

## 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 2024 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2024 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 2024 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

### Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

### Attachments

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

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

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

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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** MO-603 - St. Joseph/Andrew, Buchanan, DeKalb Counties CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** City of St. Joseph

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

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** Institute for Community Alliances (ICA)

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

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| <b>1B-1.</b> | <b>Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.</b>   |  |
|              | NOFO Sections 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, 2023 to April 30, 2024:  |  |
|              | 1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or |  |
|              | 2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:  |  |

|     | Organization/Person   | Participated in CoC Meetings | Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members | Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System |
|-----|---|------------------------------|---|--|
| 1.  | Affordable Housing Developer(s)   | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 2.  | CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction  | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 3.  | Disability Advocates  | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 4.  | Disability Service Organizations  | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 5.  | EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)   | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 6.  | Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons   | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 7.  | Hospital(s)   | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 8.  | Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations) | Nonexistent                  | No  | No   |
| 9.  | Law Enforcement   | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 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)   | No                           | 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                          | No  | No   |

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| 17. | Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons           | No  | No  | No  |
| 18. | Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities | No  | No  | No  |
| 19. | Other homeless subpopulation advocates                    | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 20. | Public Housing Authorities                                | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 21. | School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons                   | No  | No  | Yes |
| 22. | Street Outreach Team(s)                                   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 23. | Substance Abuse Advocates                                 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 24. | Substance Abuse Service Organizations                     | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 25. | Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking           | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 26. | Victim Service Providers                                  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 27. | Domestic Violence Advocates                               | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 28. | Other Victim Service Organizations                        | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 29. | State Domestic Violence Coalition                         | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 30. | State Sexual Assault Coalition                            | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 31. | Youth Advocates   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 32. | Youth Homeless Organizations                              | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 33. | Youth Service Providers                                   | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|     | Other: (limit 50 characters)                              |     |     |     |
| 34. | Legal Aid, Community Alliance director                    | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 35. | City and County officials                                 | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| <b>1B-1a.</b> | <b>Experience Promoting Racial Equity.</b> |  |
|               | NOFO Section III.B.3.c.                    |  |

Describe in the field below your CoC's experience in effectively addressing the needs of underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities, who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

THE CoC HAS PRIORITIZED IDENTIFYING DISPARITIES, TRAINING THE COMMUNITY, PARTNERING WITH BLACK-LED ORGANIZATIONS, AND IMPROVING ITS COORDINATED ENTRY ASSESSMENT TOOL TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES WHO ARE OVERREPRESENTED IN THE HOMELESS POPULATION. The CoC identified racial disparities in its PIT and Coordinated Entry data so it completed a full HMIS review and assessment. Black and African American people are overrepresented in the homeless population in the CoC. Black and African American people are not accessing housing at the same rate as white individuals and families. To address the identified disparities, particularly among Black and African American populations, the CoC engaged HUD TA to review its non-discrimination policies for compliance and recommendations and made appropriate changes, offered training to CoC members related to racial equity, participated in the HUD CE Equity Initiative Product Drop: Looking Back, Moving Forward, Part 1 August 29 and Part 2 September 12. The CoC has engaged with Black-Led organizations, including Dismas House and Diversed Perspectives, to learn about their programs and collaborate together to promote racial equity. Specific training and information sharing occurred throughout the year: HUD TA Housing Justice Series, the HUD Exchange FHEO Table Talk Series, Fair Housing, Detecting and Preventing Discrimination, and Equal Access. The community is currently exploring and testing options to replace its coordinated entry assessment tool (VI-SPDAT) to ensure that the tool and its implementation are fair and equitable. The CoC is continuing to strengthen its partnerships with the local NAACP, Dismas House, Diversed Perspectives, and others to ensure that the needs of Black and Brown communities are understood and addressed in an effort to improve access to housing and successfully maintain housing tenure. As a result of the Racial Disparities Assessment conducted in June 2024, CoC is partnering with local university to conduct an assessment of individuals who are experiencing homelessness to identify gaps and needs to attaining housing. Survey will look at subpopulation information so strategies can be tailored to different populations.

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| 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 your CoC's geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities). |  |

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1. **TRANSPARENT INVITATION PROCESS:** An annual call for CoC membership is posted on the City / CoC website and sent to local 211 /Community Services Resource Center email list with more than 1200 recipients reaching a broad swatch of the community, including businesses, nonprofits, government, volunteers, and citizens (most recent August 2024) with invitation to join CoC listserv. CoC leadership conducts additional outreach to specific agencies and individuals throughout the year prior to monthly meetings. New members join by attending any meeting. Recipients of CoC, ESG, and Missouri Housing Trust Fund resources are required to attend at least 75% of meetings, and recipients of CDBG or local funding are also encouraged to attend.

