

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: 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: New Jersey Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

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

16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	No
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	No
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	No	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other: (limit 50 characters)				
34.	Food pantry & congregate feeding site	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.	Local houses of worship	Yes	No	No

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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. All meetings held virtually have closed caption capability and all information is available electronically to accommodate all persons.

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.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC 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/concerns, including preventing/ending homelessness. Guest speakers are invited to provide information on new programs, entitlements/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 CoC meetings are held via Zoom and all meeting material is distributed electronically. Since meetings are held via Zoom, we offer closed caption and can offer other accommodations upon request.
4. 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 for a Strategic Plan roll out in 2024-2026.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;	
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;	
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and	
4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. On 8/8/2023, the CoC 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 & 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 & human trafficking, substance abuse & behavioral health programs, etc. are kept current by CoC staff & utilized in the solicitation process. Project applicants must submit a letter of intent to the CoC & a proposal electronically. Technical assistance is offered to potential applicants to review the local funding priorities, eligible activities & local selection process to ensure all potential applicants both previously funded agencies & agencies that have not received CoC funding in the past fully understood the process & could successfully submit a proposal. Collectively the CoC & proposed applicant prepare a draft application to be presented to the Union County CoC SuperNOFO Priority Ranking Committee.
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 & 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 & 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 & ranking procedures allowed for fair & equal participation & 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 & the meetings can be closed captioned as well. In addition, the County's website offers assistive technology capabilities, such as text enlargement & translation.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	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 V.B.1.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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 to align goals strategies.

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	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

5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers.	Yes
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1C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC partners with a number of youth education provider to assist with ensuring that children impacted by homelessness do not have barriers to education and/or transportation to education.
2. The CoC works with the NJ Department of Education to collaborate within the CoC’s geographic area to remove any access barriers.
3. The CoC has a very strong working relationship with the Local Education Agency. This partnership helps drive local policies and procedures that directly impact our youth throughout Union County. Additionally, the Union County School District Directory is updated annually and includes the local district homeless liaisons contact information. In June 2023, we jointly collaborated to host a Mental Health Roundtable focused on children & youth from preschool to college age. This event is helping our CoC drive integrated services across multiple sectors.
4. The CoC works collaboratively with the local school districts homeless liaisons to best assist the front-line staff working with youth in need. In this partnership, the most important key is ensuring that children impacted by homelessness do not have barriers to education and/or transportation to education.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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. All local district homeless liaisons are invited to attend the CoC meetings.

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

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

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

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

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

	Organizations	
1.	state domestic violence coalitions	Yes
2.	state sexual assault coalitions	Yes
3.	other organizations that help this population	Yes

1C-5a.	Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers to Address Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.e.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated in Question 1C-5 to:		
1.	update CoC-wide policies; and	
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC's geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The 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.

1C-5b.	Coordinated Annual Training on Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.e.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:		
1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and	
2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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-19.

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.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Strategies to provide safe and confidential access to coordinated entry (CE) include virtual intake, creating physical spaces that promote privacy and confidentiality, using trauma-informed interviewing, and including those with lived experience in updates to policies and procedures, thus ensuring a victim centered approach. The CoC CE process is undergoing a significant modification in partnership with our VSPs to create a process that is victim centered, and trauma-informed including development of a paper application process and a parallel DV CE process to the CoC's regular CE process.

1C-5d.	Used De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.e.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC used for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and	
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC uses Osnum Software Inc. for the domestic violence provider in Union County. Osnum 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-5e.	Implemented Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:	
	1. whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;	
	2. the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and	
	3. the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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.

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.

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

	2. proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
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(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.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC actively ensures that survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of our CoC-wide policies and programs. Some persons who have lived experience of homeless, those who are survivors/victims, and in some cases, both. These members have taken leadership roles. Recruiting and engaging participants with lived experience is largely the result of one-on-one conversations along with an open request during CoC meetings. The contributions of these members of the CoC are reflected in policies and procedures which have been developed with their input and creative ideas for resolving challenges.

In public, virtual meetings, every attendee is encouraged to go off screen if they prefer and does not have to identify themselves in any way. If they have concerns about being identified by their voice, they can also participate in the meeting via the chat function which is monitored carefully.

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Union County CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy based on stakeholder feedback given the CEAS/CoC Committee meetings and surveys. Policies are re-evaluated and updated as needed.
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 antidiscrimination policies on a quarterly basis during the CEAS/CoC Sub-Committee meetings.
4. The Union County CoC evaluates noncompliance with the CoC’s antidiscrimination 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.

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

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with—if there is only one PHA in your CoC’s geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
City of Elizabeth Housing Authority	19%	Yes-Both	Yes
City of Plainfield Housing Authority	0%	No	No

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	steps your CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within your CoC's geographic area or the two PHAs your CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if your CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, you may respond for the one; or	
2.	state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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.
2. Not applicable.

