

## Before Starting the Special CoC Application

You must submit both of the following parts in order for us to consider your Special NOFO Consolidated Application complete:

1. the CoC Application, and
2. the CoC Priority Listing.

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

1. The Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (Special NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The Special NOFO Continuum of Care (CoC) Application Detailed Instructions for Collaborative Applicants 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.

CoC Approval is Required before You Submit Your CoC's Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application 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 the [Specific Attachment Name] attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.

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

# 1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** MD-600 - Prince George's County CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** MD-600 Prince George's County CoC

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

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** MD-600 Prince George's County CoC

1A-5.	<b>New Projects</b>	
	Complete the chart below by indicating which funding opportunity(ies) your CoC applying for projects under. A CoC may apply for funding under both set asides; however, projects funded through the rural set aside may only be used in rural areas, as defined in the Special NOFO.	
1.	<b>Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside</b>	Yes
2.	<b>Rural Homelessness Set Aside</b>	No

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

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<b>1B-1.</b>	<b>Web Posting of Your CoC Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. (All Applicants)</b>	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project application submission for your CoC's local competition.	08/11/2022

<b>1B-2.</b>	<b>Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. (All Applicants)</b>	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected new project applications during your CoC's 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

<b>1B-3.</b>	<b>Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)</b>	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	1. Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	No
	2. Did your CoC inform the applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	No
	3. If you selected yes, for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	

1B-3a.	<b>Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)</b>	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/05/2022
1B-4.	<b>Web Posting of the CoC-Approved Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application. (All Applicants)</b>	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC posted its Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or affiliate’s website–which included: 1. the CoC Application, and 2. Priority Listings.	10/12/2022

## 2A. System Performance

The CoC Special NOFO page provides HUD-approved resources to assist you in completing the Special NOFO CoC Application, including:

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2A-1.	<b>Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors.</b>	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.b.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;	
2.	how your CoC addresses 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 or to end homelessness for individuals and families.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC uses several data sets to identify causal factors driving first time homelessness including housing distress data, affordable housing studies, census information, eviction filings, HMIS, PCWA data, health indicators, public safety/corrections data, foodbank and drop in center data, hotline calls and a local COVID assistance prioritization map which was created using poverty, housing type, property turnover rates, employment sectors most impacted by COVID, race, family size, and other factors to help target those most likely to experience housing loss. This data is analyzed to identify emerging local trends and is used by the CoC to continuously forecast shifts in population sets, target prevention and diversion activities, and proactively plan for newly emerging needs.
2. The CoC utilizes 211 as the front door for identifying families needing intervention to avoid a housing disruption. 211 maintains a database of over 6,000 resources and ensures callers are linked immediately to needed diversion and eviction prevention services including, conflict mediation, education on tenants' rights, and monetary assistance. Rental assistance is coordinated using a reservation system to prevent duplication and a central banking system to ensure immediate access to funds to resolve the crisis. The CoC's consortium of providers are strategically located throughout the County and use a universal application and standardized protocols to ensure uniformity throughout the system. Annual refresher training is conducted to ensure system efficacy. Finally, the CoC conducts outreach to FQHCs, municipal officials, pantries, libraries and churches to educate households about available resources, works with landlords and the Sheriff's Office to resolve pending evictions, the McKinney Vento liaison to identify families at risk or doubling up, the PCWA for co-case management of housing unstable families, and the PHA to target units at risk of losing their housing subsidy.
3. The CoC Lead and 211 CEO oversee this strategy.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC works continuously to reduce the length of time homeless in several ways, including: a. Family mediation/reunification as a supportive housing strategy, b. housing challenges to promote rapid exit, c. landlord meet and lease events incentivizing rapid lease up, d. care coordination meetings to brainstorm nontraditional exit strategies for high system utilizers, e. increased PH capacity through move on strategies, matching housing subsidies with COC PSH to expand units, use of ESG-CV and state EHP funds to expand RRH, and PHA priorities for homeless (EHV, FUP, FUP-Y, FYI, Homeless, ACIS/PFS, VET, VAWA, VASH, etc.), f. expedited unit inspections and a dedicated PHA representative to mitigate application delays, g. flex funding for removal of barriers to lease-up (i.e.; security deposits, 1st month's rent, utility deposits, furniture, and document vital record replacements), h. specialized housing projects targeting priority sub-populations with higher LOT (1115 waiver, Pay for Success, and YHDP), and i. expanded recruitment of landlords without barriers to leasing, especially those that are "returning citizen friendly". The CoC also contributed to the County's Comprehensive Housing Strategy Report "Housing Opportunities for All (HOFA)" which establishes a framework to reduce housing disparities, provide guidance and innovation in financing and redistribution of County resources, promote strategies for equitable access to healthcare, education, jobs and transportation, and remove barriers to fair, affordable, diverse and quality housing opportunities.
2. The Coordinated Entry Team uses HMIS to create a By-Name list, which is prioritized by chronicity, vulnerability factors, and length of homelessness, and meets bi-weekly to create exit strategies and expedite appropriate connections between homeless persons and available housing. LOT is tracked for all households active on the BNL and is used to prioritize housing placements.
3. The CoC Lead and Coordinated Entry Manager oversee this strategy.