2. **COC ENSURES EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH / ACCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES** by communicating primarily via email with simple formatting / attachments compatible with assisted technology. All meetings are held hybrid; in- person locations are ADA accessible and meetings held by Zoom are equipped with transcription services. Interpretation or disability services are available upon request to support meeting participation. Information on handouts is presented orally and visually and provided electronically. CoC membership includes disability service and advocacy organizations, which assist with outreach and individual invitations to CoC stakeholders with disabilities.

3. **COC INVITED ORGANIZATIONS SERVING CULTURALLY SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TO ADDRESS EQUITY** and increase representation and leadership by people who are Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and people with disabilities. Organizations serving people with disabilities, serving LGBTQIA+ communities, people serving refugee communities, and organizations whose mission centers on anti-racism work are currently members of the CoC. CoC members have conducted individual outreach to invite leaders of organizations that provide services and homelessness prevention for People of Color to attend monthly meetings. United Way, CoC Executive Committee member, presented to NAACP in September 2022 on homeless services. United Way has also connected with PFLAG local LGBTQIA+ alliance and presented at a group meeting in January 2023 on homeless services. YWCA is currently working with NAACP to have a representative share at a COC meeting about their organization and needs they are seeing in the community.

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| 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.                       |  |

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1. TO SOLICIT & CONSIDER OPINIONS FROM BROAD ARRAY OF ORGS & INDIVIDUALS w/ knowledge of/interest in preventing/ending homelessness, CoC invited new participants through at least annual public invitations & encouraged members to conduct indiv. outreach to partners & stakeholders. CoC has engaged broad, large group w/consistent attendance (ave. 33 ppl/meeting of our small CoC, w/ representation by members from mainstream systems (physical & behavioral health care, DV, law enforcement, legal aid, disability, 211-equivalent, Community Action). CoC has open committee meetings. CoC Executive Committee regularly hears CoC policy input/feedback from consumers through report out on feedback/input collected during Homeless Support Group meetings. Additional feedback from consumers, providers, & public was sought & funding allocation planning (2022 HOME-ARP allocation plan).

2. COC COMMUNICATED INFO orally during public meetings (in person & via Zoom w/closed captioning available) & in writing via PDF documents. Info is shared at wkly HSG meetings including presentations by CoC providers/partners. Stakeholder engagement (surveys, in person & virtual meetings, interviews) during annual gaps analyses & planning were opportunity to share info on CoC activities. Info on upcoming meetings, agendas, & relevant materials are shared via email listserv.

3. COC ENSURES EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH/ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES including the availability of accessible electronic formats. Meeting information is provided via email with simple formatting / attachments compatible with assisted technology. Meeting is online with transcript available or in person in ADA accessible, central location.

4. COC CONSIDERED INFO GATHERED IN PUBLIC MEETINGS/FORUMS to address improvements/new approaches to preventing & ending homelessness & discussed input, info gathered, & outcomes at public CoC meetings when discussing action steps. Meetings occur in roundtable format w/all input considered equally. When decision-makers are not CoC (e.g., funders, law enforcement), info is gathered & shared. Input from Homeless Support Group meetings is shared at CoC meetings & directly informs decisions, policy, & actions taken by CoC & providers. City Council reviewed and approved the Blueprint (guiding document to inform future action plans) and allowed for community public comment and discussion prior to approval.

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| 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. |  |

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1.CoC NOTIFIED PUBLIC IT WOULD CONSIDER PROJECT APPS FROM ORGS NOT PREVIOUSLY FUNDED BY CoC: Local news station did a story 8/8/24 on the NOFO and entities were encouraged to apply; CoC held public Workshop via Zoom 8/16/2024 on funding opportunity & process. Invites sent to CoC listserv & local listserv reaching broader community (1200+ ppl). Attendees were provided w/app materials & relevant info (deadlines, scoring, HUD requirements, method to apply & assistance for new applicants) by email 8/6/2024. Info, materials & Workshop recording were made public on City/CoC website . ALL NOTIFICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & MATERIALS STATE ORGS NOT PREVIOUSLY FUNDED BY CoC ENCOURAGED TO APPLY, w/info on process to submit.

2.CoC NOTIFIED PUBLIC ABOUT PROCESS TO SUBMIT PROJECT APPS via TA Workshop, email to attendees, news story & posted submission instructions on City/CoC website on 8/20/2024. Applicants submit application materials via email. Assistance was made available to all applicants to support application preparation & submission.