1C-7b.	Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC's jurisdiction that your recipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing:	

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	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.		

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

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

	1. Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
	2. Family Unification Program (FUP)	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:	

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

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

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

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

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

PHA
City of Elizabeth

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

Name of PHA: City of Elizabeth

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	20
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	20
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC 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.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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 & friends & other advocates. Trained workers meet homeless individuals & families, where they are, & work to gain trust & offer services & shelter, including linkages to permanent housing whenever possible. Street Outreach services are provided to all municipalities within the CoC geographic area.
2. Yes, the CoC's Street Outreach covers 100% of the geographic area. The Street Outreach team goes 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 & 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 & 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 & Count as part of the PITC. Individuals & families identified through the PITC are provided immediate shelter & linkages to services. Bridgeway also implements Homeless Outreach & Support Team, which prioritizes transition age youth ages 16-24, & those with co-occurring substance use disorders. While youth are specifically targeted, program is open to all homeless persons.
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 & provide their basic needs, such as food, water & 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, & other first responders know that they have been engaged & in contact with the provider. Also, the street outreach teams ensure to communicate that they will be coming back at a specific time & date to build trust & begin to work towards a more stable living situation.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	No
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	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) or Longitudinal Data from HMIS.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.I.	

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	206	301

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.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 & substance abuse programs, etc. in CoC meetings. New regulations are explained via presentations at CoC meetings & updated information & 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 & resource information is also emailed to an extensive contact list to ensure wide dissemination of information. Union County CoC Lead & CoC staff are responsible for overseeing this strategy.

2.The CoC works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including substance abuse treatment & 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 & 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 & substance abuse programs, etc. in CoC meetings. New regulations are explained via presentations at CoC meetings & updated information & 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 & resource information is distributed at CoC meeting & is emailed to an extensive contact list to ensure wide dissemination of information. Union County CoC Coordinator & staff are responsible for overseeing this strategy. Bridgeway is SOAR certified & provide CoC-wide training as available.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC 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-19 and during weather-related emergencies.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The 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. The County Office of Emergency Management is currently working with County entities/Department to update polices & procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks and mass care which will then be rolled out to the overall CoC.
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.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.o.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC:		
1.	shared information related to public health measures and homelessness, and	

	2. facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.
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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.

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The 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.

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

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

	1. reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;
	2. prioritizes people most in need of assistance;
	3. ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and
	4. takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The 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 FY2023 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.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or coordinated entry:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC CE is undergoing a modification to better market housing and services provided within the geographic area and better outreach all persons experiencing homelessness, but ultimately to help prevent homelessness. If funded through the CoC Planning project, the Union County CoC will utilize funds to conduct a full in-depth data analysis of the Geographical Area including disadvantaged neighborhoods where homeless persons cluster; looking into overall demographics, poverty and income.
2. The CoC hosts bi-monthly seasonal outreach events throughout the County where the CoC has the opportunity to engage persons experiencing homelessness. The Fresh Start mobile Laundry/Shower program goes where the need is in the community with housing and services resources as well as information about program participants rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws. Resources are available in languages other than English and include a phone number and weblink should other methods of communication be needed due to different abilities. In April 2023, in honor of National Fair Housing Month, the CoC hosted a few community outreach events to educate the community about tenant rights. There are 2 community providers that also host tenant rights education workshops throughout the calendar year. Additionally, at those events, the local legal aide organization is in attendance to assist with fair housing issues.
3. Concerns and complaints related to fair housing and/or community development planning reported to the CoC are addressed through the Union County Department of Economic Development for further action. Local legal aid is also engaged.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	08/22/2023

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Homeless Service Providers in the CoC acted 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 FY20 (2022-2022), 60.58% were Black, 24.76% Hispanic/Latino(a)(x), 2.88% Asian and Native American.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The 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. Community providers that are active members of the CoC committee are encouraged to actively engage and recruit Individuals with Lived Experience to become involved in leadership roles and the CoC decision making processes.

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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 multiple hiring events with Walgreens, Amazon, the Port Authority, 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.

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.r.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;	
2.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG Programs; and	
3.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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. Meeting the community where the needs are and having one on one conversation with program participants is the best approach to gather feedback from persons experiencing homelessness, those receiving assistance through the CoC or ESG Programs and walk them through the steps to address the challenges they are facing.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.t.		
Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:		
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and	
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The 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, City of Plainfield, 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 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

1.	Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/16/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	09/08/2023

1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	

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

5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes
6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	No

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC 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 FY2023 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 considered 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.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The 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.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No

	4. If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	
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1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. NOFO Section V.B.2.g. You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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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 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/05/2023
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects. NOFO Section V.B.2.g. You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project accepted or rejected status; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Requested Funding Amounts; and 6. Reallocated funds.	Yes
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline. NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95. You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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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: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/26/2023
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	1E-5d. Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website. NOFO Section V.B.2.g. You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	09/26/2023
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/28/2023
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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.