<b>2A-3.</b>	<b>Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention. (All Applicants)</b>	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:	
	1. emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
	2. permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC employs several strategies to positively impact permanent housing exits including: a. Coordination with local PHAs to expand homeless priorities for public housing and set asides vouchers; and expand education of landlords regarding the impact of Maryland’s recent Housing Opportunities Made Equal Act which adds “source of income” to the list of prohibited forms of housing discrimination and ban landlords and management companies from having policies excluding tenants who use government assistance, such as Housing Choice vouchers, b. Bi-weekly case-conferencing across programs, c. Creation of faith-based transition housing units, d. Creation of second chance housing, e. A shared housing pilot for seniors and chronic homeless, f. Expanded non-CoC funded housing solutions for veterans and survivors (i.e.; SAFE, GOCCP, Survivor Flex Fund, SSVF, GPD, and a faith base funded veterans crisis fund), g. Expanded RRH using ESG-CV and EHP funds, h. Follow-up case management services for 18 months to ensure formerly homeless persons don’t jeopardize their housing, and i. Ensuring all persons moving to PH are linked with mainstream resources to increase income and community support systems.
2. The CoC maintains a 99% retention in PSH and employs several strategies to positively impact retention including: a. All CoC PH providers ensure housing continues to be low barrier and staff provide ongoing support and advocacy to ensure housing retention by participants is achieved whenever and wherever possible, b. Households identified as at imminent risk of losing their housing due to severe tenancy challenges are case staffed and additional services offered to prevent disruption, c. All PSH program terminations require prior review by the CoC to ensure every effort has been made to support client success, and d. Acquisition of “move on” strategy vouchers to support participant transition from PSH to lower acuity permanent housing solutions with the provision of 12 months of post exit case management support.
3. The CoC Lead and CoC Housing Subcommittee Co-Chairs oversee this strategy.

<b>2A-4.</b>	<b>Returns to Homelessness–CoC’s Strategy to Reduce Rate. (All Applicants)</b>	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness;	
	2. 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 Data Subcommittee uses HMIS to track returns to homelessness (RTH) and produces 2 documents: Monthly reports which track exits with subsequent placement for up to three years after exit (including RRH/HA case closures) and a report card that tracks recidivism by program. Providers examine individual cases of persons returning to homelessness to determine the cause and identify if there were missed opportunities to engage. Data analysis of current “frequent flyers” in the homeless system is used to determine commonalities that may indicate risk for recidivism; this analysis includes cross-referencing with the criminal justice and health care system to identify patterns of usage between the 3 systems.

2. Strategies to reduce additional returns to homelessness include: a. Postplacement stabilization and follow-up for a minimum of 18 months for every permanent housing placement made by the CoC b. “Quick fix” rental, food, and utility assistance funds to solve reemerging housing crises; c. engagement with other systems of care to increase services by non-CoC providers including peer-to-peer mentoring, behavioral health services, and in-home somatic health recovery support; d. A housing retention liaison that targets voucher holders whose housing subsidies are in jeopardy for CoC crisis resolution; and e. linkages to the faith-based community for additional support. The CoC is also engaged in a one-year regional racial equity analysis in partnership with the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments and C4 Center for Social Innovation to assess its homeless systems – including analysis of disproportionality in RTH among various sub-populations - and develop recommendations for targeted system improvements.