3.CoC NOTIFIED PUBLIC ABOUT PROCESS TO DETERMINE WHICH PROJECTS TO SUBMIT FOR FUNDING through email once CoC approved final review, rank, monitoring process including reallocation & appeals process, & scoring tools for new & renewal projects on 8/20/2024 and by posting all materials on City/CoC website on 8/20/2024. All project apps submitted are reviewed & scored by nonconflicted panel & projects that score well are prioritized. Renewal scoring factors focus on objective factors including contributions to system performance, admin capacity, cost-effectiveness, utilization, & Housing First implementation. Renewal projects that underperform/underspend are eligible for reallocation. New project scoring factors focus on project design & supporting system performance improvement, support for CoC needs & priorities, & agency capacity. Prior experience w/CoC grants is irrelevant to scoring. Process & scoring factors made available to public/potential applicants thru virtual Workshop, email to attendees, email to local listserv, & post to City/CoC website.

4.CoC EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATED AND PROVIDED ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES by making announcements in simple text easily read by assistive technology, Workshop available via Zoom w/transcription services & info presented orally & visually, available by recording for orgs who couldn't attend, & individual application support available upon request w/accommodations offered.

# 1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

|     | Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects      | Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects? |
|-----|---|--|
| 1.  | Funding Collaboratives  | Yes  |
| 2.  | Head Start Program  | Yes  |
| 3.  | Housing and services programs funded through Local Government                                   | Yes  |
| 4.  | Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)                  | Yes  |
| 5.  | Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations            | Yes  |
| 6.  | Housing and services programs funded through State Government                                   | Yes  |
| 7.  | Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) | Yes  |
| 8.  | Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)                   | Yes  |
| 9.  | Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)   | Yes  |
| 10. | Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)           | 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. |   |  |

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| <b>1C-2.</b> | <b>CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.1.b.                                |  |

In the chart below select yes or no to indicate whether your CoC:

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| 1. | Consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds?  | Yes |
| 2. | Provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area? | Yes |
| 3. | Ensured local homelessness information is communicated and addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates?                                       | Yes |
| 4. | Coordinated with ESG recipients in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients?                         | Yes |

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| <b>1C-3.</b> | <b>Ensuring Families are not Separated.</b> |  |
|              | 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:

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| 1. | Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated?  | Yes |
| 2. | Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure family members are not separated?   | Yes |
| 3. | Worked with CoC and 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?  | No  |

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| <b>1C-4.</b> | <b>CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.1.d.  |  |

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

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

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| <b>1C-4a.</b> | <b>Formal Partnerships with Youth Education Providers, SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.</b> |  |
|               | 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)**

CoC HAS FORMAL PARTNERSHIPS RELATED TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH including youth education providers, SEAs, LEAs, and school districts. For example, CoC has formal written letters of agreement with providers InterServ and YWCA, who serve youth and children in early childhood education programs, to participate in the CoC’s coordinated entry system and partner with other CoC agencies to support access to resources and provide training. CoC providers sign an MOU with St. Joseph School District (SJSD) to coordinate services and ensure educational access, including access to counseling, and to serve families by helping to stabilize children in educational settings. The SJSD McKinney-Vento liaison (LEA) is a member of the CoC and an active partner in local homeless activities. The Liaison shares information and resources, attends meetings, and provides access to resources and training. Representatives from SJSD presented to CoC providers in September 2023 on the importance of student attendance and what agencies can do to support attendance efforts; resources available for families experiencing homelessness through McKinney-Vento/Families in Transition program; and Parents as Teachers. The CoC also has representative on Missouri Interagency Council to End Homelessness, which meets with state Head Start representatives and SEAs bimonthly. CoC member CAP, which runs Head Start and Early Head Start in St Joseph, has a formal agreement to participate in coordinated entry and works in partnership with CoC providers to ensure access to services. CoC Executive Committee member, United Way, coordinates the Success by 6 Program with school district and childcare facilities, which provides education resources and support to all families with children 0-6. United Way and Salvation Army, both with a representative on the CoC Executive Committee, collaborate to organize & distribute school supply drive for local youth and families to support school readiness.

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| 1C-4b. | Informing Individuals and Families Who Have Recently Begun Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.<br><br>NOFO Section V.B.1.d. |  |
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Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC uses to inform individuals and families who have recently begun experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for educational services.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

THE CoC HAS WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO INFORM INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO BECOME HOMELESS OF THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, and to ensure that all CoC and ESG-funded agencies protect the educational rights of children. All funded agencies are required to inform families with children and unaccompanied youth of their educational rights, including providing written materials, help with enrollment, and linkage to McKinney Vento Liaisons as part of intake procedures; and must designate staff that will be responsible for ensuring that homeless children and youth in their programs are receiving all educational services they are entitled to. All emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, and other homeless providers have posters detailing the rights of homeless children, youth, and families and McKinney-Vento applications onsite. Every project serving youth or children has a designated staff member to ensure children or youth are enrolled in school and connected to the appropriate services within the community. Case managers at homeless programs enroll children in school and connect them to needed services, which may include Parents as Teachers (support for 0-3), home visits, childcare, Headstart, tutoring, or other education related needs, and participate in meetings with the school regarding Individualized Education Programs when appropriate and requested by the parent for the purpose of advocacy and collaboration. Monitoring of the students' adequate progression in school occurs at least annually. To support this work, case managers in homeless programs communicate with the McKinney-Vento office at St Joseph School District directly at any time to seek assistance for homeless families. In addition, St Joseph School District registration identifies students who are homeless or at-risk, and St Joseph School District staff are trained on how to identify and engage with homeless students and families. Policies and practices are consistent with, and do not restrict the exercise of rights provided by the education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act.

