No		
Project Rating and Ranking Tool (optional)	No		

Attachment Details

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

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Submission Summary

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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: Board of Regents University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Project Name: Fiscal Year 2023 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity

Location of the Project: 151 Whittier Research Center, 2220 Vine Street, Lincoln NE 68503-0861

Name of
Certifying Jurisdiction: Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement

Certifying Official
of the Jurisdiction Name: Matt Thomsen

Title: Program Manager

Signature: 

Date: 9/20/23

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.

Applicant Name	Project Name	Location of Project	Name of Certifying Organization
Hope Harbor, Inc.	Joint TH-RRH Bonus Project Hope Harbor	615 W 1st Street, Grand Island, NE 68801	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Care Corps	TH/RRH Expansion FY23	723 N. Broad St., Fremont, NE 68025	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	FY2023 NE BOS HMIS	151 Prem S. Paul Research Center at Whittier School, 2200 Vine Street, Lincoln, NE 68583-0861	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	FY2023 NE BOS Coordinated Entry	151 Prem S. Paul Research Center at Whittier School, 2200 Vine Street, Lincoln, NE 68583-0861	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Care Corps	TH/RRH FY23	723 N. Broad St., Fremont, NE 68025	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Care Corps	PSH FY23	723 N. Broad St., Fremont, NE 68025	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska	SHP Renewal FY2023	3350 10th Street, Gering, NE 69341	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska	Panhandle PSHP FY2023	3350 10th Street, Gering, NE 69341	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Blue Valley Community Action, Inc.	BCVA Project FIRST TH Renewal Application 2023	620 5th Street, PO Box 273, Fairbury, NE 68352	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Blue Valley Community Action, Inc.	PROJECT FIRST RRH FY 2023	620 5th Street, PO Box 273, Fairbury, NE 68352	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Residential Assistance to Families in Transition	Residential Assistance to Families in Transition	16 West 11th Street, Kearney, NE 68847	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc.	THRIVES 2023	626 N Street, Loup City, NE 68853	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement

Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc.	Vets RRH	626 N Street, Loup City, NE 68853	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	FY2023 NE BOS Planning	151 Prem S. Paul Research Center at Whittier School, 2200 Vine Street, Lincoln, NE 68583-0861	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Region V Systems	Rural Transition Age Permanent Housing FY 2023	1645 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68508	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	FY2023 NE BOS YHDP HMIS	151 Prem S. Paul Research Center at Whittier School, 2200 Vine Street, Lincoln, NE 68583-0861	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	FY2023 NE BOS YHDP Coordinated Entry	151 Prem S. Paul Research Center at Whittier School, 2200 Vine Street, Lincoln, NE 68583-0861	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Central Plains Center for Services	FY 23 RRH BOS	610 North 13th Avenue, Broken Bow, NE 68822	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Central Plains Center for Services	FY 23 CPCS Coaching BOS	610 North 13th Avenue, Broken Bow, NE 68822	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
CEDARS Youth Services	YHDP Replacement Project Application FY2023	6601 Pioneers Boulevard, Suite 1, Lincoln, NE 68506	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Blue Valley Community Action, Inc.	BCVA FYRES YHDP RENEWAL PROJECT 2023	620 5th Street, PO Box 273, Fairbury, NE 68352	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
The DOVES Program	DOVES & Bright Horizons	2035 10 th Street, Gering, NE 69341	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement

Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska	YHDP Renewal FY 2023 CAPWN	3350 10th Street, Gering, NE 69341	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Care Corps	YHDP TH/RRH FY23	723 N. Broad St., Fremont, NE 68025	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Care Corps	YHDP PSH FY23	723 N. Broad St., Fremont, NE 68025	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Care Corps	YHDP RRA FY23	723 N. Broad St., Fremont, NE 68025	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc.	YHDP 2023	626 N Street, Loup City, NE 68853	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement
Region V Systems	Rural Permanent Housing Renewal FY 2023	1645 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68508	Nebraska Balance of State, Non-Entitlement