3. The CoC Lead and co-chairs of the CoC data subcommittee oversee this strategy.

<b>2A-5.</b>	<b>Increasing Employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants)</b>	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase employment cash sources;
2.	how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase income from employment.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC has several strategies to increase participant earned income and prioritize access for those experiencing homelessness to job assessment, readiness training and placement services including: a. Employment performance goals for all CoC providers and production of HMIS reports to measure progress; b. Coordination with local WIOA and Public Welfare agencies to prioritize homeless access to job assessment, readiness training and placement services; c. Employment assistance funds (i.e.; uniforms, certifications and vocational training), d. Development of "just in time" employers willing to hire transition age youth (18-24) needing immediate mentorship and employment, e. Rapid re-employment assistance for those who lose their job, f. Employ Prince George's training for all CoC providers and staff to improve rapid access the County's employment system and priority connections for participants presenting as unemployed/underemployed, g. Transportation assistance, h. Targeted in-shelter and community job fairs, and i. Partnerships with unions and other trade organizations to create internships and on the job learning opportunities and contractual incentives to County contractors to hire homeless residents.
2. The CoC works closely with mainstream employment organizations to help participants increase income. Joint projects include: a. Partnership with the County's WIOA centers and local employers to increase work opportunities, local public welfare agency to leverage welfare to work activities, and the local developmental disabilities agency to leverage supportive employment opportunities, b. coordination with the "Bridge Center at Adam's House" targeting rapid employment and supportive services for returning citizens, and c. Specialized employment training by the local community college in the 3 largest projected growth industries (transportation and warehousing, retail trade and medical). Maryland also increased the income guidelines for access to child-care subsidies that when mapped to employment strategies, greatly increase potential for family earnings.
3. The CoC and WIOA leads oversee this strategy.

	2A-5a. Increasing Non-employment Cash Income—Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase non-employment cash income;	
	2. your CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and	
	3. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC has implemented several strategies to increase non-employment cash sources including: a. Evaluation of all shelter entries within 72 hours to review eligibility for mainstream resources using a consolidated benefit application (TANF, SNAP and M/A), b. Periodic program reviews to identify eligible participants who have lost benefits and/or who are still are not linked to non-employment cash resources to facilitate access and/or to help them with recertification, c. Training of street outreach and shelter staff to complete SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) and mainstream benefit program applications, and d. Access to dedicated benefit liaisons within the local public welfare agency that are versed in all mainstream programs and help CoC staff and participants navigate complicated eligibility requirements and streamline the application process to ensure participants access mainstream resources whenever and wherever possible. They are also often able to generate system copies of critical documents when impacted residents have been receiving benefits but have lost their documents due to evictions or an unsheltered status greatly reducing the time it takes to secure replacements.
2. The CoC has a partnership with the local Department of Social Services' eligibility team that expedites all applications for mainstream benefits under their control (TANF, SNAP, M/A, DALP, and EAFC) and provides Affordable Care Act navigators for non-M/A insurance opportunities for CoC households. Several CoC member organizations also serve as mail stops for unsheltered homeless reducing loss of benefits due to their housing status and can aid with replacement of IDs, birth certificates, social security cards and other documents necessary for benefits processing. The CoC also has a partnership with the local health department's vital records office to provide free replacement birth certificates for homeless residents who were born in Maryland.
3. The CoC Lead and DSS Mainstream Benefits Liaison oversee this strategy.

## 2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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2B-1.	<b>Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry. (All Applicants)</b>	
	Special NOFO Sections VII.B.3.a.(1)	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:	
	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 of CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	Agencies serving survivors of human trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	CoC-Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	No
7.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
9.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	No
12.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
13.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	No
14.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
16.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
17.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

20.	Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
21.	Non-CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	No
28.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)			
33.	Organizations serving aging and elderly	Yes	Yes	Yes
34.	Organizations serving veterans	Yes	Yes	Yes

2B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(2), V.B.3.g.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	communicated the invitation process annually to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	conducted outreach to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join your CoC; and
4.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, other People of Color, persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has a continuous open membership process and meetings are publicly announced. New members may join at any time and are automatically added to the distribution list to receive CoC emails, notices and materials. CoC members routinely attend non CoC meetings that impact services and are empowered to invite representatives to join and the CoC regularly reviews its membership for voids and solicits under-represented agencies and individuals to join. In addition, the CoC uses resident action councils, its annual homeless resource day, street outreach and other methods to encourage homeless and formerly homeless persons to join or inform the work of the CoC. Finally, the CoC issues invitations to regional/national experts to provide data, expertise and technical assistance to maximize CoC system impact.

