

## 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 2022 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2022 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 2022 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

### Attachments

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

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

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

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

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- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** NJ-515 - Elizabeth/Union County CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** County of Union New Jersey

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

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** NJHMFA

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

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| <b>1B-1.</b> | <b>Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Sections VII.B.1.a.(1), VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.p., and VII.B.1.r.              |  |

In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:

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| 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                          | No  | No   |
| 2.  | Agencies serving survivors of human trafficking                                       | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 3.  | CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction  | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 4.  | Disability Advocates  | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 5.  | Disability Service Organizations  | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 6.  | EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)   | Yes                          | Yes   | No   |
| 7.  | Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons   | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 8.  | Hospital(s)   | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 9.  | Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations) | Nonexistent                  | No  | No   |
| 10. | Law Enforcement   | Yes                          | No  | No   |
| 11. | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates                                | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 12. | LGBTQ+ Service Organizations  | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 13. | Local Government Staff/Officials  | Yes                          | Yes   | No   |
| 14. | Local Jail(s)   | Yes                          | No  | No   |
| 15. | Mental Health Service Organizations   | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 16. | Mental Illness Advocates  | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |

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| 17. | Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 18. | Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons                                     | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 19. | Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities                           | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 20. | Other homeless subpopulation advocates  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 21. | Public Housing Authorities  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 22. | School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons   | Yes | Yes | No  |
| 23. | State Domestic Violence Coalition   | Yes | No  | Yes |
| 24. | State Sexual Assault Coalition  | Yes | No  | Yes |
| 25. | Street Outreach Team(s)   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 26. | Substance Abuse Advocates   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 27. | Substance Abuse Service Organizations   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 28. | Victim Service Providers  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 29. | Domestic Violence Advocates   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 30. | Other Victim Service Organizations  | 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. | Food Pantry & Congregate Feeding Sites  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 35. | Local Houses of Worship   | Yes | No  | No  |

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

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|    | 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 with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;   |
| 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. Individual CoC members and CoC staff invite new members on a regular basis and membership on the UC-CoC Committee is open to all interested parties on an ongoing basis. Solicitation of members is a continual process. An extensive email distribution list/list-serv is utilized to disseminate information on issues related to homelessness, including the availability of shelter and permanent housing beds, availability of new housing programs/vouchers, and funding available for Rapid Re-Housing. This ongoing dissemination of information serves as outreach to numerous organizations in an effort to solicit new members and raise awareness regarding homelessness, promote organizations that assist the homeless and highlight the needs of this most vulnerable population. All meetings are open to the public and meeting dates, times, and locations are listed on the County's website.
2. In addition, an Open Invitation to join the CoC Committee is located on the Union County Website under the heading of Human Services and CoC Homeless Services and is contained in the CoC Committee By-laws. All meetings are open to the public and meeting dates, times, and locations are listed on the County's website. Meetings are held virtually and in various locations throughout the CoC's geographic area in an effort to include all interested parties.
3. Homeless persons are encouraged to attend meetings and member organizations are asked to invite the homeless people they serve to ensure the needs expressed by homeless persons are considered and addressed in the planning of programs and services. The County of Union has several culturally specific and inclusive organizations that actively host a variety of programs and social events for the community, This includes the Office for LGBTQ Affairs, the Office for Persons with Disabilities & Special Needs, the Office on Women, the Office of Community Engagement & Diversity. These County Offices are often included in the CEAS/CoC meetings and involved during the annual Point in Time Count. PROCEED Inc., also offers a variety of targeted services for BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, and Latino(a)(x) persons and community members to address equity and inclusion.

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

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| Describe in the field below how your CoC: |  |
| 1.  | solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness; |
| 2.  | communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information; and   |
| 3.  | 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 is composed of housing developers/providers and advocates; emergency shelters; social service agencies; public entities, public housing authorities, education liaisons, law enforcement and public assistance agencies, (TANF, GA, SNAP, Medicaid, etc.); faith based organizations; advocates and consumers. Organizations are actively solicited to ensure comprehensive representation on this committee. Members are encouraged to express opinions on agenda topics and to raise new topics and concerns, including preventing/ending homelessness. Guest speakers are invited to provide information on new programs, entitlements, and initiatives.
2. The CoC's meetings are announced via public notifications (UC Website) in accordance with state local public meeting requirements. Meeting notices are sent to community based organizations via Listservs to provide opportunity for all interested parties to participate and discuss issues relevant to the County's homeless service system.
3. The full CoC meets 6 times annually. Each meeting features key topics and updates and community feedback is encouraged. The CoC has a number of subcommittees that focus on specific issues such as Code Blue/Motel Subcommittee, Coordinated Assessment Subcommittee and the Ranking Committee. These committees include any agency that has an interest in a particular topic, including both CoC and non-CoC members. Subcommittee reports are provided at all full CoC meetings and a CoC report is a standing agenda item at the UC Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC), a NJ state mandated committee where all social service/safety network and advocacy issues and concerns are discussed. Reports include recommendations for funding priorities, system gaps and system improvement strategies. Subcommittee meeting schedules are announced at full CoC meetings, where new members are solicited on an ongoing basis. A Countywide Needs Assessment was conducted in 2019, that solicited feedback from the public and others via focus groups, surveys and online surveys. The Assessment was released in February 2020 and is currently being updated (2022).

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:

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| 1. | that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;               |
| 2. | about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;   |
| 3. | about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and                                    |
| 4. | how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats. |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. On August 17, 2022 the CoC Lead sent out a detailed, written solicitation for proposals, via email, for the HUD CoC Program Competition to all service provider organizations in the geographic area. This included both funded and non-funded service provider agencies.
2. In addition, the solicitation was placed on the UC Website under the categories of Human Services & CoC Homeless Services. Extensive distribution Lists/List Servs of organizations serving the homeless, youth, veterans, victims of domestic violence and human trafficking, substance abuse and behavioral health programs, etc. are kept current by CoC staff and utilized in the solicitation process. Technical assistance was offered to potential applicants to review the local funding priorities, eligible activities and local selection process to ensure all potential applicants both previously funded agencies and agencies that have not received CoC funding in the past fully understood the process and could successfully submit a proposal.
3. All proposals were to be submitted electronically via email to the CoC lead agency. No provider organization was prevented from applying for HUD CoC funding and application criteria disadvantaged new agencies. All concept papers were evaluated on the same criteria which included: sponsor capacity; project type; dedicating/prioritizing chronically homeless persons, utilizing a housing first model, budget appropriateness and participation in local planning process/CoC Committee. Project scoring criteria included areas that enable agencies not previously funded through the CoC process to compete at an equal playing field with currently funded organizations. The CoC did receive proposals from agencies not currently funded through the CoC. The project priority listing and ranking procedures allowed for fair and equal participation and encouraged all community agencies to consider submitting proposals.
4. Access to appropriate technology has enabled the CoC to effectively communicate with persons with disabilities. Currently, the CEAS/CoC meetings are held via Zoom, which removes any transportation barriers and the meetings can be closed captioned as well. In addition, the County's website offers assistive technology capabilities, such as text enlargement and translation.

## 1C. Coordination and Engagement

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



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

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| Describe in the field below how your CoC: |  |
| 1.  | consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG and ESG-CV 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 within your CoC's geographic area so it could be addressed in Consolidated Plan update.  |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. There is 1 ESG Recipient located within the CoC geographic area: the County of Union. The County of Union actively participates in the CoC Committee. As such, the County of Union works collaboratively to determine funding priorities, develop and review performance standards and standardize methods for evaluating outcomes of ESG funded projects.
2. The ESG committees that make funding recommendations and decisions are composed of agencies that participate on the full CoC or CoC Subcommittees. This committee structure ensures each funding source is used most effectively to fill gaps in services and reduces duplication of effort. Focus groups including recipients and subrecipients meet to review and update funding priorities based on current and emerging needs.
3. Point in Time Count, HMIS, and Housing Inventory Chart data, are reviewed and discussed and CoC Performance Standards are applied to both CoC and ESG funded projects. In addition, performance outcomes are considered in the project selection process.
4. The CoC contributes data and information to the County of Union, Department of Economic Development, who submits the Consolidated Plan each year to HUD.

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

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| Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ensures emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing (PSH and RRH) do not deny admission or separate family members regardless of each family member's self-reported sexual orientation and gender identity: |
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| 1. | Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.  | Yes |
| 2. | Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.   | No  |
| 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 |

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| 5. | Sought assistance from HUD by submitting AAQs or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance of service providers. | Yes |
| 6. | Other. (limit 150 characters)   |     |
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| 1C-4. | CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, School Districts. |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.   |  |

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC collaborates with youth education providers, State Education Agency, Local Education Agency, and all school districts within the CoC geographic area through various meetings and committee work. In these partnerships, the importance of ensuring that children impacted by homelessness do not have barriers to education and/or transportation to education. Additionally, the Union County School District Directory is updated annually and includes the local district homeless liaisons contact information.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

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

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

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

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| 1C-5. | Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Collaborating with Victim Service Providers. |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.   |  |

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:

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| 1. | update CoC-wide policies; and  |
| 2. | ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors. |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The YWCA, who is the designated domestic violence provider in Union County, is in constant communication with the County and the CoC. Referral to the Domestic violence hotline and YWCA Family Justice Center create links for support services including but not limited to: counseling, child care, financial assistance, and other wraparound services. The Union County Rape Crisis Center participates in the CoC and operates a 24-Hour crisis intervention hotline for persons directly impacted by sexual assault. UCRCC also addresses referrals for dating violence and stalking survivors.

2. Within the CoC all providers CoC, ESG & other funded programs were provided trauma-informed training for all staff that provide housing and other services to ensure they meet the needs of survivors. Housing and/or services can be short/long term as indicated by the survivors need.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:

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| 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. The CoC coordinates to provide training for project staff that addresses best practices during the CEAS/CoC meetings and the YWCA hosts several semi-annual trainings throughout the year that all providers and CoC members can attend. In addition, the County's Rape Crisis Center (RCC) also offers workshops in schools, law enforcement, and community providers, who all contribute to Union County's CoC. The YWCA domestic violence shelter in Union County was faced by a fire in 2019 and are well on their way to rebuild the shelter and continued to offer outreach, advocacy, and training even while operating without a permanent structure. Their 24 hour hotline was kept alive and functional to serve the community at need, despite the destruction. This even continued during COVID.
2. The CoC coordinates training for Coordinated Entry Staff that addresses best practices during the CEAS/CoC meetings and the YWCA hosts several trainings throughout the year that all providers and CoC members can attend. In addition, the County's Rape Crisis Center (RCC) also offers workshops in schools, law enforcement, and community providers, who all contribute to Union County's CoC. These trainings are semi-annually.

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

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC uses 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 uses Osniium Software Inc. for the domestic violence provider in Union County. Osniium helps simplify the complex data collection and reporting requirements essential to sexual assault and domestic abuse support providers. The user-friendly design and layout enable fast and accurate data entry and reporting for VOCA, FVPSA, STOP/VAWA, HUD, to name a few. Using all the de-identified aggregate data from a comparable database within the CoC is used on a quarterly basis to assess the special needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors.

2. The CoC uses de-identified aggregate data to meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness during the PIT and HIC submission, as well as when the domestic violence provider submits quarterly and annual demographic reports. In addition, this information is used to identify the needs related to domestic violence and homelessness when submitting the projects APR and ranking for the CoC/SuperNOFO competition.

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| 1C-5c. | Communicating Emergency Transfer Plan to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.               |  |
|        | NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.  |  |
|        | Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance: |  |
|        | 1. the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures; and  |  |
|        | 2. the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer.  |  |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The YWCA Supportive Housing (SH) program is designed to be a one-year program with the possibility of six-month extensions. To qualify for SH: client must meet the requirements of YWCA: homelessness, victim of domestic violence (verification of disability) and requirements of the funder. Shelter stay is preferred but clients who otherwise meet criteria without a stay in the emergency shelter will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Clients must have children. Individual survivors that need alternate options are referred other SH programs within the CoC.

2. Clients are informed about SH during their stay in Emergency Shelter. Clients can apply to move into Supportive Housing if there are vacancies. Shelter Advocates refer appropriate clients to the Supportive Housing Case Manager who will complete an interview with the client. Next, the Supportive Housing Case Manager will meet with the Director of Residential to determine if the client is a good fit. In some situations, clients are referred by other internal programs.

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| 1C-5d. | Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.  |  |
|        | NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.   |  |
|        | Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area. |  |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

All clients in the Support Housing program work with the Supportive Housing Case Manager weekly to assist the clients with their goals. During the weekly sessions, the clients are referred to YWCA internal programs such as Counseling, Court Advocacy, STEP (Skills, Training, Empowerment Program) to help with employment and financial goals, and PALS (Peace: A Learned Solution) to offer creative art therapy to the children. Clients receive external referrals to community organizations such as: Proceed Inc., The Office of Victim Witness, Make the Road, Partners, Central Legal Services of NJ, Union County College and more.