The Union County Continuum of Care is compliant with all FY2022 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.

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

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	212	0	212	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	133	38	95	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	301	0	301	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	314	0	314	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC does not have any project type bed coverage rate at or below 84.99.

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

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/24/2023
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/28/2023
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC engaged/worked with and included unaccompanied youth, youth serving organizations, and youth experiencing homelessness in the FY2023 unsheltered PIT count. At the annual planning and training for our annual event, held on 1/12/2023, key stakeholders who serve homeless youth were in attendance: Union County Division of Children & Youth Services, Community Access Unlimited and Covenant House. Homeless youth were also engaged in the actual count from the above noted providers. The staff from the Union County Division of Children & Youth Services and Community Access Unlimited helped spearhead the homeless youth count and select locations where homeless youth could be identified.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable;	
	2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and	
	3. describe how the changes affected your CoC’s PIT count results; or	
	4. state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

There was no change in the way our CoC conducted the sheltered PIT count between 2022 and 2023.

The CoC did change the way the unsheltered PIT count was conducted between 2022 and 2023. We kept the process from 2002 which was using the 7-day methodology but added back the large one-night street count (as was done in the past prior to COVID-19). For the 7-day methodology, different community partners and County staff went out each day during different times of the day to capture as many unsheltered persons on the night of 1/24/2023. By going out at different times of the day/night and different locations throughout the County allowed volunteers to engage the unsheltered population at varied times they might be at these locations. As in 2022, doing this methodology allowed us to capture better data of our unsheltered persons throughout Union County. The PIT results were impacted by a variety of reasons.

2C. System Performance

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2C-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;	
	2. describe your CoC’s strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and	
	3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Progress began to be made in the reduction of homelessness – until Hurricane Ida hit Union County (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. The Union County Division of Social Services will complete assessments for emergency assistance to determine immediate need to avoid homelessness.

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.

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

Was your CoC’s Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:
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1.	natural disasters?	Yes
2.	having recently arrived in your CoCs’ geographic area?	No

(limit 2,500 characters)

As noted in the above section, Union County was impacted greatly by Hurricane Ida (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.

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

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Our CE system re-design will help us to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless. The key strategy to make significant progress in reducing the length of time individuals and families remain homeless while addressing the underlying issues contributing to homelessness is the Housing First model. The comprehensive strategy to achieve this goal: Prevention, Emergency Shelter and Rapid Rehousing, Supportive Services, Affordable Housing, Community Engagement, Data Collection & Analysis, Coordination & Funding, Long-Term Planning, and Continuous Evaluation & Adaptation. By implementing these strategies, communities can make significant progress in reducing the length of time individuals and families remain homeless while addressing the underlying issues contributing to homelessness.

Using HMIS data, the CoC will identify, prioritize and house individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless. This will ultimately reduce the overall CoC length of homeless time frame down as well as prevent recidivism back into homelessness.

The Union County Department of Human Services is the lead entity that is working with Monarch Housing Associates to develop and implement the new CE system re-design for the Elizabeth/Union County CoC. The Union County CEAS/CoC has been a big role in planning and development process.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing—CoC’s Strategy
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.
	In the field below:
1.	describe your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;
2.	describe your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The 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 FY2022 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.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC’s Strategy to Reduce Rate.
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.
	In the field below:
1.	describe your CoC’s strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	describe your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC reviews APRs and data from HMIS to identify possible gaps that could lead to returns to homelessness. By reviewing HMIS data on households whose initial placement from housing was unsuccessful, as well as an analysis on the efficacy of the CoC funded projects within the continuum, we hope to better understand any underlying similarities or structural issues that might offer predictive capacity or suggest better strategies with specific households with similar underlying issues.

2. Key areas that are helpful in helping to reduce the rate the returns to homelessness are:

- Data Analysis and Tracking: Analyze the data collected to identify trends and patterns related to individuals and families who return to homelessness. Look for common risk factors, service gaps, or program shortcomings.
- Case Management and Support Services: Provide case management services that focus on stabilization and preventing a return to homelessness. Regular check-ins and ongoing support can help identify signs of instability or housing instability.
- Cross-Agency Collaboration: Collaborate with various agencies, including shelters, housing providers, mental health services, and substance abuse treatment centers, to share information and track clients' progress across systems.
- Early Warning System: Develop an early warning system to identify individuals and families at risk of returning to homelessness. This system could be based on specific triggers, such as eviction notices or missed rent payments.
- Peer Support: Incorporate peer support programs where formerly homeless individuals with lived experience can connect with those at risk of returning to homelessness and offer guidance and support.