2. The CoC uses several mediums to reach its diverse population including written documents, in person events, online platforms (i.e., webpage, twitter, facebook, and Instagram), electronic messaging boards (i.e., MVA and Public Welfare offices), text, 24/7/365 hotline, and street outreach. The CoC also has telephonic and in-person translation, ASL and TTY capability to maximize access.

3. The CoC membership and leadership includes persons with lived experience (past and present) and the CoC sub-committees include persons with lived experience in their population target group as a member of their team. The CoC also has a strong and active Youth Action Board comprised entirely of youth with lived experience that serve in a CoC leadership role and has recently launched an adult workgroup comprised solely of persons with lived experience and expertise to further inform its operations and programs to ensure maximum benefit for all residents accessing CoC services.

4. The CoC membership and its HUD funded providers include organizations serving culturally specific communities including Latinx, Black, differently abled, and foreign born. The CoC has also identified specific underrepresented sub populations and has targeted trusted providers to host focus groups to identify opportunities to improve access and system outcomes these groups. In addition, the CoC continuously solicits participation from newly formed organizations to enhance its equity work and recently appointed several BIPOC community representatives to the CoC's Racial Equity Council which is working with C4 Innovations and 9 other Continuums in the Washington Metropolitan region to analyze and improve racial equity.

2B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.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; and	
	3. took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC pro-actively solicits a wide variety of opinions and expertise on preventing and ending homelessness.

1. The CoC is comprised of 100+ agencies and working subcommittees with unique population focus (i.e., survivors, youth, aging, differently abled, and high system utilizers); all of which routinely include persons with lived experience and external subject matter experts as well as representatives from businesses, non-profit, government and at large community members who have overlapping interests. CoC members also sit on relevant countywide workgroups to ensure larger system strategies are developed that are inclusive of the needs of the County's homeless population. Finally, the CoC uses several mediums to solicit opinions including written documents, listening sessions, electronic and in person surveys (English/Spanish), focus groups, text, 24/7 hotline, County website, direct street outreach and in person meetings with ASL/TTY capability.
2. The CoC hosts quarterly meetings to share CoC initiatives and progress against the 10-year plan and to ensure on-going access to the full range of opinions in designing and delivering homeless services. This continuously open and inclusive process ensures that the CoC receives real time information necessary for effective program design and decision making and this crosspollination between agencies has led to a number of successful partnerships and new Federal and State grants being awarded. The CoC is also in the process of engaging consultants with expertise in targeted challenge areas as part of the larger 2023-2032 strategic planning effort which includes significant community engagement and equity activities that will ensure the CoC considers the widest variety of opinions possible.
3. The CoC uses information collected during the year to inform initiatives, expand local understanding of universal needs and best practices, and improve CoC programs and policies including: Pay for Success, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, SAMSHA System of Care Expansion, and CLASP PATH Learning Collaborative, SAMSHA Sequential Intercept Modeling Initiative (national), ACIS 1115 waiver, minor right to consent to shelter and UHY tuition waiver (state), the YHDP Coordinated Community Plan, Housing Opportunities for All Plan, Safe Housing Study, Families First, and the HOME-ARP plan (local).

<b>2B-4.</b>	<b>Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. (All Applicants)</b>	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(4)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC's local competition was open and accepting project applications;
2.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
3.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications;
4.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
5.	how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Notice of the 2022 CoC unsheltered competition was sent to all CoC and partner listservs and publicly posted to the CoC website on 8/8/22. In addition to the public postings, the CoC hosted a virtual forum on 8/11/22 to present critical competition information and encourage community wide participation. The presentation, along with competition instructions and submission deadlines were posted to the CoC website on 8/12/22.
2. The CoC continuously engages new organizations and has a demonstrated history of encouraging and accepting project applications from applicants that have not previously received CoC funding; expanding its HUD funded portfolio from 5 providers to 15 providers (+200%) since 2012.
3. The CoC's competition requirements were posted to the CoC website on 8/12/22 and final ranking and selection criteria and the application addendum were posted on 8/25/22. CoC competition office hours were held on 8/25/22, 9/1/22 and 9/12/22 and special information sessions were hosted for all health providers (8/24/22), FQHCs (9/2/22), and housing agencies (8/17/22) to provide final technical assistance for all interested applicants. 1-1 technical assistance was offered to all applicant organizations from 8/11/22 through 10/6/22 to ensure successful submission of final projects.
4. The CoC's has a comprehensive ranking policy that is publicly posted and an independent CoC ranking panel responsible for the evaluation and scoring of proposals. The 2022 panel met on 10/4/22 to review, score and rank all applications according to CoC published guidelines and notifications were sent to all applicants on 10/5/22 with the CoC decision and appeal process. No appeals were filed. Final recommendations for funding were approved by the CoC plenary on 10/6/22.
5. All competition materials were made accessible in electronic and physical paper formats and transmitted through live online office hours, listservs, the County website, and in person and telephonic contact with translation assistance as needed to ensure equal access to the competition.