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| 1C-5e. | Including Safety, Planning, and Confidentiality Protocols in Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. |  |
|        | NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.  |  |
|        | Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry includes:   |  |
|        | 1. safety protocols,   |  |
|        | 2. planning protocols, and   |  |
|        | 3. confidentiality protocols.  |  |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The Union County CoC Coordinated entry has safety protocols in place for a number of years to address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. Within the CoC all providers CoC, ESG & other funded programs were provided training for all staff to address safety, planning and confidentiality protocols in serving survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.
2. The Union County CoC Coordinated entry has planning protocols in place for a number of years to address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. Within the CoC all providers CoC, ESG & other funded programs were provided training for all staff to address safety, planning and confidentiality protocols in serving survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.
3. The Union County CoC Coordinated entry has confidentiality protocols in place for a number of years to address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. Within the CoC all providers CoC, ESG & other funded programs were provided training for all staff to address safety, planning and confidentiality protocols in serving survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.

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

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| 1. | Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?                          | Yes |
| 2. | Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)? | No  |

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| 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)? | No |
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| 1C-6a. | Anti-Discrimination Policy–Updating Policies–Assisting Providers–Evaluating Compliance–Addressing Noncompliance.<br><br>NOFO Section VII.B.1.f. |  |
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Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | whether your CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback;  |
| 2. | how your CoC assisted providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination; |
| 3. | 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. The Union County CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy based on stakeholder feedback given the CEAS/CoC Committee meetings and surveys.
2. The Union County CoC ensures that all projects have anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy that ensures the LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination. This is tracked through each subcontract for all projects. Compliance is verified annually.
3. The Union County CoC evaluates compliance with the CoC's anti-discrimination policies on a quarterly basis during the CEAS/CoC Sub-Committee meetings.
4. The Union County CoC evaluates noncompliance with the CoC's anti-discrimination policies on a quarterly basis during the CEAS/CoC Sub-Committee meetings. Recommendations are then presented for a vote in the main CEAS/CoC Committee for action.

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| 1C-7. | Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy.<br><br>NOFO Section VII.B.1.g. |  |
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You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the FY 2021 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 2021 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? |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| City of Elizabeth Housing Authority | 19%   | Yes-Both  | Yes   |

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|------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Plainfield Housing Authority | 0% | No | No |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|

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| <b>1C-7a. Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.</b> |  |
| NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.   |  |

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

- The UC-CoC strongly encourages all Public Housing Authorities within the CoC's geographic area to adopt general or limited homeless preference policies on an ongoing basis. The two largest Public Housing Authorities are the Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth and the Housing Authority of Plainfield. Both are active UC-CoC members and are partners in seven CoC funded projects for a total of 160 units of housing dedicated for homeless individuals and families. The UC-CoC advocates for the adoption of homeless preference policies, however it must be noted that the waiting lists for Housing Choice Vouchers/Section 8/Public Housing in Union County are currently closed because they are several years long. PHAs are unable to open lists and accept new applications due to the massive numbers of individuals and families currently on waiting lists. In Union County, the demand for subsidized housing far exceeds the available vouchers. Waiting lists in some areas are 10 years long. Both PHAs have absorbed CoC clients into their mainstream vouchers. For example, the Housing Authority of Elizabeth had a unit utilization rate of 95% for their 20 unit project.
- Not applicable.

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

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

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| 1. | Multifamily assisted housing owners                | Yes |
| 2. | PHA  | Yes |
| 3. | Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments | Yes |
| 4. | Local low-income housing programs                  | Yes |
|    | Other (limit 150 characters)                       |     |
| 5. |  |     |



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

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

|    |  |     |
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| 1. | Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)                   | Yes |
| 2. | Family Unification Program (FUP)                   | Yes |
| 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                | Yes |
| 7. | Public Housing                                     | Yes |
| 8. | Other Units from PHAs:                             |     |
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| 1C-7d. | Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness. |  |
|        | NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.   |  |

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

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

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

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

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| <b>PHA</b>           |
| Elizabeth Housing... |

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

**Name of PHA:** Elizabeth Housing Authority

## 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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| 1. | Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition.   | 18   |
| 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 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.  | 18   |
| 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 2022 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing. | 100% |

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

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | how your CoC evaluates every recipient—that checks Housing First on their Project Application—to determine if they are actually 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 the competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.                                 |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC evaluates projects' policy and implementation of the Housing First approach in two ways: Regular internal and system assessments: Internal-Project representatives use the HUD Housing First Assessment Tool available on the HUD Exchange website to conduct self-assessments for their programs. They are encouraged to use the Tool any time they make a policy or procedural change, but may use the tool at any time. The CoC reviews this document and provides statistical information to the Ranking Committee. The Committee discusses if there are inconsistencies. Project may be referred for performance improvement related to Housing First implementation as a result of the Project Review process.
2. During this year's evaluation, the following System Performance Measures and Factors were used by the CoC: Add in the SPMs from the ranking tool.
3. The CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of the competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach in 2 ways: the County's Independent Monitoring Unit and quarterly voucher submissions. The County's Independent Monitoring Unit goes out to project participants once per subcontract contract year to ensure compliance and the Housing First Approach is part of subcontract compliance. Quarterly submission of vouchers are thoroughly checked by program staff to also ensure compliance with the Housing First approach.

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| 1D-3. | Street Outreach—Scope.   |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.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. Street Outreach is provided by Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services (BWY), Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless (ECHH), Covenant House (CH) & Community Access Unlimited (CAU). Street Outreach workers seek out homeless persons who are identified by local law enforcement, citizens, concerned family and friends and other advocates. Trained workers meet homeless individuals and families, where they are, and work to gain trust and offer services and shelter, including linkages to permanent housing whenever possible. Street Outreach services are provided to all municipalities within the CoC geographic area.
2. In Union County, Street Outreach teams go out at least once a week for an average of 2-3 hours per week, which equates to about 15 hours a month.
3. Street Outreach teams also outreach in known areas where homeless people congregate such as soup kitchens and other feeding sites on a regular basis. Contact information for Street Outreach services is listed on the County's website under the heading of Homeless Services. BWY, ECHH, CH & CAU are recognized experts in addressing the needs of adults and youth with mental health issues & developmental disabilities making them uniquely qualified to reach those who are unlikely to request assistance. In addition, UC-CoC conducts an Annual Street Outreach and Count as part of the PITC. Individuals and families identified through the PITC are provided immediate shelter and linkages to services. Bridgeway also implements Homeless Outreach and Support Team (HOST), which prioritizes transition age youth ages 16-24, and those with co-occurring substance use disorders. While youth are specifically targeted, this program is available to all persons experiencing homelessness.
4. The CoC's approach to Street Outreach tailors its approach, especially when engaging persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance. Such persons are engaged via a variety of ways, including repeat visits that assess and provide their basic needs, such as food, water and hygiene supplies. In addition, Bridgeway, one of the CoC's street outreach providers, gives out street outreach bracelets to this population, to let police, medics, and other first responders know that they have been engaged and in contact with the provider. Also, the street outreach teams ensure to communicate that they will be coming back at a specific time and date to build trust and begin to work towards a more stable living situation.

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| <b>1D-4.</b> | <b>Strategies to Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section VII.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:

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

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| 1D-5. | Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC). |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.  |  |

|  |   | 2021 | 2022 |
|--|---|------|------|
|  | Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC—only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of “Current.” | 88   | 206  |

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| 1D-6. | Mainstream Benefits–CoC Annual Training of Project Staff. |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.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:

|    | Resource                                     | CoC Provides Annual Training? |
|----|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Food Stamps                                  | Yes                           |
| 2. | SSI–Supplemental Security Income             | Yes                           |
| 3. | TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families | Yes                           |
| 4. | Substance Abuse Programs                     | Yes                           |
| 5. | Employment Assistance Programs               | Yes                           |
| 6. | Other (limit 150 characters)                 |                               |
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| 1D-6a. | Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance. |  |
|        | NOFO Section VII.B.1.m  |  |

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. All CoC project participants are assisted in applying for mainstream benefits by program staff. Legal Services of Central Jersey & Community Health Law Project actively participate in CoC/CEAS meetings, offering representation to those denied mainstream benefits. The CoC systematically keeps program staff up to date regarding available resources by including representatives from mainstream benefits programs such as SNAP, TANF, SSI, detox and substance abuse programs, etc. in CoC meetings. New regulations are explained via presentations at CoC meetings and updated information and regulations are shared electronically with service providers. New programs are invited to join the CoC & provide presentations on services provided, including eligibility & referral procedures at CoC meetings. New program and resource information is distributed at CoC meetings & is emailed to an extensive contact list to ensure wide dissemination of information. The Union County CoC Lead and CoC staff are responsible for overseeing this strategy.
2. The CoC 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 in a variety of ways. All projects are part of the CoC committee, which encompasses all homeless providers, which includes both substance abuse and mental health service providers.
3. All CoC project participants are assisted in applying for mainstream benefits by program staff. Legal Services of Central Jersey & Community Health Law Project actively participate in CoC/CEAS meetings; offering representation to those denied mainstream benefits. The CoC systematically keeps program staff up to date regarding available resources by including representatives from mainstream benefits programs such as SNAP, TANF, SSI, detox and substance abuse programs, etc. in CoC meetings. New regulations are explained via presentations at CoC meetings and updated information and regulations are share electronically with service providers. New programs are invited to join the CoC & provide presentations on services provided, including eligibility & referral procedures at CoC meetings. New program and resource information is distributed at CoC meeting & is emailed to an extensive contact list to ensure wide dissemination of information. The Union County CoC Coordinator and CoC staff are responsible for overseeing this strategy.

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

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| Describe in the field below how your CoC is increasing its capacity to provide non-congregate sheltering. |
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**(limit 2,500 characters)**



The CoC is increasing its capacity to provide non-congregate shelter through shelter diversion programming through local funding. The CoC and partner agencies work with homeless individuals and families that may be diverted from entering emergency shelter. The focus is on crisis intervention to develop a plan that identifies where homeless persons will sleep that night, the next night and throughout the short-term. Households are diverted from shelter placement within 7-14 days with the goal of being housed within 30 days. Through shelter diversion programming, case management connects persons to services and flexible financial assistance to permit the family to establish/maintain suitable housing in lieu of entering a shelter. The CoC works to initiate and identify housing options to return individuals and families back to long-term housing stability. Motel/hotel placements also assist in the expansion of non-congregate sheltering for homeless persons affected by COVID and during weather-related emergencies.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The Union County CoC works closely with the State and Local public health agencies. This was only strengthened when COVID-19 hit our area in March 2020. Within the County of Union, the Department of Human Services and the Office of Emergency Management have worked collaboratively with the CoC to reduce infectious disease outbreaks for persons experiencing homelessness since August 2007 when the Code Blue program was established. The development of policies and procedures for the program were established CoC-wide and in partnership with the CoC and Local/County police and Emergency management.

2. To assist with preventing infectious disease outbreak, the CoC works with local organizations to immediately establish non-congregate sheltering through utilizing hotel/motel rooms. This helps to prevent and reduce the spread of an infectious disease, including COVID-19. The County in collaboration with the CoC provided persons experiencing homelessness access to the COVID-19 rapid testing, COVID-19 vaccinations and all necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Wellness vaccinations are also offered through the Union County Immunization Clinic for adults and children.

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| ID-8a.  | Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.           |  |
| NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.   |   |  |
| Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively equipped providers to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants by: |   |  |
| 1.  | sharing information related to public health measures and homelessness, and |  |

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|  | 2. facilitating 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. |
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**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The County of Union equipped providers within the CoC to prevention and limit infectious disease outbreak (such as COVID-19) to persons experiencing homelessness (which also includes CoC program participants) through access to the COVID-19 rapid testing, COVID-19 vaccinations, wellness immunizations, flu clinics and all necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Outdoor events were held CoC-wide utilizing the County's Mobile Unit. Information about these events were publicized at various location CoC-wide where persons experiencing homelessness might congregate.

2. The CoC facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers through the use of Union County First Alert, County Food Distribution events, Union County website and the County's Vaccine clinics, which helped share vital information about infectious disease resources and provide vital services throughout the CoC geographic area.

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

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

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| 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 Union County CoC's coordinated entry system covers 100% of the CoC geographic area through NJ 2-1-1, the Union County Division of Social Services(Elizabeth/Plainfield offices), and is in all CoC project subcontracts as a requirement of the funding.

2. The Union County CoC's coordinated entry system utilizes a standardized assessment process based on the housing available and prioritization is given to: Chronic Homelessness, Victims of Domestic Violence, and Most Vulnerable populations (2 or more disabling conditions).

3. The Union County CoC receives regular feedback from persons experiencing homelessness and utilizing the coordinated entry system through the NJ 2-1-1 and Union County Human Services Action Line. Participating projects can provide their feedback during the CEAS/CoC Coordinated Entry Sub-Committee meetings where providers such as NJ 2-1-1 are invited to go over questions and concerns.

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

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

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|  | 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 Union County CoC has various approaches to outreach persons experiencing homelessness. Outside our Outreach team, the CoC hosts community events at locations throughout the CoC geographic area where persons in need are and can be engaged in a friendly/safe environment. Community events include our food distribution, mobile shower/laundry program, resource fairs, etc.
2. The CoC’s coordinated entry system prioritizes people most in need of assistance through case conferencing which is a sub-group of the Union County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System and Continuum of Care Committee. Based on the housing available, prioritization is given to: Chronic Homelessness, Victims of Domestic Violence, and Most Vulnerable populations (2 or more disabling conditions). Additionally this falls in line with the FY2022 CoC SuperNOFO priorities.
3. The CoC’s coordinated entry system utilizes best practices to work towards ending homelessness. One of the most effective best practices has been for projects to utilize a Housing First approach to housing. All persons experiencing homelessness that are assessed during the above noted case conferencing that meet the prioritization categories, are placed in permanent housing in a timely manner. This is in line with the program participants preferences.
4. The Union County CoC streamlines access to resources at multiple locations through the CoC geographic area. The CoC streamlines wait time in accessing emergency housing placement and supports by funneling calls and scheduling in person/virtual meetings to rapidly address imminent need for resources and services. The CoC utilizes a no-wrong door approach for persons experiencing homelessness that need access to housing and/or services.