3. The CEAS/CoC Committee is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC’s Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC’s strategy to access employment cash sources;	
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase income from employment.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. All CoC programs assess each project participant for any income, including employment income they currently receive as the first step in each household's service plan. While most project participants are substantially disabled and unable to work at the time of project enrollment, some stabilize over time and are able to take on work. Each project's case management staff work with all participants to regularly review their ability to work and to overcome their anxiety about a potential loss of benefits if they return to work.

2. The Union County American Job Center is a key partner of the CoC and a member of the CEAS/CoC Committee. This is the organization that helps individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income. In Union County, we have a job resource that is available electronically online and via email through the local community college and the American Job Center.

3. The CEAS/CoC Committee, the overall CoC and the Union County American Job Center collectively are responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC 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. Nonemployment 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

n/a

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

n/a

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

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

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

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

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1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Letter Signed by ...	09/28/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/27/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Web Posting of Lo...	09/28/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/27/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	09/27/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/27/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/27/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	09/28/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Web Posting	09/28/2023

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	CoC-Approved Cons...	09/28/2023
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HDX Competition R...	09/27/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Submission Summary

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

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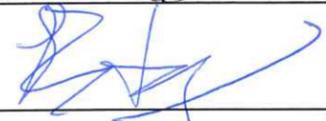
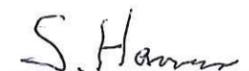
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FROM: Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee Members
DATE: Friday, September 8, 2023
**RE: FY2023 CoC SuperNOFO Application:
CEAS/CoC Commit to Include Persons with Lived Experience**

The Union County Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System and Continuum of Care (CEAS/CoC) Committee members met on Thursday, September 7, 2023. This letter serves as our approval and support of the Elizabeth/Union County CoC's mission to make sure the Persons with Lived Experience have a voice in all efforts that the Coc makes to provide housing and services to the homeless and formerly homeless individuals and families with the Elizabeth/Union County CoC. We support the following priorities for those who are homeless and unsheltered or living in an emergency shelter, as well as those who are fleeing domestic violence:

- The CoC will continue to pursue the creation of new housing opportunities with the use of CoC funding and collaboration with other funding sources include State and Federal agencies.
- The CoC will continue to identify new avenues to create programs that reach the homeless population in every corner of our vast Continuum of Care and provide housing and services to all in need of them.

We are all Persons will Lived Experience and Expertise of Homelessness (PLEE). We look forward to continuing to guide the CoC on policies, procedures, and priorities from the perspective of those who have expertise and experience of homelessness.

Sincerely,
PLEE Members of the Union County CEAS/CoC Committee

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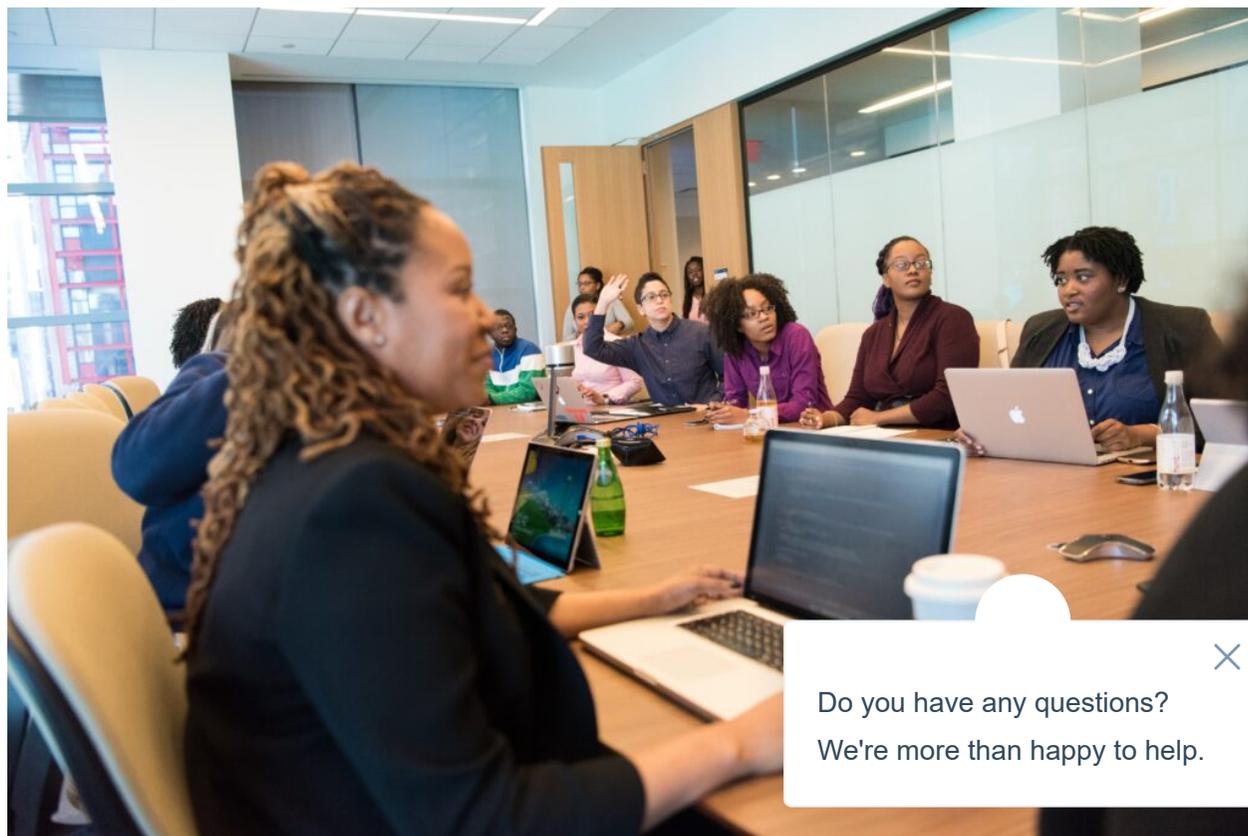
Union County Department of Human Services FY2023 CoC SuperNOFO Application