## 2C. Coordination / Engagement—with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations

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

2C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG 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 Consolidated Plan update.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has three ESG program recipients operating within the physical borders of its community (the County, the City of Bowie and the State of Maryland). All organizations are active members of the CoC plenary and Coordinated Entry sub-committee and routinely participate in higher-level discussions regarding housing priorities impacting the County's homeless population. DSS, which also serves as the lead agency for the CoC, is the subrecipient of all County ESG funds and conducts an annual realignment of funding priorities based on the CoC's 10 Year Plan progress; level and type of current need (HMIS); CoC System Performance Measures; Annual turn-away and service type call data from the Homeless Hotline; and availability of other funds. This ensures ESG funds are targeted to the most pressing CoC identified needs and adjustments can be made in real time based on the most current data available.
2. All ESG recipient service data is maintained in HMIS and system reports are used by the CoC in the evaluation and reporting of ESG sub-recipient performance against identified performance outcomes. The CoC conducts annual monitoring of ESG funded programs to track performance measures and report on outcomes to ensure accountability and efficacy of performance. ESG funded projects are also independently monitored by the ESG program recipient which provides valuable secondary program oversight.
3. The CoC provides annual PIT and HIC data to the consolidated plan jurisdictions;
4. The homeless sections of the County and City of Bowie Consolidated Plans are prepared by the CoC using PIT, CAPER, AHAR, APRs, HIC, UHY counts, HMIS and other data and shared with the State for inclusion in the State plan. The CoC lead is also an appointed member of the Maryland Interagency Council on Homelessness which helps set statewide homeless priorities. These efforts ensure alignment and consistency between all plans and keeps CoC priorities at the forefront.

2C-3.	Discharge Planning Coordination. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	

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

2C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.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

2C-4a.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts–Formal Partnerships. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC collaborates with the entities checked in Question 2C-4; and
2.	the formal partnerships your CoC has with the entities checked in Question 2C-4.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC is a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) site and team members include the local and state education administrations, Career/Tech Ed and Higher Education Commission, early childhood education, local management board and other education partners. The team is responsible for policies and programs that advance educational outcomes for homeless children and young adults and related goals are imbedded into the CoC's Coordinated Community Plan. The team was instrumental in passing the Maryland tuition waiver for homeless youth and drafting waiver implementation guidance for higher educational institutions. CoC partnerships also include a TH-RRH project with the University of Maryland, College Park (sub-recipient partner), a 2-Gen project with the local community college to reduce family poverty, and First Generation College Bound which provides mentorship, tutoring and application assistance to immigrant students to help navigate complex educational systems.

The McKinney-Vento (MV) local and State educational coordinators are active CoC participants and coordinate services to eliminate barriers to school attendance and academic success. The local liaisons also identify youth within the school system who are experiencing housing instability and makes direct referrals as needed to the CoC and have participated in annual homeless youth counts since 2012. MV liaisons provide bi-annual training to all CoC providers on the rights of homeless students.

2. The CoC has an MOU with the school system that includes the Board of Education, the Homeless Education Office, the Early Childhood Office, the Department of Food and Nutrition Services, the Title One Office, and the Judy Hoyer Family Learning Center. The CoC lead also contracts with the LEA to place crisis intervention workers in 20 high risk middle schools to ensure students and families are provided with the supports and stabilization services they need to succeed.

2C-4b.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC adopted to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for educational services
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**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC provides all families entering shelter with local homeless education rights and responsibilities information. Shelter providers are responsible for working closely with families to ensure children are enrolled as appropriate as homeless with the McKinney Vento liaison at their school of record and/or the school in closest proximity to the shelter based on individual family preference. Arrangements are made in partnership with the school for transportation and shelters provide other educational supports as deemed necessary to ensure student success. The homeless liaison also presents annually at CoC plenary meetings to ensure shelter staff continue to have access to the most current information possible.