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

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| 1. | Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?     | Yes        |
| 2. | Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities. | 09/22/2022 |

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| 1D-10a. | Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities—Identifying Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance.             |  |
|         | NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.  |  |
|         | Describe in the field below:   |  |
| 1.      | your CoC's process for analyzing whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and |  |
| 2.      | what racial disparities your CoC identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.                                     |  |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC process for analyzing whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance involves the examining of HMIS Universal Data Elements and System Performance Measures. The CoC Senior Program Development Specialist, who oversees data quality for the CoC, regularly checks the above listed elements and measures throughout the year and communicates with the providers when errors are present or data is missing. Starting in November 2021, data quality reports were shared with all CoC providers on 12 separate occasions throughout the year. The constant monitoring of this data allows the CoC to see if and where racial disparities.

2. The CoC identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance that Union County shows a preference for BIPOC in permanent housing placements. According to the 2021 Census, the demographic makeup of Union County is 56.2% White, 21.2% Black, 5.1% Asian, 0.3% Native American/Alaskan, 2 or more races 2.7%, and of the above mentioned races 31.1% are Hispanic/Latino(a)(x). Based on the Stella P data from the past three years, on average 66.66% persons served in permanent housing are Black, which is more than three times the percentage of the number of black persons living in Union County. We also studied clients who were both exiting and being admitted to Permanent Supportive Housing, the result being that our CoC shows a preference to BIPOC and Latino(a)(x) persons.

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| 1D-10b. | Strategies to Address Racial Disparities. |  |
|         | NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.                   |  |

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

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| 1. | The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.  | 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 |

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| 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)   |     |
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| 1D-10c. | Actions Taken to Address Known Disparities. |  |
|         | NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.                     |  |

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Homeless Service Providers in the CoC took action in 2 key ways:  
 1) Outreach: CoC is targeting outreach to landlords to assist and expand/promote Coordinated Entry. Partnered with local public /provider service organizations to best serve the CoC geographic area.  
 2) Raising awareness: CoC conducted community education and landlord conversations to increase knowledge of housing disparities and build cross sector relationships & strategies to reduce disparities. The CoC supported the efforts above and took 2 additional steps:  
 Prioritization: The CoC removed the VI-SPDAT from its Coordinated Entry assessment and prioritized rental assistance to households with past justice involvement or rental/payment history due to disparate impact on households. The CoC also approved reviewing racial equity outcomes of CoC projects in 2023.  
 Coordination: The CoC is working on establishing an equity-focused workgroup to implement the pilot project region-wide. In addition, upon review of all those served in the SuperNOFO funded projects for FY 20 (2021-2022), 60.58% were Black, 24.76% Hispanic/Latino(a)(x), 2.88% Asian and Native American.

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

Describe in the field below the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The measures that the CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision/outcomes of homeless assistance includes hiring of staff that reflects the community's diverse demographic characteristics. This then results in a CoC that not only understands the cultural and racial diversity of Union County, but are also able to speak Spanish, French Creole, Portuguese and Arabic, the four most commonly spoken languages in the County immigrant community. Persons accessing homeless assistance are able to connect with providers who understand and respect their needs on a visceral level.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC's outreach efforts engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership role and decision making processes through the use of bilingual program flyers, the County's social media channels, and opportunities to volunteer and work at various community events. The County's vaccine clinic, food distribution events, the Fresh Start Mobile shower, laundry, and bathroom program, American Job Center hiring events and career focused programs, and service fairs that were held in conjunction with FEMA post-Hurricane Ida are some of the examples of outreach events held throughout the CoC, from eastern to central to western Union County.

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

Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the five 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 and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.  | 13  | 11  |
| 2. | Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing. | 8   | 8   |
| 3. | Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.  | 7   | 7   |
| 4. | Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.  | 54  | 52  |
| 5. | Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.                                       | 0   | 0   |

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| 1D-11b. | Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness. |  |
|         | NOFO Section VII.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)**

All of the non-profit providers that partner with the CoC offer opportunities for professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness. During this year's Community Action Week, PROCEED and Urban League both offered professional development opportunities. In addition, the Union County American Job Center and PROCEED hosts job fairs throughout Union County. From November 2021 to present, the Union County American Job Center has hosted three different hiring events with Walgreens, IKEA and PepsiCo. The Union County Division of Social Services and the Union County American Job Center provide direct employment supports to Workforce NJ recipients (both GA & TANF populations) which include homeless and at-risk of homelessness households. Throughout several of the non-profit providers/partners, successful graduates from the CoC program have been employed, such as the Gateway Family YMCA, PROCEED, and Central Jersey Legal Services.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Through implementing surveys for the CEAS/CoC community as well as participants in community events, the Union County CoC has been able to gain feedback from individuals receiving assistance through both the CoC and the ESG programs. Community events such as the Food Distribution events, Fresh Start - a mobile shower and laundry facility, and Division of Social Services outreach events are opportunities where persons experiencing homelessness can give feedback about their needs and concerns. The Union County Human Services Action Line is another outlet that can be accessed to give feedback to the CoC and the County's community leaders.

2. The CoC routinely gathers feedback from persons experiencing homelessness as well as persons who received services under the CoC/ESG programs through anonymous surveys and direct feedback at various program events within the CoC. Through the Division of Social Services, the CoC has been able to readily address the challenges raised by persons with lived experience of homelessness. The office is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm to the public. In addition, the development of the Union County Human Services Action Line is another opportunity for community members to share their concerns and challenges and ensure that the proper referral is given. In addition, As challenges are raised by persons experiencing homelessness as well as persons with lived experiences, the CoC looks to address the issue immediately. The CoC will set up a case conferencing meeting with community providers, local/County/State partners. During this meeting they discuss the issue, address any barriers to resolving the issue and develop a plan to put into action.

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| 1D-12.  | Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.<br>NOFO Section VII.B.1.t.               |  |
| Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months that 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 Union County CoC works with the NJ Department of Community Affairs in conjunction with the Fair Housing Act Administration through the Council on Affordable Housing to ensure that communities throughout the CoC's geographic area amend local zoning and land policies to permit more housing development. The Union County CoC gets quarterly updates and provides information at the CEAS/CoC Committee meetings.

2. The Union County CoC works closely with the Union County Department of Economic Development, City of Elizabeth, and the Township of Union, who all receive HOME and CDBG grant funding. The CoC actively participates in various Committee meetings in all jurisdiction noted above and advocates to reduce regulatory barriers to housing development within the CoC's geographic area.



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

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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|  | Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC's local competition. | 08/17/2022 |
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| 1E-2. | Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.   |  |

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

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| 1. | Established total points available for each project application type.  | Yes |
| 2. | At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH). | Yes |
| 3. | At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).   | Yes |
| 4. | Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.  | Yes |
| 5. | Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.   | Yes |

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

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

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| 1. | What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)? | 115    |
| 2. | How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?                                    | 17     |
| 3. | What renewal project type did most applicants use?                                | PH-PSH |

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC collected and analyzed data for each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing through the use of HMIS. The System Performance Measures (SPMs), Annual Performance Reports (APRs) and Stella P.
2. The CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing through the use of the systems noted above as well as the data from Code Blue season, which runs from November - March every year. The attention to permanent housing placement is heightened during this season.
3. The CoC Priority Ranking Committee, (CPR) reviewed the following severity of needs & vulnerabilities experienced by program participants in the project ranking & selection process, modeled after the HUD ranking tool and the maximum number of points per project was 115. The categories considered for all FY 2022 projects included performance measures and project effectiveness (40 points total), serving high need populations (20 points total), equity factors (20 points total), project financial information (15 points total), participation in local priorities (10 points total), and bonus points that included considerations of exceeding the 25% match criteria, utilizing more of rental assistance/leasing dollars, and servicing youth (up to 10 points total). For this year's review, data pulled from SPMs, APRs, SAGE and Stella P was presented to the committee to provide objective criteria for scoring. The Final Ranking Recommendations, based on the Project Evaluation/Scoring Tool results, were then presented to the full CEAS/CoC body for final approval.
4. The CoC gave considerations to the following projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations: the YWCA, which serves domestic violence survivors, Covenant House which serves young mothers and their babies, and projects that serve chronically homeless persons. For example, the Elizabeth Housing Authority (EHA) and Bridgeway (BWY) Chronically Homeless project, which was ranked #1 by the ranking committee, had the lowest utilization rate for beds (47%), however 100% of the persons served were chronically homeless. 5 of the 8 total persons served by the project were homeless for 1-2 or more years. In addition, this project serves 6 persons with mental health concerns, 1 with substance abuse concerns upon admission, and all persons served in the project are either BIPOC (black indigenous people of color) or Hispanic/Latino(a)(x).

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| 1E-3. | Promoting Racial Equity in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.  |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.   |  |
|       | Describe in the field below:  |  |
| 1.    | how your CoC obtained input and included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population;  |  |
| 2.    | how the input from persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, affected how your CoC determined the rating factors used to review project applications;   |  |
| 3.    | how your CoC included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, in the review, selection, and ranking process; and  |  |
| 4.    | 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 Union County CoC obtained input and included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process. Ranking factors for project reviews were developed and are revised each year with input from the CoC community. Based on the most recent CoC demographic survey, 32% of regular participants have lived experience of homelessness, 14% are persons of color, and 35% have experience with domestic violence. Input is collected via survey and in-meeting small group conversations.

2. The Local Competition Review and Ranking committee responsible for review, selection and ranking is gathered from a diverse group of persons from the CoC community. Their different races, genders, sexual orientation and professional backgrounds contributed to lively discussion and evaluation of the projects being considered.

3. The Union County CoC Ranking Committee consisted of 5 people: 2 women, 3 men of which 1 identified as an East Indian, 2 black, 2 white. These 5 people represent program staff, supervisors, directors and community advocates with varied educational backgrounds and experiences with all target populations.

4. The Union County CoC's existing projects work with a great deal of persons of different races and ethnicities in comparison to the demographic breakout within the CoC geographic area. During the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process all factors were considered, including but not limited to persons with disabilities, veterans, chronic homeless, families, race, ethnicity, mental health, and substance abuse. Equity factors, project system performance measures (SPMs), project financial information and participation in local priorities were also considered. The ranking tool was established to objectively examine all factors for each and every project, thus eliminating barriers and better serving the local homeless population.

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

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed; |
| 2. | whether your CoC identified any projects through this process during your 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 UC-CoC considers reallocation at the CoC Priority Ranking Committee (CPR) meeting(s). This process includes a review of HUD priorities, gaps analysis of homeless populations and types of housing and services available in the community, utilization rates, quarterly reviews of HMIS data including the PIT and HIC counts and data trends over time, annual monitoring and threshold review data of the current CoC and ESG funded programs, and prioritizing needs of sub-populations (As described above). Any decision to reallocate occurs at the recommendation of the CPR. The recommendation is then presented to the full CEAS/CoC Committee for review/approval. In addition, CoC Projects can be voluntarily reallocated. Currently funded CoC project applicants interested in voluntarily reallocating notify the UC-CoC in writing of their intent no later than 2 weeks prior to the due date of HUD’s Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW). The GIW serves as UC-CoC’s tool to identify Project Applicants’ intent to reapply for CoC funding. All renewal projects are reviewed and monitored by the Union County Department of Human Services (UCDHS) - Independent Monitoring Unit. Performance and project viability are analyzed. UCDHS staff provides technical assistance, correcting technical inaccuracies if they arise. Through the reallocation process, the UC-CoC ensures that projects submitted with the CoC Collaborative Application align with the HUD CoC funding priorities and contribute to a competitive application that secures HUD CoC dollars to address and end homelessness in Union County. The UC CoC makes decisions based on alignment with HUD guidelines, performance measures, and unspent project funds. Reallocated projects will be encouraged to seek other funds that will support the contributions these projects make to the CoC.

2. No projects were identified this year as low performing or less needed.

3. No projects were reallocated for this year.

4. Currently within the UC-CoC all projects are for Permanent Housing and Rapid Re-Housing. Every currently funded project meets the needs of the CoC geographic area and would result in causing homelessness if not renewed.