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Overview

The application was prepared by the lead Union County 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 7, 2023 CEAS/CoC Committee meeting.

Please click on the links to the corresponding documents.

1. [Request for Letter of Intent < https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Letter-of-Intent.pdf>](https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Letter-of-Intent.pdf)

2. [Union County CoC Priority Listing and Ranking Procedure < https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Union-County-Continuum-of-Care-CoC-Project-Priority-Listing-Ranking-Procedure-and-Reallocation-Process.pdf>](https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Union-County-Continuum-of-Care-CoC-Project-Priority-Listing-Ranking-Procedure-and-Reallocation-Process.pdf)

3. [Application Recommendation < https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Application-Recommendation-Approved-9-7-2023.pdf>](https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Application-Recommendation-Approved-9-7-2023.pdf) – Approved 09/07/23

4. [Exhibit 1](#)

5. [Priority Listing < https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/CoC-Application---Priority-Listing.pdf>](https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/CoC-Application---Priority-Listing.pdf)

6. [Projects Accepted < https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Projects-Accepted.pdf>](https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Projects-Accepted.pdf)

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Projects

New Approved Projects

- [Union County CoC Planning Project < https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Union-County-CoC-Planning-Project.pdf>](https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Union-County-CoC-Planning-Project.pdf)
- [Family Promise PH-PSH 8U < https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Family-Promise-PH-PSH-8U.pdf>](https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Family-Promise-PH-PSH-8U.pdf)
- [Visions & Pathways PH-RRH 6U < https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Visions-Pathways-PH-RRH-6U.pdf>](https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Visions-Pathways-PH-RRH-6U.pdf)

Projects for Renewal

- [Bridgeway Supportive Housing < https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Bridgeway-Supportive-Housing.pdf>](https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Bridgeway-Supportive-Housing.pdf)
- [Bridgeway-Elizabeth Housing Authority 20U < https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Bridgeway-Elizabeth-Housing-Authority-20U.pdf>](https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Bridgeway-Elizabeth-Housing-Authority-20U.pdf)
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FY2023 Continuum of Care (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

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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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|--|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. Performance Measures and Project Effectiveness | (40 points) | _____ |
| 2. Serving High Need Populations | (20 points) | _____ |
| 3. Equity Factors | (20 points) | _____ |
| 4. Project Financial Information | (15 points) | _____ |
| 5. Participation in Local Priorities | (10 points) | _____ |
| 6. Bonus Points | (up to 5 points) | _____ |

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: Family Promise PH-PSH 8U-2023 / Visions & Pathways PH-RRH 6U

Evaluator's Number: _____

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|--|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. Performance Measures and Project Effectiveness | (40 points) | _____ |
| 2. Serving High Need Populations | (20 points) | _____ |
| 3. Equity Factors | (20 points) | _____ |
| 4. Project Financial Information | (15 points) | _____ |
| 5. Participation in Local Priorities | (10 points) | _____ |
| 6. Bonus Points | (up to 5 points) | _____ |