2C-5.	<b>Mainstream Resources—CoC Training of Project Staff. (All Applicants)</b>	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

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

	Mainstream Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI—Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF—Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other	Yes

2C-5a.	<b>Mainstream Resources—CoC Collaboration with Project Staff Regarding Healthcare Organizations. (All Applicants)</b>	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

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|    | 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, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area; |
| 2. | works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance;  |
| 3. | provides assistance to project staff with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits; and   |
| 4. | works with projects to promote SOAR certification of program staff.   |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC Lead is the lead agency for all local public welfare (TANF, SNAP, Medicaid), SOAR, and Affordable Care Act programs and provides CoC members with extensive training to ensure they have the skills/knowledge to help program participants' access the coverage/services for which they are eligible. Refresher training is conducted annually and new resources introduced during CoC plenary sessions. The CoC also hosts monthly case manager trainings covering relevant topics (i.e.; Social Security, DDA and Independence Now, and treatment programs) to ensure staff have the most up to date information available and to minimize knowledge loss resulting from staff turnover.
2. The CoC Lead directly operates health insurance enrollment sites with evening and virtual hours for easy access and hospitals, FQHAs and non-profit community partners operate additional sites. Use of navigators as well as extended enrollment campaigns have proven very effective (39,000+ new residents enrolled during the Covid-19 Special Enrollment Period - largest in Maryland). Homeless persons presenting without income or insurance are immediately linked to a mainstream benefit specialist and/or health navigator for enrollment in available and appropriate programs.
3. CoC staff review benefits with participants to ensure continuity and provide assistance with recertification to keep benefits active. In addition, staff provide support to participants including transportation to medical, therapy and other appointments necessary to support good health, housing, financial, and other homelessness trauma recovery outcomes. These efforts greatly enhance financial resources for CoC households and streamline access to critical prevention and intervention healthcare services.
4. The CoC Lead agency also serves as the County's SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Lead and in that role, recruits and provides training for homeless providers including an online self paced pre-training (5 modules) and a 2-day intensive virtual training. Successful participation in both the Online and Virtual training is mandatory for participants to be approved to submit SOAR applications and ongoing oversight is provided to ensure SOAR workers are consistently using the SOAR Critical Components and serving as the applicant's representative with fidelity throughout the application process. The County's SOAR program retains a 100% approval rating and generated \$200K+ for eligible residents last year.

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

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3A-1.	<b>Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects. (Rural Set Aside Only).</b>  Special NOFO Section VII.A.	
If the answer to the question below is yes, you must upload the CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.		
Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project(s) under the Rural Set Aside for housing rehabilitation or new construction costs?		No

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

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3B-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	

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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3B-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	
	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	If you answered yes to question 3B-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)

Not Applicable.



## 4A. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

Please read the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:

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|  | 1. | You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.  |
|  | 2. | You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'   |
|  | 3. | We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images and reduces file size. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print Option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube. |
|  | 4. | Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.  |
|  | 5. | Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.  |
|  | 6. | If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.<br>- 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).<br>- We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.                           |
|  | 7. | Open attachments once uploaded to ensure they are the correct attachment for the required Document Type.  |

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1B-1. Local Competition Announcement	Yes	1B-1. Local Compe...	10/06/2022
1B-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	1B-2. Local Compe...	10/06/2022
1B-3. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1B-3. Notificatio...	10/06/2022
1B-3a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1B-3a. Notificati...	10/06/2022
1B-4. Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1. CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs	No	3A-1. CoC Letter ...	10/06/2022
3B-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No	3B-2. Project Lis...	10/06/2022
P-1. Leveraging Housing Commitment	No	P-1. Leveraging H...	10/06/2022
P-1a. PHA Commitment	No	P-1a. PHA Commitment	10/06/2022
P-3. Healthcare Leveraging Commitment	No		
P-9c. Lived Experience Support Letter	No		
Plan. CoC Plan	Yes		

## **Attachment Details**

**Document Description:** 1B-1. Local Competition Announcement

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**Document Description:** 1B-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool

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**Document Description:** 1B-3. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

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## Submission Summary

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3A. New Projects With Rehab/New Construction	No Input Required
3B. Homelessness by Other Federal Statutes	10/05/2022
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