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| 1E-4a. | Reallocation Between FY 2017 and FY 2022. |  |
|        | NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.                   |  |

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|  | Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022? | No |
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| 1E-5. | Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.  |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.   |  |
|       | You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |  |

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| 1. | Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?  | Yes        |
| 2. | Did your CoC inform applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?  | Yes        |
| 3. | If you selected Yes for element 1 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 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022. | 09/15/2022 |

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

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|  | Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022. | 09/22/2022 |
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| 1E-5b. | Local Competition Selection Results–Scores for All Projects.  |  |
|        | NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.   |  |
|        | You must upload the Final Project Scores for All Projects attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |  |

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|  | Does your attachment include:<br>1. Applicant Names;<br>2. Project Names;<br>3. Project Scores;<br>4. Project Rank–if accepted;<br>5. Award amounts; and<br>6. Projects accepted or rejected status. | Yes |
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| 1E-5c. | 1E-5c. Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application.  |  |
|        | NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.   |  |
|        | You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |  |

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|  | Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website–which included:<br>1. the CoC Application; and<br>2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings. | 09/28/2022 |
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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 VII.B.2.g.   |  |
|        | You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.         |  |

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|  | Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the CoC’s website or partner’s website. | 09/28/2022 |
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## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

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|  | Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX. | 04/28/2022 |
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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 VII.B.3.b.  |  |

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|    | In the field below:   |  |
| 1. | describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in databases that meet HUD’s comparable database requirements; and |  |
| 2. | state whether your CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.  |  |

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1. The CoC works to ensure all funded sub-recipients utilize and access a comparable database that complies with HUD's data standards regulations. 2) There is no process currently whereby victim service providers submit data to the HMIS Lead Agency. The CoC collects aggregate data from DV providers during the annual Point-in-Time, Housing Inventory Counts and ESG/CoC reporting periods to ensure the number of DV survivors and bed inventory is captured.

2. The Union County Continuum of Care is compliant with all 2022 HMIS Data Standards. One staff member does daily data quality checks on both categories of housing (All Homeless Only Programs, All ES, All TH, All PSH, All RRH, All Homeless Prevention, All Outreach) as well as the individual agencies. Frequent reminders are sent when errors are detected - especially this year in 3 areas - namely the Q. 3 Project Start Date and Relationship to Household; and Q. 4 Income and Sources at Annual Assessment. Throughout the year emails were sent to all agencies who use HMIS showing a "score card" of which agencies had no errors to those questions and / or the percentage of clients whose data needed to be edited. HMIS shows how we conducted over 44,200 reports over the years to keep our data as error free as possible.

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

Enter 2022 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

| Project Type                      | Total Beds 2022 HIC | Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV | Total Beds in HMIS | HMIS Bed Coverage Rate |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds    | 529                 | 0                                  | 170                | 32.14%                 |
| 2. Safe Haven (SH) beds           | 0                   | 0                                  | 0                  |                        |
| 3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds | 106                 | 25                                 | 81                 | 100.00%                |
| 4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds    | 206                 | 0                                  | 206                | 100.00%                |
| 5. Permanent Supportive Housing   | 262                 | 0                                  | 262                | 100.00%                |
| 6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)  | 0                   | 0                                  | 0                  |                        |

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**



1. The reason why the total 2022 HUV beds is only 32.14% in HMIS is because the during the PIT, the County's Division of Social Services (DSS) also includes Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) vouchers, which are currently not entered into HMIS and funded through the State. We can work towards having DSS to begin logging this information in HMIS in the effort to increase the bed ratio to over 85%. If we only count the beds in Emergency Shelters, the coverage rate is 100%.
2. Please see the comment above.

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| 2A-6. | Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0. |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.                                   |  |

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| Did your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 15, 2022, 8 p.m. EST? | Yes |
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## 2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

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

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| 2B-1. | PIT Count Date.        |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.B.4.b |  |

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|  | Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count. | 01/25/2022 |
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| 2B-2. | PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date. |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.B.4.b              |  |

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|  | Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX. | 04/28/2022 |
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| 2B-3. | PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth. |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.               |  |

Describe in the field below how during the planning process for the 2022 PIT count your CoC:

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| 1. | engaged stakeholders that serve homeless youth;   |
| 2. | involved homeless youth in the actual count; and  |
| 3. | worked with stakeholders to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified. |

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1. For the FY 2022 PIT count, the County hosted a PIT focused CEAS/CoC meeting on 1/13/2022, where all stakeholders were invited to attend. The stakeholders who serve homeless youth in Union County are the following: the Union County Division of Youth Services, Community Access Unlimited and Covenant House. All were all in attendance for the 1/13/2022 meeting.
2. Homeless youth were involved in the actual count from the above noted providers.
3. The staff from the Union County Division of Youth Services and Community Access Unlimited helped spearhead the homeless youth count and select locations where homeless youth could be identified.

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| 2B-4. | PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.   |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.B.5.a and VII.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 2021 and 2022, if applicable;       |  |
|       | 2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, 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 2022.  |  |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. No changes for the sheltered PIT count between 2021 and 2022.
2. Due to the impact of COVID-19 and the Omicron surge that took place in January 2022, the County had to make some changes as to how the unsheltered count would take place. For this year, we used the 7 day methodology and had different community partners, along with County staff, go out each day during different times of the day to capture as many unsheltered persons on the night of 1/25/2022.
3. The PIT results were impacted by a variety of reasons. Hurricane Ida was a large contributor as to why more individuals were in Emergency Shelters and overflowing out of County hotels and motels due to Code Blue nights. FEMA declared Union County a major disaster area, as 275 units in one housing complex in Elizabeth with 600 persons, became inhabitable overnight due to flooding, loss of lives, and subsequent mold growth in the complex. In addition, the Eviction Moratorium was lifted as of 12/31/2021, resulting in more persons being evicted from their homes and seeking other forms of shelter, which included Emergency Shelter and TRA placement from the County’s Division of Social Services. The rent increase seen not only throughout New Jersey, but also in Union County, thanks to the County’s proximity to Metropolitan New York City (Elizabeth, NJ is about 14 miles west of NYC) and gentrification is beginning to spread from the eastern to western ends of Union County. A 1 bedroom apartment in Elizabeth, NJ, the largest city in Union County, has had an annual change in average rent of 34%, while a studio apartment has had an annual change of 121%. This information is from rent.com and was just updated on 9/26/2022. The CoC had advocated to adjust the FMRs for Union County and submitted a response to HUD this year, which then adjusted the FMR for the area.

## 2C. System Performance

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| <b>2C-1.</b> | <b>Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.</b>  |  |
|              | NOFO Section VII.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. Progress began to be made in the reduction of homelessness - until Hurricane Ida hit Union County just over a year ago (9/1-9/3/2021) for 3 days. At least 5 people died - a family of 4 in an Elizabeth apartment and a man who drowned in Union. Eventually Union County was named a major disaster area allowing help to come from FEMA. The County set up pop up sites in Elizabeth, Cranford and Rahway until FEMA established a site in an Elizabeth Senior Center 6 days a week. This was a risk factor that had not been contemplated but it caused a huge setback of available shelter beds, apartments, hotel/motel units. Risk factors for first time homelessness are analyzed by the Code Blue/Shelter Committee. Other risk factors contributing to first time homelessness are: high rental costs; evictions/foreclosures; under-employment; lack of living wage salaries; lack of subsidized housing opportunities; persons impacted by COVID-19, and long waiting lists for subsidized housing.

2. The CoC's strategy is to fund programs to prevent evictions and to assist with back rent to prevent first time homelessness. The County Homeless Trust Fund and GAP Funds (discretionary County funds) are utilized to fill the void caused by reductions in federal and state funding for housing. At the 9/22/2022 CEAS/CoC Committee meeting, Brandon Givens announced that as of October 1st \$16 million will become available for Round 2 of Emergency Rental Assistance. Partnerships with Family Promise, the United Way and Urban League will help applicants. The eligibility is 80% of the area AMI and can aid with up to 18 months of back rent. Persons and families qualify if they were directly or indirectly affected by COVID. This will benefit many at risk households.

3. A locally funded program developed by Family Promise, targets those who are at "imminent risk" of homelessness or those who are already homeless. This Shelter Diversion program, utilized at the point of shelter entry, offers flexible financial assistance to alleviate homelessness. Shelter Diversion reduces the number of homeless families entering the shelter system, thereby reducing the demand for shelter beds. Shelter Diversion preserves limited resources for those with the greatest need. It assists families in achieving stability without the trauma of an emergency shelter placement. Family Promise and CoC Committees oversee the strategy to reduce or end the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time.

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| 2C-2. | Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.   |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.B.5.c.   |  |
|       | In the field below:   |  |
|       | 1. describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;   |  |
|       | 2. describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and   |  |
|       | 3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless. |  |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The average length-of-time individuals and families remained homeless was reduced to 3 bed nights in 2018. High housing costs and the development of luxury apartment complexes contribute to the length of time people remain homeless. The CoC advocates for inclusion of units for homeless and low income people in housing development within the CoC geographic area.
2. The CoC continues the strategy of utilizing RRH funds to move individuals and families to permanent housing as quickly as possible. In the past 2 years the CoC has been placing homeless persons in permanent housing via vouchers provided by NJ Dept. of Community Affairs. These vouchers were awarded on a competitive basis to CoC organizations such as Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless and other partner organizations to assist and reduce the number of chronically homeless persons living on the streets or in a shelter. The CoC and the Union County Board of County Commissioners in concert with the County's Workforce Development Board, aggressively advocate for increased employment opportunities in the County, in an effort to move individuals and families from homelessness into gainful employment and safe, secure housing.
3. The CoC utilizes HMIS to identify individuals and families with the longest length of time homeless. Regular review of HMIS data assists CoC staff and provider organizations in identifying the longest stayers in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing. These individuals and families are referred for placement in permanent housing when units become available. Union County Office on Housing Homeless and CoC Director and staff oversee the strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless by coordinating with housing providers, developers and other community based organizations.

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| 2C-3. | Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing—CoC's Strategy   |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.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 strategies used to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, transitional housing and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations include continuing to seek funding for new permanent housing opportunities for individuals and families, advocating for more affordable housing and subsidized housing vouchers, and working with landlords in an effort to encourage them to consider tenants who have been homeless and/or have poor credit scores due to prior evictions, some of which took place many years ago.
2. The CoC has promoted the development of more Joint TH/RRH projects in an effort to stabilize individuals and persons in families in TH while working toward rapidly re-housing people with support to aid them in successfully maintaining housing. UC-CoC enjoys a high retention rate for formerly homeless individuals and families residing in permanent housing (311 of 317 persons or 98.11% for FY2021 from our System Performance Measures). This rate indicates that permanent housing and the support services provided include successful strategies to stabilize individuals and families.
3. Union County CoC Lead and staff oversee the strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless by coordinating with housing providers, developers and other community based organizations.

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| <b>2C-4.</b> | <b>Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate.</b>   |  |
|              | NOFO Section VII.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. Through the use of System Performance Measures, the CoC has identified that the highest percentage of returns to homelessness occur among persons and families who are living in shelter for up to 6 months (18.61%) and from 6 - 12 months is 4.1%. Those living in transitional housing for in less than six months (0-6 months) occur among individuals and families who are living in shelter (8%). Overall the lowest percentage of returns to homelessness occur among those who are residing in permanent housing. Only 1.53% of individuals and families residing in permanent housing return to homelessness in Union County. Persons who have returned to homelessness are identified using HMIS using System Performance Measure 7b.2.
2. The CoC continues a strategy of increasing permanent housing opportunities to reduce additional returns to homelessness. Local data as well as other larger studies indicate that the provision of permanent housing remains the most successful strategy in stabilizing individuals and families. This strategy includes the development of more Joint TH/RRH projects that provide the necessary support needed to stabilize individuals and families and aids them in achieving long term success. Additionally, as noted throughout this application, the CoC recognizes that the limited amount of subsidized housing opportunities impedes individuals and families in achieving long term stability in permanent housing, with many paying more than 50% of their income for housing. For this reason the CoC continues to advocate for the expansion of these needed housing subsidy programs.
3. The Union County CoC lead and staff oversee the strategy to reduce the rate that individuals and persons in families return to homelessness by coordinating with housing partners including the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, and the Gateway Family YMCA.

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| 2C-5. | Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.   |  |
|       | NOFO Section VII.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 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. Based on our data from 2016 – 2017, the System Performance Measure 4.4 showed only a 3% increase in earned income for stayers. For leavers the increase was 7.84% for the same time period. Since 2017, the percentage of earned income for stayers has nearly doubled. The percentage of adults who increased total income rose from 19.15% to 41.14% in FY 2020.

2. In collaboration with the County American Job Center, the CoC focused on improving these outcomes for both stayers and leavers with the inclusion of job fairs for the community. From June 2021 – present, 8 job fairs were held, all in person. Of the 8 job fairs, 5 were held in 2021 and 3 in 2022. - 3 in the County’s Warinanco Park, 2 at The Mills at Jersey Gardens (Mall), and 1 at Westfield’s Town Hall. Partner companies for each job fair included: FedEx, Amazon, Wakefern, NJ Transit, UPS, AJ Security, Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Nike Factory Store, Marshall’s, Sephora, Adidas, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Kate Spade, Farmland Dairies, OTG, HydroChemPSC. We collaborated with the NAACP, The Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, & the Mills at Jersey Gardens. At 3 events hiring on the spot was available and for 2 transportation to the sites was advertised and available.

3. From the CoC, Linda Flores-Tober of the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless is the leader and she is assisted by Srabanti Sarkar of PROCEED. Also, the Union County American Job Center, through funding from the County’s Workforce Development Board, has played a key role with the job training and fair components.