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Renewal Projects

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

Evaluator's Number: 1

1. Performance Measures and Project Effectiveness (40 points)	<u>35</u>
2. Serving High Need Populations (20 points)	<u>17</u>
3. Equity Factors (20 points)	<u>17</u>
4. Project Financial Information (15 points)	<u>14</u>
5. Participation in Local Priorities (10 points)	<u>7</u>
6. Bonus Points (up to 5 points)	<u>X</u>

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

Evaluator's Number: 7

1. Performance Measures and Project Effectiveness	(40 points)	<u>40</u>
2. Serving High Need Populations	(20 points)	<u>20</u>
3. Equity Factors	(20 points)	<u>19</u>
4. Project Financial Information	(15 points)	<u>15</u>
5. Participation in Local Priorities	(10 points)	<u>9</u>
6. Bonus Points	(up to 5 points)	<u>n/a</u>

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in performing street outreach
people who do not speak English
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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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1. Performance Measures and Project Effectiveness
(40 points)

40

2. Serving High Need Populations
(20 points)

18

3. Equity Factors
(20 points)

18

4. Project Financial Information
(15 points)

14

5. Participation in Local Priorities
(10 points)

8

6. Bonus Points
(up to 5 points)

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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: Tuesday, September 5, 2023

**RE: FY2023 CoC SuperNOFO Application: Projects Rejected/
Reduced**

The Union County Continuum of Care Priority Ranking Committee met on Wednesday, August 30th, 2023 to review the FY2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) SuperNOFO Applications (New & Renewal).

At this meeting the following proposals were rejected based on the application guidelines, composite evaluation completed by each evaluator, and group discussion on each project:

- None

Should you have any questions, please contact Christina M. Topolosky at (908) 527-4839 or email her at ctopolosky@ucnj.org.

CC: FY2023 CoC SuperNOFO Application File

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RE: FY2023 CoC SuperNOFO Application: Projects Accepted

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At this meeting the following FY2023 CoC SuperNOFO projects were accepted:

- Bridgeway Supportive Housing
- Bridgeway/Elizabeth Housing Authority 20U-TRA
- Bridgeway/Elizabeth Housing Authority 45U-TRA
- Bridgeway/Plainfield Housing Authority 11U CH-F-TRA
- Bridgeway/Plainfield Housing Authority 15U-TRA
- Bridgeway/Plainfield Housing Authority 25U-TRA
- Bridgeway/Plainfield Housing Authority 35U-TRA
- Community Access Institute-Colonial/Morse
- Community Access Unlimited-Jaques
- Community Access Unlimited-W. Grand
- Covenant House 6U-RRH
- Elizabeth Housing Authority/BWY-TRA
- Gateway/ECHH TH-PH RRH
- Gateway Family YMCA 14U-CH Family
- Gateway Family YMCA Ind.-PH
- Gateway Family YMCA Madison
- Family Promise PH-PSH 8U (NEW)
- Union County CoC-Planning Project (NEW)
- Visions & Pathways PH-RRH 6U (NEW)
- YWCA Union County

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Attachments: FY2023-CoC-Project Ranking-Worksheet

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FY2023 Continuum of Care SuperNOFO Project Ranking

#	Project Name	Expiring Grant #	Project Type	Component Type	Amount Requested	Amount Ranked	Running Total	%	Scoring
1	Community Access Unlimited-Colonial/Morse	334	Operations	PSH	\$ 33,741	\$33,741	\$33,741	0.63%	105.83
2	Bridgeway/Plainfield Housing Authority 25U-TRA	159	Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 411,367	\$411,367	\$445,108	8.35%	105
3	Bridgeway/Elizabeth Housing Authority 45U-TRA	158	Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 772,305	\$772,305	\$1,217,413	22.84%	104.83
4	Bridgeway/Elizabeth Housing Authority 20U-TRA	157	Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 310,438	\$310,438	\$1,527,851	28.67%	104.67
5	Gateway Family YMCA Ind.-PH	173	Leasing	PSH	\$ 339,904	\$339,904	\$1,867,755	35.05%	104
6	Bridgeway/Plainfield Housing Authority 15U-TRA	271	Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 236,064	\$236,064	\$2,103,819	39.47%	103.33
7	Community Access Unlimited-W. Grand	160	Leasing	PSH	\$ 122,323	\$122,323	\$2,226,142	41.77%	102.67
8	Gateway Family YMCA 14U-CH Family	311	Leasing	PSH	\$ 505,850	\$505,850	\$2,731,992	51.26%	102
9	Bridgeway/Plainfield Housing Authority 35U-TRA	171	Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 573,057	\$573,057	\$3,305,049	62.01%	102
10	Bridgeway/Plainfield Housing Authority 11U CH-F-TRA	389	Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 170,353	\$170,353	\$3,475,402	65.21%	101.67
11	Community Access Unlimited-Jaques	162	Operations/SS/HMIS	PSH	\$ 195,951	\$195,951	\$3,671,353	68.89%	101.33
12	Gateway YMCA / ECHH TH/PH RRH	563	Rental Assistance	TH/PH-RRH	\$ 294,499	\$294,499	\$3,965,852	74.41%	99
13	YWCA Union County	174	Leasing	PSH	\$ 281,941	\$281,941	\$4,247,793	79.70%	98.17
14	Gateway Family YMCA Madison	392	Support Services	PSH	\$ 90,397	\$90,397	\$4,338,190	81.40%	97
15	Elizabeth Housing Authority/BWY TRA	483	Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 129,673	\$129,673	\$4,467,863	83.83%	96.67
16	Covenant House NJ 6U-RRH	538	Rental Assistance	PSH-RRH	\$ 113,161	\$113,161	\$4,581,024	85.96%	94.67
17	Bridgeway Supportive Housing	156	Operations/SS	PSH	\$ 30,149	\$30,149	\$4,611,173	86.52%	93.67
18	Union County CoC-Planning Project (NEW)	n/a	Planning	Planning	\$ 322,178	\$322,178	\$4,933,351	92.57%	n/a
19	Family Promise PH-PSH 8U (NEW)	n/a	Leasing	PH-RRH	\$ 273,133	\$273,133	\$5,206,484	97.69%	n/a
20	Visions & Pathways PH-RRH 6U (NEW)	n/a	Leasing	PH-RRH	\$ 123,020	\$123,020	\$5,329,504	100.00%	n/a