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| 2C-5a. | Increasing Non-employment Cash Income–CoC’s Strategy  |  |
|        | NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.   |  |
|        | In the field below:   |  |
|        | 1. describe your CoC’s strategy to access non-employment cash income; and   |  |
|        | 2. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase non-employment cash income. |  |

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1. The CoC strategically includes groups and organizations that seek to advocate for non-employment cash resources for eligible individuals and families who are disabled, unemployed, or aged, etc. Various members of the CEAS/CoC Committee (such as social service providers and State stakeholders that are within the CoC geographic area) play an instrumental role in assisting homeless individuals and families with securing mainstream benefits, including GA, TANF, Social Security, Social Security Disability, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), SNAP, etc. CoC member organizations, such as Bridgeway have staff who are SOAR trained to assist individuals in securing expedited benefits from these and other mainstream sources. Bridgeway also is the lead for training trainers for the SOAR program, on behalf of the CoC. In addition, the CoC funds these programs with local funding such as Homeless Trust Fund dollars and local, discretionary County GAP Funding to help individuals and families in securing needed non-employment cash resources.

2. The Union County CoC Lead and staff in conjunction with Central Jersey Legal Services and the Community Health Law Project are responsible for overseeing the strategy to increase access to non-employment resources. Non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period increased by 38.41%. Non-employment cash income for adult system leavers (metric 4.5) shows an increase this fiscal year of 25.71% compared to last year of only 12.77%. The Housing Director of Urban League conducted a campaign to sign up people for SNAPS at some of our food distribution event and tandem with the Union County Division of Social Services. Additionally we include informational flyers about applying for SNAP in all our food boxes with a phone number, an email address and the state website.

### 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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|  | Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness? | No |
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| <b>3A-2.</b> | <b>New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.</b>                          |  |
|              | NOFO Section VII.B.6.b.  |  |
|              | You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |  |

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|  | Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness? | No |
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| <b>3A-3.</b> | <b>Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.</b>  |  |
|              | NOFO Sections VII.B.6.a. and VII.B.6.b.   |  |
|              | If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria. |  |

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**  
 N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

## 4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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| 4A-1. | New DV Bonus Project Applications. |  |
|       | NOFO Section II.B.11.e.            |  |

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

## 4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

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| 4. | Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.  |
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| Document Type  | Required? | Document Description | Date Attached |
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| 1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference                                | No        |                      |               |
| 1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference                               | No        |                      |               |
| 1E-1. Local Competition Deadline                             | Yes       | Local Competition... | 09/28/2022    |
| 1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool                         | Yes       | Local Competition... | 09/28/2022    |
| 1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application                    | Yes       | Scored Renewal Pr... | 09/28/2022    |
| 1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced              | Yes       | Notification of P... | 09/28/2022    |
| 1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted                     | Yes       | Notification of P... | 09/28/2022    |
| 1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects                 | Yes       | Final Project Sco... | 09/28/2022    |
| 1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application     | Yes       | Web Posting—CoC-A... | 09/28/2022    |
| 1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application | Yes       | Notification of C... | 09/28/2022    |
| 3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments                        | No        |                      |               |

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| 3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements           | No |  |  |
| 3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes | No |  |  |



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| <b>4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants</b> | 09/28/2022        |
| <b>4B. Attachments Screen</b>          | 09/28/2022        |
| <b>Submission Summary</b>              | No Input Required |

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**Cc:** Christina M. Topolosky

**Subject:** FY2022 CoC - New Project(s) Call for Letter of Intent

**Importance:** High

**Subject: FY2022 CoC – New Project(s) Call for Letter of Intent**

We are pleased to announce that HUD has released its FY2022 SuperNOFO [Notice of Funding Opportunities for Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Program application]. This is part of a competitive application process that is due to Washington, DC on **Friday, September 30, 2022.**

The County is seeking a new project(s) that meets the application criteria. Please note that any agency seeking to apply for these funds must serve **new program participants**. Through the FY2022 Competition, the Union County CoC is eligible to apply for a total of \$780,107 for new projects that work towards the goal of ending homelessness. This total budget includes:

1. New Bonus Projects in the amount of \$260,036
2. Domestic Violence Bonus Projects in the amount of \$520,071

**+All funds requested would be required to meet the 25% match, with the exception of leasing budget category, per the CoC Interim Rule.**

Information regarding specific program type and subpopulation eligibility, as well as additional information regarding the CoC application process is available through the FY2022 Funding Specification Notice listed below and on HUD's website. Please review this information carefully as there have been some changes from prior funding years. Applicants should also review the FY2022 NOFO:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2022-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>

and the CoC Interim Rule:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2035/coc-program-interim-rule-formatted-version>.

New projects may be created using available funds through **the CoC Housing Bonus and Domestic Violence Housing Bonus**, such as Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH) and Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and PH-RRH, highlighting the following priorities:

- **End homelessness** for all persons experiencing homelessness
- **Use a Housing First approach**
- **Reduce** unsheltered homelessness
- **Improve system performance** with housing, health and social service agencies
- **Partner** with housing, health, and service agencies
- **Advance** racial equity and address racial disparities
- **Improve** assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals
- **Engage** persons with lived experience of homelessness
- **Support** local engagement to increase supply of affordable housing

In order to have a **new project** considered in the consolidated application for funding, we are inviting the **Executive Directors** of homeless assistance provider agencies and faith-based organizations to submit a Letter of Intent to apply **no later than Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12:00pm** to the attention of:

Nicole DeAugustine: [ndeaugutine@ucnj.org](mailto:ndeaugutine@ucnj.org)

**The letter should include the telephone number and e-mail address of the person with whom the County will interact to complete the application for funding.** *Your letter of intent should include an abstract of the proposed project identifying the project type [PSH, TH-RRH and PSH-RRH], project activity (leasing or rental assistance), including the eligible costs, target population: chronically homeless/homeless youth/ homeless families, number of **new** housing units (scattered site/sponsor based), number of **new** beds per unit, location of housing structure (scattered site/sponsor based), and estimated project budget amount.*

In order to expedite this technical application process, upon review of your Letter of Intent we will email you further instructions. *All interested new project sponsors will be asked to attend a Technical Assistance Meeting (date/location/time to be determined).*

The County is asking that **Project Sponsors for new projects be vigilant in submitting all requested information accurately and timely as requested by the County.** With HUD's tight time frame there will be no room for extensions. *Please be advised it is the responsibility of the renewal project sub-recipient organization to ensure all information listed in the proposal is accurate and complete as the County is preparing and submitting the proposal on behalf of your organization.*

**Again this year all projects will be ranked (new and renewal) and renewals may be at risk of reduction or loss of funding.**

**To be clear, any new project submitted in the FY2022 SuperNOFO CoC application will be ranked last in order to preserve renewal demand to the fullest extent.**



Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out our office:

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- Raymond Gora at (908) 527-4837 or email [rgora@ucnj.org](mailto:rgora@ucnj.org)
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The Union County CoC looks forward to working with you and thank you for your efforts in providing quality homeless assistance services.

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UNION COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC)  
PROJECT PRIORITY LISTING AND RANKING PROCEDURE

**CoC PRIORITY RANKING COMMITTEE'S ROLE**

The Union County Continuum of Care Priority Ranking (CPR) Committee serves as the primary vehicle for evaluation of projects and sets the ranking priorities for the Continuum of Care application for the Union County Continuum of Care (UC-CoC). This is an Ad Hoc Subcommittee under the Union County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System (CEAS) and Continuum of Care (CoC) Committee (hereafter referred to as CEAS/CoC).

The CPR Committee is a network of public and private entities. Committee members may not submit project applications or receive HUD CoC Homeless Assistance Program funding. Committee members must sign a conflict of interest form for the purpose of assessing any potential conflicts of interest. This ensures that the CPR Committee members have no direct benefit and allows for use of objective criteria. (See below for more detail.)

The UC-CoC has utilized a CPR Committee to rank new projects since 1998. In 2013 the CPR Committee began ranking both New and Renewal projects. The CPR Committee primary goal is to meet the national goals of preventing and ending homelessness in the County of Union, NJ. The CPR Committee uses objective, performance based scoring criteria and selection priorities that are outlined below to determine the extent to which each project **addresses HUD's policy priorities**.

The CPR Committee meets year-round to effectively implement a CoC NOFO planning process, including annually with the release of the CoC application. **Special meetings may be called provided that five (5) business days'** notice is given electronically or by mail to the members. At each meeting an agenda is developed and meeting minutes are prepared immediately following the meeting. Both items are maintained on file with the meeting sign in sheet, materials distributed and the Committee **member's** conflict of interest form.

The functions and purpose of the Committee are as follows:

- a. Assess provider organization(s) (applicant/sponsor) eligibility and capacity;
- b. Review and evaluate project readiness/eligibility;
- c. Review project quality;
  - % of permanent housing exit destinations
  - % increases in income
  - program participant eligibility
  - utilization rates
  - drawdown rates
  - frequency and/or amount of funds recaptured by HUD
- d. Review project match and all leveraging letter(s) to ensure they meet HUD requirements;
- e. Review site visit(s) and CoC Monitoring Findings;
- f. Review CoC membership involvement;
- g. Review HMIS participation status and data quality ensuring that youth, domestic violence & LGBTQ clients would be served;
- h. Assess cost effectiveness;
- i. Assess number of housed to be served and receive mainstream resources (cash and non-cash benefits);
- j. Assess number of households to be served and by various target populations;
- k. Assess provider organization experience;
- l. Assess spending (fast or slow); and
- m. Review HUD APR for Performance results.

**PROJECT RANKING PROCESS**

Renewal Project Scoring: Renewal projects approved by CPR for inclusion in the CoC project ranking will be scored according to an objective scoring tool based on their individual project performance, alignment with HUD and CoC policy priorities, and compliance. Performance and HMIS elements are heavily weighted measures used by HUD in determining the overall CoC score for the NOFO. Data used in the project scoring tool comes largely **from projects'** most recently submitted Annual Performance Report (APR). Scoring tools are provided in the Appendix. First-time renewals are projects that have not yet completed their first operating year, and thus,

cannot be scored for their performance due to not having a completed Annual Performance Report (APR). However, the CPR will evaluate each first time renewal to ensure that each project is achieving satisfactory progress.

New Project Selection: New project applicants will be assessed on the following: project design, how the project **addresses local priority needs, how the project aligns with local strategies and HUD's priority to end homelessness**, budget appropriateness and accuracy, project match, leveraging, CoC participation, community collaboration, organizational capacity, use of Housing First, and implementation timeline. There may be new projects that fail to score well enough to be included in the NOFO submission, or there may not be enough new project funding to fund all requests. New project applicants are highly encouraged to review the new project application guide and instructions while preparing their application, which provide a wealth of resources on best practices, policies, procedures, and requirements. Scoring tools are provided in the Appendix.

Ranking Order: **Renewal projects approved for inclusion in the CoC's project ranking will be** ranked in the following order

1. Renewal permanent supportive housing projects, ranked in order of highest to lowest percentage score (projects that have not completed a full operating year will be ranked at bottom of PSH programs)
2. Renewal rapid re-housing projects, ranked in order of largest number of units to smallest number of units

Coordinated Access SSO projects and new projects, including regular and domestic violence projects, will be ranked after the CPR Committee has evaluated all new and renewal projects. Coordinated Access SSO and new **projects will be ranked in such a way to (1) maximize the CoC's overall application score; (2) maximize the score of Tier 2 projects and ensure the highest possibility of having projects funded; (3) increase the CoC's system performance; and (4) effectively meet HUD policies and priorities.**

Tie-Breakers: Ties within the same project type will be broken in the following order:

- Highest % of clients exiting to or retaining permanent housing
- Highest utilization rate

The CPR may adjust individual projects up or down in the ranking or reallocate in order to fulfill HUD priorities, prevent potential losses of funding, and maximize the overall CoC application score.

If any project is rejected by the CPR Committee, a written letter is provided to the provider organization listing the reason(s) for denial. This letter is required to be sent to the provider organization no later than 15 days prior to the submission of the CoC consolidated application to HUD. The provider organization can appeal the process. (See below for more detail.)

All motions and other actions of the CPR Committee are to be approved by a majority vote. This recommendation is then presented at the CEAS/CoC Committee meeting. Once approved a copy of the Consolidated application **is uploaded to the County's website** ([www.ucnj.org](http://www.ucnj.org)) under the Continuum of Care unit and the UC-CoC consolidated application is submitted to HUD.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Members of the Continuum of Care Priority Ranking Committee are precluded from participating in their official capacity in discussions and/or decision making regarding funding of programs or monitoring of programs for which they are employed, serve as a board member, or as a volunteer, or have a financial interest. In addition, the potential for conflict of interest is reviewed.

For purposes of assessing potential conflict of interest, Continuum of Care Priority Ranking members are asked to disclose information on themselves, their spouse, and other family members\*.

*\*Family members include: children, parents, grandparents/grandchildren, uncles/aunts, siblings, in-laws, significant other, or other members of the immediate household.*

#### COUNTY'S ROLE

**The County's role in this** CPR Committee shall be through the Union County Department of Human Services Continuum of Care Unit (UC-CoC). This unit sends an email solicitation notification to the UC-CoC informing

them of the Continuum of Care application. This solicitation outlines the requirements for provider organizations interested in applying for these funds. Outreach is done to faith-based groups and all homeless social service provider agencies within the geographic area of UC-CoC. It is announced at the CEAS/CoC meeting and other meetings in the geographic area of UC-CoC.

UC-CoC staff provides information on HUD and Union County Independent Monitoring Unit (IMU) findings in an effort to assist CPR Committee members in the ranking of project applications. IMU findings include, but are not limited to: adherence to HUD regulations, participant eligibility documentation, level of service, and support services provided. HUD APRs are reviewed weekly by UC-CoC staff. UC-CoC staff provides all Project applications to the CPR Committee for review. Committee members ask questions and are provided the necessary information to rate all project applications.