Tier 1: \$4,288,391

Total Renewal: \$ 4,611,173

Total New: \$718,331

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	Average
334 - CAU Colonial/Morse	105.83
159 - PHA/Bridgeway-25U	105.00
158 - EHA/Bridgeway-45U	104.83
157 - EHA/Bridgeway-20U	104.67
173 - Gateway-Y Ind.	104.00
271 - PHA/Bridgeway-15U	103.33
160 - CAU-W. Grand	102.67
311 - Gateway-Y CH Fam	102.00
171 - PHA/Bridgeway-35U	102.00
389 - PHA/Bridgeway-11U	101.67
162 - CAU-Jaques & HMIS	101.33
563 - Gateway/ECHH Joint	99.00
174 - YWCA	98.17
392 - Gateway-Y Madison	97.00
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538 - CovH 6U-RRH	94.67
156 - Bridgeway	93.67

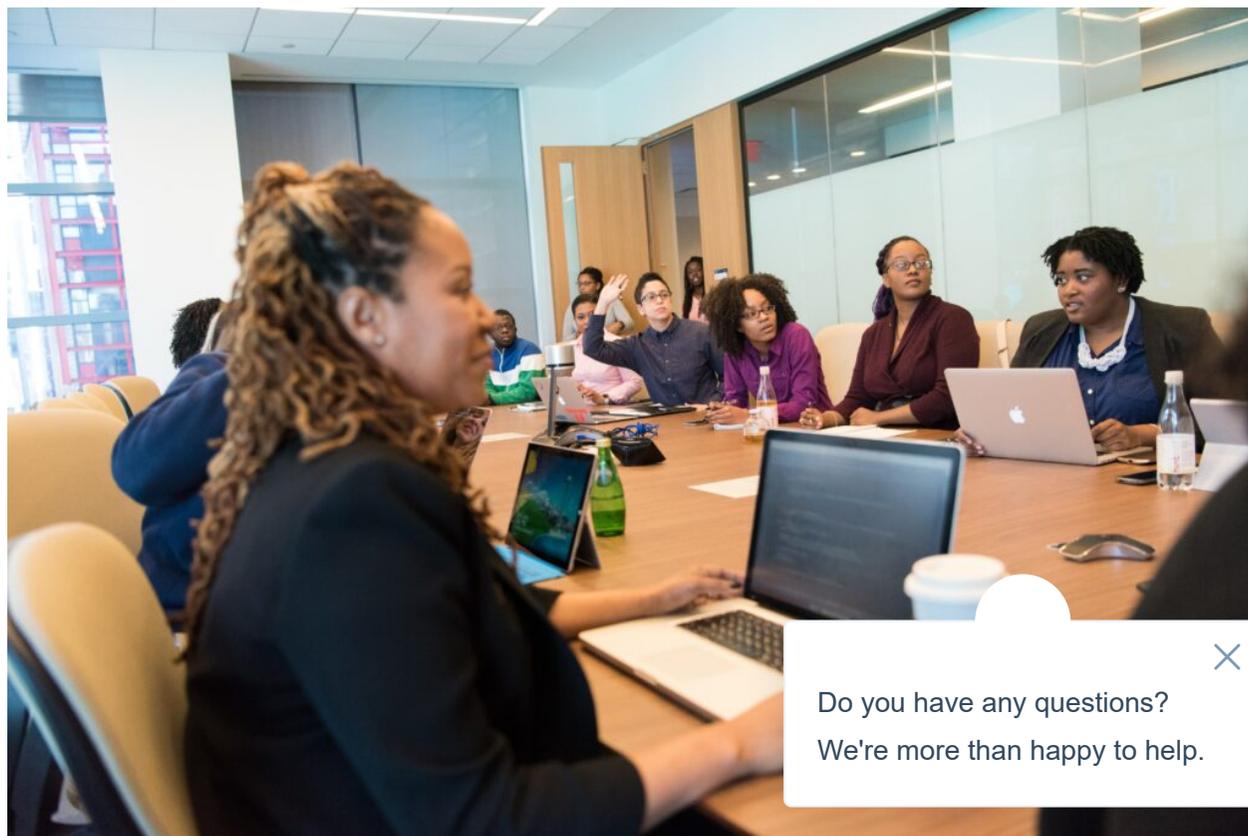
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Overview