### APPEALS

It is the policy of Union County that any agency/organization participating in Continuum of Care funding processes shall have the recourse to an appeal based on procedural matters. To ensure a uniform and equitable means of applying this policy, the following guidelines shall structure the appeals procedures. Any agency/organization shall have the right to appeal any Union County CPR **Committee's funding recommendation** on a Procedural basis if:

- a) *The funding was not publicized; there was insufficient time to prepare a completed proposal; or the application requirements or processes were inappropriate for the funds requested; or*
- b) *A conflict of interest charge can be substantiated against any Committee member.*

**If any agency/organization chooses to appeal the funding disposition, the agency's** Executive Director and/or Chief Operating Office must:

- i. *Contact the Union County Division of Individual & Family Support Services as of the date specified in the letter of funding disposition in order to formally initiate an appeal. The first contact must be by telephone to 908-527-4839 to be followed by a formal letter setting forth the reason(s) for the appeal. \*\**
- ii. *Personally appear to present the appeal and submit any documents of evidence or proof of the procedural violation on the day/time of the appeal hearing as set forth by the Appeals Committee.*

*\*\* All appeals must be initiated by telephone (with follow-up letter) on or before the date specified in the notification letter to the Union County Division of Individual & Family Support Services, Administration Building – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Elizabeth, NJ 07207, or by FAX (908) 558-2562. Program staff will notify the appealing agency of the date, time and location of the appeal hearing by telephone during the afternoon preceding the scheduled appeal hearing.*

### Appeals Process

- A. **Agencies applying for funds are advised of "Appeals Process".**
- B. The Continuum of Care Priority Ranking (CPR) Committee makes tentative decisions regarding agency funding.
- C. All agencies submitting funding requests are advised of the tentative allocation recommendations in writing. Agencies not recommended for funding are given a brief explanation of the CPR **Committee's** decision, and are advised of procedures for appeal.
- D. The Committee will convene a meeting to hear appeal presentation(s) of agencies (up to 15 minutes allowed **per agency**). **The Committee can reject the agency's appeal which thereby upholds the CPR Committee's original funding recommendations. The Committee can concur with the agency's appeal. In this case, the** Committee must return documentation to serve as compelling reasons for the CPR Committee to review its original funding recommendations. In all cases, the final determining authority for all funding recommendations shall be the CPR Committee. The resulting recommendations are presented to CEAS/CoC.
- E. CEAS/CoC votes on the final funding recommendations. Persons in conflict shall abstain from the vote.

### AMENDMENTS

The Project Priority Listing and Ranking Procedure may be amended by the two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members of the CEAS/CoC Committee, following an electronic or written notice at least two (2) weeks in advance to all Committee members indicating the proposed amendment or revision.

## UNION COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) - REALLOCATION PROCESS & PROCEDURE

### CoC **PRIORITY RANKING COMMITTEE'S ROLE**

The Union County Continuum of Care Priority Ranking (CPR) Committee serves as the primary vehicle for reallocation of any Continuum of Care projects for the Union County Continuum of Care (UC-CoC). This is an Ad Hoc Subcommittee under the Union County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System (CEAS) and Continuum of Care (CoC) Committee (hereafter referred to as CEAS/CoC).

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### REALLOCATION PROCESS

The UC-CoC considers reallocation through the CPR Committee meeting(s). This process includes a review of HUD priorities, gaps analysis of homeless populations and types of housing and services available in the community, utilization rates, quarterly reviews of HMIS data including the PIT and HIC counts and data trends over time, annual monitoring and threshold review data of the current CoC and ESG funded programs, and prioritizing needs of subpopulations.

Any decision to reallocate is considered and recommended by the CPR Committee. The recommendation is then presented to the full CEAS/CoC Committee for review/approval.

CoC Projects can voluntarily ask to be reallocated:

- Voluntary Reallocation: Currently-funded NOFO project applicants interested in voluntarily reallocating should notify UC-CoC in writing of their intent no later than 2 weeks prior to the due **date of HUD's Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW)**. The GIW will serve as UC-CoC tool to identify **Project Applicants' intent to reapply for CoC funding**.

For purpose of reallocated project funding (to create a new permanent housing project), strong preference will be given to those projects that voluntarily apply to reallocate.

This Reallocation Policy and Procedure incorporates the following general objectives:

- **To ensure the CoC's responsibility in submitting to HUD an application that is consistent with HUD guidelines and the HEARTH ACT;**
- To ensure the amount to be reallocated is sufficient to fund effective PH program(s); and,
- To best position the bulk of the existing transitional housing (TH) programs for continued HUD funding in an environment of changing strategies.

All renewal projects are reviewed by the Union County Department of Human Services (UCDHS) to determine if a project should be considered for reallocation. The UCDHS staff will provide technical assistance, correcting technical inaccuracies if they arise in conversation, and reminding the project funded agency of their responsibilities if they step outside their authority.

Through the reallocation process, the UC-CoC ensures that projects submitted with the CoC Collaborative Application best align with the HUD CoC funding priorities and contribute to a competitive application that secures HUD CoC dollars to address and end homelessness in Union County. The UC-CoC will make decisions based on alignment with HUD guidelines, performance measures, and unspent project funds. Reallocated projects will be encouraged to seek funders that will support the contributions these projects make to the CoC.

**Union County Continuum of Care  
FY2022 CoC SuperNOFO Application - Ranking Score Criteria**

Maximum points available – 105 base points, 10 bonus points available, 115 points maximum

**1. Performance Measures and Project Effectiveness (40 points total)**

- Housing stability – Measure 7 b.2
- Leavers income – Measure 4.6
- Stayers income – Measure 4.3
- Stayers earned income – Measure 4.1
- Annual updates - HMIS data question 6c
- Overall increase in income – System Performance Measures 4.1, 4.3, 4.6
- Timely submission of annual assessments - SAGE
- Utilization rate
  - By units – last completed APR
  - By beds – last completed APR
- Sponsor Capacity/Project Value
  - The agency has been effectively implementing the project under review or has implemented similar projects in a timely fashion. This data is derived from their efficiency and number of clients served in other County, State and Federal funding streams.
  - The project under review provides a valuable service/housing opportunity to the homeless in Union County.

**2. Serving High Need Populations (20 points total)**

- **Priority - Chronic Homelessness, Victims of Domestic Violence, and Most Vulnerable populations**
- *Chronic Homelessness – HMIS data quality Q.26*
- *Victims of Domestic Violence – HMIS data quality Q.14*
- *Most Vulnerable – Number of 2 or more disabling conditions, HMIS data Q.13 a 2*

As seen in the past few Continuum of Care funding cycles, our Continuum is placing a large emphasis on the ability to house the chronically homeless, veterans and victims of domestic violence. For this reason, the following points will be awarded based on the percentage of households being specifically served within the project by the provider:

- **10** points will be awarded to any project that has dedicated 100% of their beds to the chronically homeless, veterans and / or victims of domestic violence.
- **8** points will be awarded to any project that has dedicated 75% of their beds to the chronically homeless, veterans and / or victims of domestic violence.
- **6** points will be awarded to any project that has dedicated or prioritized at least 50% of their beds to chronically homeless, veterans and / or victims of domestic violence.
- **4** points will be awarded to any project that dedicated or prioritized at least 35% of their beds to the chronically homeless, veterans and / or victims of domestic violence.
- **2** points will be awarded to any project that dedicated or prioritized at least 25% of their beds to the chronically homeless, veterans and / or victims of domestic violence.
- **Housing First Model** – From Internal Monitoring Reviews and Quarterly Voucher Submission  
The CoC has been successful in utilizing best practices to work towards ending homelessness. One of the most effective best practices has been for projects to utilize a Housing First approach to housing. To receive the **10** points associated with being a housing first project, the project must:
  - Demonstrate that they are a low barrier program by showing that participants are not screened out of their program due to any of the below reasons.
    - Having too little of no income.
    - Active or history of substance abuse.

- Having a criminal record with exceptions for State-Mandated restrictions.
- History of domestic violence (e.g. lack of a protective order, period of separation from abuser, or law enforcement involvement), and
- Demonstrate that the clients are not terminated from the program for the reasons outlined in any of the below.
  - Failure to participate in supportive services.
  - Failure to make progress on service plan.
  - Loss of income or failure to improve income.
  - Being a victim of domestic violence.
  - Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project's geographic area.

### 3. **Equity Factors (20 points total)**

- Serving/served persons who:
  - Identify as LGBTQIA+ - HMIS data quality Q.10
  - BIPIOC - Black and Indigenous people of color - HMIS data quality Q.12a
  - Hispanic/Latino - HMIS data quality 12b
  - Persons with disabilities (2 or more, as all of the CoC projects serve persons with disabilities) - *Number of 2 or more disabling conditions, HMIS data Q.13 a 2*
  - Mental Health - HMIS data quality Q.13a1
  - Substance Abuse - HMIS data quality Q.13a1

### 4. **Project Financial Information (15 total points)**

- **Percent of CoC funding expended last operating years**
  - CoC Amount Awarded Last Operating Year – Grant Agreements
  - CoC Amount Expended Last Operating Year – from LOCCS

- **Budget Appropriateness**

Due to recent budget constraints and education in funding, it is essential for the local Continuum process to ensure all projects are requesting appropriate funds for projects as well as utilizing any funding they are currently receiving. For these reasons, maximum points will be awarded to projects in which:

- The budget is reasonable and appropriate for the number of households/persons that are expected to serve.
- Administration funding requested do not exceed 7% of the total of the budget line items.
- Project budget demonstrates match funding available of 25% of the total budget requested (this includes admin and excludes any leasing dollars). – Match % from the APR

### 5. **Participation in Local Priorities (10 Points)**

Our Continuum has continued to put an emphasis on collaboration and participation in local priorities, such as ending veteran homelessness, chronic homelessness, and survivors of Domestic Violence - as well as the requirement of participating in the coordinated assessment system of the community. Full points will be awarded for agencies that fully participate in all local homelessness initiatives.

- PIT Participation – List of the participants during the unsheltered count verbally shared
- CEAS/CoC – Meeting Minutes
  - The agency has attended at least 4 of the Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee meetings held in the last year.

### 6. **Bonus Points (up to 10 Points)**

This is a section where additional points can be added or deducted based on the performance of the project, whether criteria has been met or not during previous years, such as:

- Match – exceeding the 25% required match - Match percentage from the APR
  - Leasing – drawing all rental assistance and/or leasing – unspent percentage of total funds from LOCCS
  - Serving Youth (25 and under) – HMIS data quality Q.5

**Union County Continuum of Care  
FY2022 CoC SuperNOFO Application - Ranking Score Sheet**

**Renewal Projects**

**Name Project:** 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 162, 171, 173, 174, 271, 311, 334, 389, 392, 483, 538, 563

**Evaluator's Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>1. Performance Measures and Project Effectiveness</b> | <b>(40 points)</b>      | _____ |
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| <b>3. Equity Factors</b>                                 | <b>(20 points)</b>      | _____ |
| <b>4. Project Financial Information</b>                  | <b>(15 points)</b>      | _____ |
| <b>5. Participation in Local Priorities</b>              | <b>(10 points)</b>      | _____ |
| <b>6. Bonus Points</b>                                   | <b>(up to 5 points)</b> | _____ |

**Which agency has been most cooperative?**

in implementing Coordinated Entry  
in answering phones and emails  
in receiving referrals  
in housing your clients  
in running service fairs  
served the most clients (not just CoC)  
in returning contracts

in submitting vouchers in a timely manner  
in having accurate voucher forms  
in responding to IMU letters  
and making the necessary corrections  
in performing street outreach  
people who do not speak English  
HMIS dollars - CAU



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**NEW Project(s)**

**Name Project:** ECHH/JFS Joint (RHH) / Family Promise 4U PH-RRH / EHA-BWY Joint 25 U PH

**Evaluator's Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## FY2022 Continuum of Care Project Ranking

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| 5  | Bridgeway/Elizabeth Housing Authority 45U-TRA       | 158              | Rental Assistance  | PSH            | \$ 772,305       | \$772,305     | \$2,056,755   | 40%  | 97.25   |
| 6  | Gateway Family YMCA 14U-CH Family                   | 311              | Leasing            | PSH            | \$ 505,850       | \$505,850     | \$2,562,605   | 50%  | 97      |
| 7  | Bridgeway/Elizabeth Housing Authority 20U-TRA       | 157              | Rental Assistance  | PSH            | \$ 310,438       | \$310,438     | \$2,873,043   | 56%  | 95.5    |
| 8  | Bridgeway/Plainfield Housing Authority 15U-TRA      | 271              | Rental Assistance  | PSH            | \$ 236,064       | \$236,064     | \$3,109,107   | 61%  | 94.75   |
| 9  | Bridgeway Supportive Housing                        | 156              | Operations/SS      | PSH            | \$ 30,149        | \$30,149      | \$3,139,256   | 62%  | 94.75   |
| 10 | Community Access Institute-Colonial/Morse           | 334              | Operations         | PSH            | \$ 33,741        | \$33,741      | \$3,172,997   | 62%  | 94      |
| 11 | YWCA Eastern Union County                           | 174              | Leasing            | PSH            | \$ 281,941       | \$281,941     | \$3,454,938   | 68%  | 93      |
| 12 | Community Access Unlimited-Jaques                   | 162              | Operations/SS/HMIS | PSH            | \$ 195,951       | \$195,951     | \$3,650,889   | 72%  | 92      |
| 13 | Community Access Unlimited-W. Grand                 | 160              | Leasing            | PSH            | \$ 122,323       | \$122,323     | \$3,773,212   | 74%  | 91.25   |
| 14 | Covenant House 6U-RRH                               | 538              | Rental Assistance  | PSH-RRH        | \$ 113,161       | \$113,161     | \$3,886,373   | 76%  | 89.5    |
| 15 | Gateway Family YMCA Ind.-PH                         | 173              | Leasing            | PSH            | \$ 339,904       | \$339,904     | \$4,226,277   | 83%  | 89.25   |
| 16 | Gateway Family YMCA Madison                         | 392              | Support Services   | PSH            | \$ 90,397        | \$90,397      | \$4,316,674   | 85%  | 87      |
| 17 | Gateway / ECHH TH/PH RRH                            | 563              | Rental Assistance  | TH/PH-RRH      | \$ 294,499       | \$294,499     | \$4,611,173   | 90%  | 86.25   |
| 18 | Bridgeway/Elizabeth Housing Authority 18U (NEW)     | n/a              | Rental Assistance  | PSH            | \$ 304,359       | \$304,359     | \$4,915,532   | 96%  | n/a     |
| 19 | Union County CoC-Planning Project (NEW)             | n/a              | Planning           | Planning       | \$ 182,616       | \$182,616     | \$5,098,148   | 100% | n/a     |

**Tier 1: \$4,380,614**

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TO: Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System and Continuum of Care  
(CEAS/CoC) Committee Members

FROM: Union County Continuum of Care Priority Ranking Committee

DATE: Thursday, September 15, 2022

RE: FY2022 SuperNOFO CoC Application: Projects Rejected/  
Reduced

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The Union County Continuum of Care Priority Ranking Committee met on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to review the FY2022 SuperNOFO Continuum of Care Application.

At this meeting the following FY2022 SuperNOFO Continuum of Care Letters of Intent proposals were rejected based on the FY2022 application guidelines, composite evaluation completed by each evaluator, and group discussion on each project:

- Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless/JFS – RRH
- Family Promise Union County – RRH

Should you have any questions, please contact Nicole DeAugustine at (908) 527-4874 or email her at [ndeaugstine@ucnj.org](mailto:ndeaugstine@ucnj.org).

CC: FY2022 CoC Application File

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Ms. Linda Flores-Tober, Executive Director  
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless  
118 Division St.  
Elizabeth, NJ 07201-2874

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Re: Response to FY2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) SuperNOFO New Project  
Application Letter of Intent for Funding**

Dear Ms. Flores-Tober:

On behalf of the Union County Continuum of Care (CoC) Priority Ranking Committee, we regret to inform you that your proposal submitted for the FY2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) SuperNOFO application has not been recommended for funding consideration in this year's grant application.

Please be advised that the recommendations are contingent upon the outcome of an Appeals Process. The CoC Priority Ranking Committee considered the 3 proposals received from 4 providers that were determined to be responsive to the Letter of Intent solicitation and CoC Application guidelines. The Letters of Intent submitted totaled \$521,689 in requested funding or approximately 200.62% of the amount available for distribution. The Committee's recommendations were based on the FY2022 application guidelines, composite evaluation completed by each evaluator, and group discussion on each project.

If you choose to appeal this disposition on a procedural matter (see attached), County staff must receive your written request on agency letterhead signed by the agency Executive Director and/or Chief Operating Officer, ***on or before Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 before 12:00pm.*** The appeal request may be transmitted via email to [ctopolosky@ucnj.org](mailto:ctopolosky@ucnj.org) in order to be considered received by the September 19<sup>th</sup> deadline; the original document can be mailed immediately thereafter or hand delivered. The written appeal must state the basis of the appeal and briefly explain it. Please refer to the attached "Notice of Appeal Policy and Appeals Process". The FY2022 CoC SuperNOFO Application recommendations will be presented at the September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 CEAS/CoC Committee meeting.

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Sincerely,

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Srabanti Sarkar Ph. D. MPM  
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Ms. Geleen G. Donovan, Executive Director  
Family Promise Union County  
402 Union Avenue  
Elizabeth, NJ 07208

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| 5  | Bridgeway/Elizabeth Housing Authority 45U-TRA       | 158              | Rental Assistance  | PSH            | \$ 772,305       | \$772,305     | \$2,056,755   | 40%  | 97.25   |
| 6  | Gateway Family YMCA 14U-CH Family                   | 311              | Leasing            | PSH            | \$ 505,850       | \$505,850     | \$2,562,605   | 50%  | 97      |
| 7  | Bridgeway/Elizabeth Housing Authority 20U-TRA       | 157              | Rental Assistance  | PSH            | \$ 310,438       | \$310,438     | \$2,873,043   | 56%  | 95.5    |
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| 9  | Bridgeway Supportive Housing                        | 156              | Operations/SS      | PSH            | \$ 30,149        | \$30,149      | \$3,139,256   | 62%  | 94.75   |
| 10 | Community Access Institute-Colonial/Morse           | 334              | Operations         | PSH            | \$ 33,741        | \$33,741      | \$3,172,997   | 62%  | 94      |
| 11 | YWCA Eastern Union County                           | 174              | Leasing            | PSH            | \$ 281,941       | \$281,941     | \$3,454,938   | 68%  | 93      |
| 12 | Community Access Unlimited-Jaques                   | 162              | Operations/SS/HMIS | PSH            | \$ 195,951       | \$195,951     | \$3,650,889   | 72%  | 92      |
| 13 | Community Access Unlimited-W. Grand                 | 160              | Leasing            | PSH            | \$ 122,323       | \$122,323     | \$3,773,212   | 74%  | 91.25   |
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| 16 | Gateway Family YMCA Madison                         | 392              | Support Services   | PSH            | \$ 90,397        | \$90,397      | \$4,316,674   | 85%  | 87      |
| 17 | Gateway / ECHH TH/PH RRH                            | 563              | Rental Assistance  | TH/PH-RRH      | \$ 294,499       | \$294,499     | \$4,611,173   | 90%  | 86.25   |
| 18 | Bridgeway/Elizabeth Housing Authority 18U (NEW)     | n/a              | Rental Assistance  | PSH            | \$ 304,359       | \$304,359     | \$4,915,532   | 96%  | n/a     |
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| <b>Date</b>                | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b>  |
|----------------------------|-------------|--|
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Kindly add these dates to your calendar as your attendance and participation are important to overall CoC efforts in combating homelessness. Please refer to meeting notice as the date/location/ time are subject to change.

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### **Proposed Agenda for the next CEAS/CoC meeting: [September 22<sup>nd</sup>](#)**

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  - Ltr of Intent due Wednesday, July 24, 2019
- [Application Submission](#)
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#### **Collaborative Application for the FY2018 SuperNOFA CoC Program Competition**

- [Call for Ltr of Intent for New Project\(s\)](#)
  - Ltr of Intent due Monday, August 6, 2018
- [Application Submission](#)
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#### **Collaborative Application for the FY2017 SuperNOFA CoC Program Competition**

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- [Application Submission](#)
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### **[Point-In-Time Count of the Homeless](#)**

For more information about homeless and homeless prevention service providers, please check out the [Union County Homeless Services Resource Directory](#) and [Quick Reference Sheet](#).

For information about Foreclosure Assistance, please check out the Foreclosure Resources, provided by the [Union County Foreclosure Task Force](#).

For information about the Code Blue Homeless Emergency Shelter Initiative, please check out the [Code Blue website](#).

**Additional Resources:**

- [NJ 2-1-1](#)
- [NJ Helps](#)
- [NJ Find a Ride](#)
- [Legal Services of NJ](#)
- [NJ Anti-Hunger Coalition](#)
- [NJ Housing Resource Center](#)
- [NJ Self-Help Group Clearinghouse](#)
- [NJ Family Care](#) (health insurance program)
- [Affordable Care Act](#) (health insurance program)
- [NJ Community Resources](#)
- [NJ Department of Human Services](#)
- [NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency](#)
- [NJ Dept. of Community Affairs –Div. of Housing & Community Resources](#)
- [End Hunger NJ](#)
- [Anti-Poverty Network of NJ](#)

**Staff Contacts for the CoC/H Unit:**

- **908-527-4861** (Homeless & Homeless Prevention Information/Referral)
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  - **908-527-4837** (Continuum of Care & Information/Referral)
  - **908-527-4828** (Continuum of Care & Information/Referral)
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**Human Services Advisory Council**

The Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) function and responsibility is to develop and implement a process through which the human service needs of the people of Union County can be addressed by advocating for human services programming in an organized and cooperative manner, thereby ensuring the effective use of resources in the most equitable way, while enhancing communication and coordination among service providers, funding agents and recipients of services.

In each County throughout NJ, HSAC serves as the primary vehicle for making local recommendations to assist both the County government and the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS) and Children & Families (DCF) decision making; identifying the high priority human service needs for the community at-large; the coordination and improvement of services to target populations; the planning, coordination and implementation of NJDHS/NJDCF initiatives at the county level; and input to the NJDHS/NJDCF on funding priorities and allocations.

Each year HSAC reviews and evaluates the following programs for funding for the Family & Support Service Program (FSP), Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), HEARTH Emergency Solutions Grant (HES) and Social Services for the Homeless (SSH).

HSAC usually meets the 1st Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise indicated\*), starting in February. Please note that CEAS/CoC does not meet during the months of January, July and August. The 2022 meeting schedule is as follows:

**Time and Location**

9:00 AM Warinanco Park Sports Center, 1 Park Drive, Roselle, NJ 07203

### Meeting Dates

- Dates coming soon
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*Please note that the meeting date, time and location are subject to change. If you are interested in becoming a member and/or have any questions, please contact the HSAC staff noted below.*

### Staff

**Sarah Cordoma** 908-527-4842 [scordoma@ucnj.org](mailto:scordoma@ucnj.org)

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### Intoxicated Driver Resource Center

**Phone:** [908-527-4883](tel:908-527-4883) **E-mail Address:** [idrc@ucnj.org](mailto:idrc@ucnj.org)

**All Union County Intoxicated Driving Resource Center (IDRC) classes have been cancelled until further notice. If you have questions, please email [idrc@ucnj.org](mailto:idrc@ucnj.org) or call 888-845-3434 or 908-558-2288. Please note that there may be a delay in IDRC response due to increased call/email volume during this time**

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### Rape Crisis Center



**Administrator:** Tamara Adelman

**24-hour Hotline:** 908-233-RAPE (7273)

**TTY:** [908-232-1435](tel:908-232-1435)

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**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Blog:** [www.unioncountyragecrisiscenter.blogspot.com](http://www.unioncountyragecrisiscenter.blogspot.com)

**Brochures:** [English](#) | [Spanish](#)



## **What is the Union County Rape Crisis Center?**

Under the auspices of the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Planning, the Union County Rape Crisis Center (UCRCC) offers a network of services to Survivors of sexual assault.

## **What Are The Services Offered?**

24-HOUR HOTLINE  
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Accompaniment to Hospitals, Police Departments, and Court by certified Confidential Sexual Violence Advocates.

*Confidential Sexual Violence Advocates receive specialized training on sexual trauma, crisis intervention, and advocacy.*

## **Consultation**

Staff can provide consultation to service providers in the community working with survivors of sexual assault.

## **In-Service Training**

To mental health professionals, hospital personnel, and law enforcement.

## **Resource Center**

Informative materials on rape, incest, sexual harassment, and child sexual abuse are available.

## **Education**

A major objective of the Union County Rape Crisis Center (UCRCC) is to implement primary prevention education throughout Union County. The New Mexico Media Literacy Project (NMMLP), also referred to as “Media Literacy”, is currently being used to achieve this goal.

Today, the definition of what it means to be a “man or woman” is increasingly influenced by mass media. It is therefore believed, that youth can especially benefit from assistance with developing critical thinking skills. Such skills can aid them in effectively navigating the negative dimensions of popular culture including violence, gender stereotyping, and sexualized media content.

The UCRCC is implementing a fun, dynamic Media Literacy curriculum for high schools in Union County. This curriculum teaches students how to analyze and evaluate the way media shapes gender roles, impacts self-image, and influences behavior. It is believed that by becoming empowered and self-aware, youth will be more effective at resisting the constant stream of violent or hyper-sexualized messages in print, television, or online.

If you are interested in learning more, please do not hesitate to contact the Union County Rape Crisis Center at (908) 233-7273.

## **All Services Are Confidential and Free of Charge**

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## Office for Persons with Disabilities & Special Needs

### Manuel Ramirez, Coordinator

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#### About the Office

Welcome to the Office for Persons with Disabilities & Special Needs website! We are delighted that you've chosen to visit us on the world wide web. By clicking on the links listed below and your left, this site will provide you with important information about the programs and services we offer, as well as the many state and federal resources available.

You will have the opportunity to read information on a variety of topics. You may contact the office at 908-527-4807 or via e-mail. We hope that you find this resource useful, and that you will come back often.

The Advisory Board on the Disabled (ABD) meets throughout the year to study and evaluate matters affecting the interests of Union County residents with disabilities and advise the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders accordingly. For more information about the ABD, please contact (908) 527-4807.

The office works to advance independent living and assists consumers with disabilities in realizing their full inclusion in all aspects of county life. The Office also promotes community-based living options.