The application was prepared by the lead Union County 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 7, 2023 CEAS/CoC Committee meeting.

Please click on the links to the corresponding documents.

1. [Request for Letter of Intent < https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Letter-of-Intent.pdf>](https://ucnj.org/dhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2023/09/Letter-of-Intent.pdf)

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FY2023 Continuum of Care SuperNOFO Project Ranking

#	Project Name	Expiring Grant #	Project Type	Component Type	Amount Requested	Amount Ranked	Running Total	%	Scoring
1	Community Access Unlimited-Colonial/Morse	334	Operations	PSH	\$ 33,741	\$33,741	\$33,741	0.63%	105.83
2	Bridgeway/Plainfield Housing Authority 25U-TRA	159	Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 411,367	\$411,367	\$445,108	8.35%	105
3	Bridgeway/Elizabeth Housing Authority 45U-TRA	158	Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 772,305	\$772,305	\$1,217,413	22.84%	104.83
4	Bridgeway/Elizabeth Housing Authority 20U-TRA	157	Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 310,438	\$310,438	\$1,527,851	28.67%	104.67
5	Gateway Family YMCA Ind.-PH	173	Leasing	PSH	\$ 339,904	\$339,904	\$1,867,755	35.05%	104
6	Bridgeway/Plainfield Housing Authority 15U-TRA	271	Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 236,064	\$236,064	\$2,103,819	39.47%	103.33
7	Community Access Unlimited-W. Grand	160	Leasing	PSH	\$ 122,323	\$122,323	\$2,226,142	41.77%	102.67
8	Gateway Family YMCA 14U-CH Family	311	Leasing	PSH	\$ 505,850	\$505,850	\$2,731,992	51.26%	102
9	Bridgeway/Plainfield Housing Authority 35U-TRA	171	Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 573,057	\$573,057	\$3,305,049	62.01%	102
10	Bridgeway/Plainfield Housing Authority 11U CH-F-TRA	389	Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 170,353	\$170,353	\$3,475,402	65.21%	101.67
11	Community Access Unlimited-Jaques	162	Operations/SS/HMIS	PSH	\$ 195,951	\$195,951	\$3,671,353	68.89%	101.33
12	Gateway YMCA / ECHH TH/PH RRH	563	Rental Assistance	TH/PH-RRH	\$ 294,499	\$294,499	\$3,965,852	74.41%	99
13	YWCA Union County	174	Leasing	PSH	\$ 281,941	\$281,941	\$4,247,793	79.70%	98.17
14	Gateway Family YMCA Madison	392	Support Services	PSH	\$ 90,397	\$90,397	\$4,338,190	81.40%	97
15	Elizabeth Housing Authority/BWY TRA	483	Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 129,673	\$129,673	\$4,467,863	83.83%	96.67
16	Covenant House NJ 6U-RRH	538	Rental Assistance	PSH-RRH	\$ 113,161	\$113,161	\$4,581,024	85.96%	94.67
17	Bridgeway Supportive Housing	156	Operations/SS	PSH	\$ 30,149	\$30,149	\$4,611,173	86.52%	93.67
18	Union County CoC-Planning Project (NEW)	n/a	Planning	Planning	\$ 322,178	\$322,178	\$4,933,351	92.57%	n/a
19	Family Promise PH-PSH 8U (NEW)	n/a	Leasing	PH-RRH	\$ 273,133	\$273,133	\$5,206,484	97.69%	n/a
20	Visions & Pathways PH-RRH 6U (NEW)	n/a	Leasing	PH-RRH	\$ 123,020	\$123,020	\$5,329,504	100.00%	n/a

Tier 1: \$4,288,391

Total Renewal: \$ 4,611,173

Total New: \$718,331

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