#### Mission

- To provide recreational and social opportunities for residents living with special needs including physical, cognitive and developmental challenges;
- To provide outreach to community groups and organizations to identify needs and interests of persons and families living with special needs as an opportunity to design effective programs;
- To develop additional resources to fund programs targeting engagement of persons living with special needs;
- To identify and implement an effective means of communication to educate community residents on programs and social events available such as yoga, ceramics, zumba, cooking, golf, swimming, sensory friendly theatre shows, a carnival and a barn dance.

#### Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP)

The Office administers the Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) in Union County. The PASP helps program participants pursue vocational goals and live independently. The PASP can assist people with disabilities who are working, going to college, attending a vocational training program or involved in volunteer activities (minimum of 20 volunteer hours per month). To be eligible, PASP applicants must have a permanent physical disability, be age 18 through 70, be capable of self-direction, able to supervise a personal assistant and live in a community-based residence in New Jersey. Personal assistants can assist with essential daily living activities such as bathing, dressing, wheelchair-bed



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the Comprehensive Emergency Assistance Systems and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee is also provided. To join CEAS/CoC Committee and/or be added to the distribution list: please check out the [Agency Contact & Voting Representative Information Form](#).

The CEAS/CoC Committee usually meets the 2nd Thursday of every month (unless otherwise indicated\*), starting in January. Please note that CEAS/CoC does not meet during the months of July and August. The 2023 meeting schedule is as follows:

| <b>Date</b>                | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b>  |
|----------------------------|-------------|--|
| January 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 9:30 a.m.   | ZOOM<br><i>See meeting notice/agenda for log in information.</i> |
| March 10 <sup>th</sup>     | 9:30 a.m.   | ZOOM<br><i>See meeting notice/agenda for log in information.</i> |
| May 12 <sup>th</sup>       | 9:30 a.m.   | ZOOM<br><i>See meeting notice/agenda for log in information.</i> |
| June 9 <sup>th</sup>       | 9:30 a.m.   | ZOOM<br><i>See meeting notice/agenda for log in information.</i> |
| September 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 9:30 a.m.   | ZOOM<br><i>See meeting notice/agenda for log in information.</i> |
| October 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 9:30 a.m.   | ZOOM<br><i>See meeting email for log in information</i>          |
| November 10 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:30 a.m.   | ZOOM<br><i>See meeting notice/agenda for log in information.</i> |

Kindly add these dates to your calendar as your attendance and participation are important to overall CoC efforts in combating homelessness. Please refer to meeting notice as the date/location/ time are subject to change.

*Note that location/time is subject to change. If you have any questions, please contact the CEAS/CoC Committee support staff at 908-527-4861.*

### **Proposed Agenda for the next CEAS/CoC meeting: [September 22<sup>nd</sup>](#)**

#### **Collaborative Application for the FY2022 SuperNOFA CoC Program Competition**

- [Call for Ltr of Intent for New Project\(s\)](#)
- [Application Submission](#)
  - The ranking recommendations were reviewed and approved at the CEAS/CoC Committee meeting.

#### **Collaborative Application for the FY2021 SuperNOFA CoC Program Competition**

- [Call for Ltr of Intent for New Project\(s\)](#)
- [Application Submission](#)
  - The ranking recommendations were reviewed and approved at the CEAS/CoC Committee meeting.

#### **Collaborative Application for the FY2019 SuperNOFA CoC Program Competition**

- [Call for Ltr of Intent for New Project\(s\)](#)
  - Ltr of Intent due Wednesday, July 24, 2019
- [Application Submission](#)
  - The ranking recommendations were reviewed and approved at the September 12, 2019 CEAS/CoC Committee meeting.

#### **Collaborative Application for the FY2018 SuperNOFA CoC Program Competition**

- [Call for Ltr of Intent for New Project\(s\)](#)
  - Ltr of Intent due Monday, August 6, 2018
- [Application Submission](#)
  - The ranking recommendations were reviewed and approved at the September 13, 2018 CEAS/CoC Committee meeting.

#### **Collaborative Application for the FY2017 SuperNOFA CoC Program Competition**

- [Call for Ltr of Intent for New Project\(s\)](#)
- [Application Submission](#)
  - The ranking recommendations were reviewed and approved at the September 22, 2017 CEAS/CoC Committee meeting.

### **[Point-In-Time Count of the Homeless](#)**

For more information about homeless and homeless prevention service providers, please check out the [Union County Homeless Services Resource Directory](#) and [Quick Reference Sheet](#).

For information about Foreclosure Assistance, please check out the Foreclosure Resources, provided by the [Union County Foreclosure Task Force](#).

For information about the Code Blue Homeless Emergency Shelter Initiative, please check out the [Code Blue website](#).

**Additional Resources:**

- [NJ 2-1-1](#)
- [NJ Helps](#)
- [NJ Find a Ride](#)
- [Legal Services of NJ](#)
- [NJ Anti-Hunger Coalition](#)
- [NJ Housing Resource Center](#)
- [NJ Self-Help Group Clearinghouse](#)
- [NJ Family Care](#) (health insurance program)
- [Affordable Care Act](#) (health insurance program)
- [NJ Community Resources](#)
- [NJ Department of Human Services](#)
- [NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency](#)
- [NJ Dept. of Community Affairs –Div. of Housing & Community Resources](#)
- [End Hunger NJ](#)
- [Anti-Poverty Network of NJ](#)

**Staff Contacts for the CoC/H Unit:**

- **908-527-4861** (Homeless & Homeless Prevention Information/Referral)
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  - **908-527-4837** (Continuum of Care & Information/Referral)
  - **908-527-4828** (Continuum of Care & Information/Referral)
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**Human Services Advisory Council**

The Union County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) function and responsibility is to develop and implement a process through which the human service needs of the people of Union County can be addressed by advocating for human services programming in an organized and cooperative manner, thereby ensuring the effective use of resources in the most equitable way, while enhancing communication and coordination among service providers, funding agents and recipients of services.

In each County throughout NJ, HSAC serves as the primary vehicle for making local recommendations to assist both the County government and the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS) and Children & Families (DCF) decision making; identifying the high priority human service needs for the community at-large; the coordination and improvement of services to target populations; the planning, coordination and implementation of NJDHS/NJDCF initiatives at the county level; and input to the NJDHS/NJDCF on funding priorities and allocations.

Each year HSAC reviews and evaluates the following programs for funding for the Family & Support Service Program (FSP), Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), HEARTH Emergency Solutions Grant (HES) and Social Services for the Homeless (SSH).

HSAC usually meets the 1st Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise indicated\*), starting in February. Please note that CEAS/CoC does not meet during the months of January, July and August. The 2022 meeting schedule is as follows:

**Time and Location**

9:00 AM Warinanco Park Sports Center, 1 Park Drive, Roselle, NJ 07203

### Meeting Dates

- Dates coming soon
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*Please note that the meeting date, time and location are subject to change. If you are interested in becoming a member and/or have any questions, please contact the HSAC staff noted below.*

### Staff

**Sarah Cordoma** 908-527-4842 [scordoma@ucnj.org](mailto:scordoma@ucnj.org)

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### Intoxicated Driver Resource Center

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**All Union County Intoxicated Driving Resource Center (IDRC) classes have been cancelled until further notice. If you have questions, please email [idrc@ucnj.org](mailto:idrc@ucnj.org) or call 888-845-3434 or 908-558-2288. Please note that there may be a delay in IDRC response due to increased call/email volume during this time**

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### Rape Crisis Center



**Administrator:** Tamara Adelman

**24-hour Hotline:** 908-233-RAPE (7273)

**TTY:** [908-232-1435](tel:908-232-1435)

**Fax:** 908-654-0260

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Blog:** [www.unioncountyragecrisiscenter.blogspot.com](http://www.unioncountyragecrisiscenter.blogspot.com)

**Brochures:** [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

## **What is the Union County Rape Crisis Center?**

Under the auspices of the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Planning, the Union County Rape Crisis Center (UCRCC) offers a network of services to Survivors of sexual assault.

## **What Are The Services Offered?**

24-HOUR HOTLINE  
[908-233-RAPE \(7273\)](tel:908-233-7273)

Accompaniment to Hospitals, Police Departments, and Court by certified Confidential Sexual Violence Advocates.

*Confidential Sexual Violence Advocates receive specialized training on sexual trauma, crisis intervention, and advocacy.*

## **Consultation**

Staff can provide consultation to service providers in the community working with survivors of sexual assault.

## **In-Service Training**

To mental health professionals, hospital personnel, and law enforcement.

## **Resource Center**

Informative materials on rape, incest, sexual harassment, and child sexual abuse are available.

## **Education**

A major objective of the Union County Rape Crisis Center (UCRCC) is to implement primary prevention education throughout Union County. The New Mexico Media Literacy Project (NMMLP), also referred to as “Media Literacy”, is currently being used to achieve this goal.

Today, the definition of what it means to be a “man or woman” is increasingly influenced by mass media. It is therefore believed, that youth can especially benefit from assistance with developing critical thinking skills. Such skills can aid them in effectively navigating the negative dimensions of popular culture including violence, gender stereotyping, and sexualized media content.

The UCRCC is implementing a fun, dynamic Media Literacy curriculum for high schools in Union County. This curriculum teaches students how to analyze and evaluate the way media shapes gender roles, impacts self-image, and influences behavior. It is believed that by becoming empowered and self-aware, youth will be more effective at resisting the constant stream of violent or hyper-sexualized messages in print, television, or online.

If you are interested in learning more, please do not hesitate to contact the Union County Rape Crisis Center at (908) 233-7273.

## **All Services Are Confidential and Free of Charge**

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## Office for Persons with Disabilities & Special Needs

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#### About the Office

Welcome to the Office for Persons with Disabilities & Special Needs website! We are delighted that you've chosen to visit us on the world wide web. By clicking on the links listed below and your left, this site will provide you with important information about the programs and services we offer, as well as the many state and federal resources available.

You will have the opportunity to read information on a variety of topics. You may contact the office at 908-527-4807 or via e-mail. We hope that you find this resource useful, and that you will come back often.

The Advisory Board on the Disabled (ABD) meets throughout the year to study and evaluate matters affecting the interests of Union County residents with disabilities and advise the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders accordingly. For more information about the ABD, please contact (908) 527-4807.

The office works to advance independent living and assists consumers with disabilities in realizing their full inclusion in all aspects of county life. The Office also promotes community-based living options.

#### Mission

- To provide recreational and social opportunities for residents living with special needs including physical, cognitive and developmental challenges;
- To provide outreach to community groups and organizations to identify needs and interests of persons and families living with special needs as an opportunity to design effective programs;
- To develop additional resources to fund programs targeting engagement of persons living with special needs;
- To identify and implement an effective means of communication to educate community residents on programs and social events available such as yoga, ceramics, zumba, cooking, golf, swimming, sensory friendly theatre shows, a carnival and a barn dance.

#### Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP)

The Office administers the Personal Assistance Services Program (PASP) in Union County. The PASP helps program participants pursue vocational goals and live independently. The PASP can assist people with disabilities who are working, going to college, attending a vocational training program or involved in volunteer activities (minimum of 20 volunteer hours per month). To be eligible, PASP applicants must have a permanent physical disability, be age 18 through 70, be capable of self-direction, able to supervise a personal assistant and live in a community-based residence in New Jersey. Personal assistants can assist with essential daily living activities such as bathing, dressing, wheelchair-bed



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# Collaborative Application for the FY2022 SuperNOFO CoC Program Competition

The FY2022 Collaborative Application for the FY2022 SuperNOFO CoC Program Competition was submitted by the Union County Department of Human Services on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. The application was prepared by the lead UC-CoC with the recommendations from the CoC Priority Ranking Committee (CPR). The CPR used the previously established Project Priority Listing & Ranking Procedure to determine the priority list and ranking of all proposed projects. **Once the CPR Committee decided on their recommendations for this year's application, they were reviewed and approved at the September 22, 2022 CEAS/CoC Committee meeting.**

- [Union County Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Project Priority Listing & Ranking Procedure and Reallocation Process](#)
  - [Application Recommendation - Approved 9/22/2022](#)
- [CoC Application – Exhibit 1 \(CoC Registration\)](#)
- [CoC Application – Priority Listing](#)

*Below you will find all the applicants submitted:*

## New Projects

- [Elizabeth Housing Authority-Bridgeway Joint 18 Unit Project](#)
- [Union County CoC Planning Project](#)

## Renewal Projects

- [Bridgeway Supportive Housing](#)
- [Bridgeway-Elizabeth Housing Authority 20U](#)
- [Bridgeway-Elizabeth Housing Authority 45U](#)
- [Bridgeway-Plainfield Housing Authority 11U](#)
- [Bridgeway-Plainfield Housing Authority 15U](#)
- [Bridgeway-Plainfield Housing Authority 25U](#)
- [Bridgeway-Plainfield Housing Authority 35U](#)
- [Community Access Institute](#)
- [Community Access Unlimited – W Grand](#)
- [Community Access Unlimited – Jaques](#)
- [Covenant House New Jersey](#)
- [Elizabeth Housing Authority-Bridgeway CH](#)
- [The Gateway Family YMCA – Family](#)
- [The Gateway Family YMCA – Individual](#)
- [The Gateway Family YMCA – Madison](#)
- [The Gateway Family YMCA and Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless Joint](#)
- [YWCA of Eastern Union County Supportive Housing](#)



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