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

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

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

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| <b>10.</b> | School district – McKinney Vento Program | No | Yes |
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| <b>1C-5.</b> | <b>Addressing Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking–Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers.</b><br>NOFO Section V.B.1.e. |
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In the chart below select yes or no for the organizations your CoC collaborates with:

|    | Organizations  |     |
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| 1. | State Domestic Violence Coalitions                                   | Yes |
| 2. | State Sexual Assault Coalitions                                      | Yes |
| 3. | Anti-trafficking Service Providers                                   | Yes |
|    | Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters) |     |
| 4. |  |     |

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| <b>1C-5a.</b> | <b>Collaborating with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers to Address Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.</b><br>NOFO Section V.B.1.e. |  |
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Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in Question 1C-5 to:

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| 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. |

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1.CoC REGULARLY COLLABORATES WITH ORGANIZATIONS WHO PROVIDE HOUSING & SERVICES TO SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING TO UPDATE COC-WIDE POLICIES: Active CoC membership includes organizations providing housing and services to survivors. For example, the YWCA, a victim service provider, participates on the coordinated entry committee, CoC Planning Committee/Leadership, and other CoC bodies to provide ongoing information to all members about best practices for serving survivors. CoC-wide policies include provisions to enhance survivor safety, informed by YWCA and other organizations with this expertise. DV providers informed changes to CES and will review changes to CoC policies. CE lead Interserv runs a DV program which they receive feedback from and incorporate feedback into CE policies.

2.ENSURE ALL HOUSING AND SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE COC'S GEOGRAPHIC AREA ARE TRAUMA-INFORMED AND MEET THE NEEDS OF SURVIVORS: In addition to CoC-wide policies, best practices are identified and shared with CoC membership through collaborations with YWCA, the Buchanan County Prosecutor's Office, and other survivor services providers. The most recent annual CoC training was held June 18, 2024 with YWCA, InterServ (both providers of DV services) and local Children's Advocacy Center presenting on Best Practices and Resources for Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence. Coordinated Entry discusses safety planning and providing trauma informed services annually. Topics included addressing safety needs, strength-base approaches, risk assessment, and providing trauma-informed, victim-centered services. YWCA also participates on CE Committee, CoC Planning Committee, and other CoC bodies to provide ongoing information to all members about best practices for serving Survivors. HMIS Lead also provides training at least annually to all HMIS participating staff about data confidentiality and privacy policies and procedures related to Survivors. CoC shared HUD resources pertaining to DV on 2/29/2024 and held a training session for agencies on Trauma Informed Care in May 2024.

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

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1&2. CoC COORDINATES TO PROVIDE TRAINING ON SAFETY AND PLANNING FOR PROJECT STAFF AND COORDINATED ENTRY STAFF. CoC ensures annual training to all Project Staff and Coordinated Entry staff relating to best practices (trauma-informed care, victim-centered practices, safety planning, and serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking). CoC partners with the Victim Advocate from the Prosecutor’s Office to provide training annually. The most recent training was held on 6/18/2024 with YWCA, InterServ (both providers of DV services) and local Children’s Advocacy Center presenting on Best Practices and Resources for Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence. Topics included: addressing safety needs, strength-based approaches, risk assessment, and providing trauma-informed, victim-centered services. CoC also collaborates with YWCA, a victim services provider that participates on CE Committee, CoC Planning Committee, NOFO Committee, and other CoC bodies to provide ongoing information to all members about best practices for serving survivors. HMIS Lead also provides training at least annually to all HMIS participating staff about data confidentiality and privacy policies and procedures related to survivors.

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

In the chart below, indicate how your CoC facilitates training for project staff and coordinated entry staff that addresses best practices on safety planning and confidentiality protocols:

|    |   | Project Staff | Coordinated Entry Staff |
|----|---|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | Training Occurs at least annually?                                    | Yes           | Yes                     |
| 2. | Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices?                          | Yes           | Yes                     |
| 3. | Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices?                        | Yes           | Yes                     |
| 4. | Identifies and assesses survivors’ individual safety needs?           | Yes           | Yes                     |
| 5. | Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations?            | Yes           | Yes                     |
| 6. | Ensures survivors’ rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated? | Yes           | Yes                     |
|    | Other? (limit 500 characters)   |               |                         |
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| 1C-5d. | Implemented VAWA-Required Written Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.e.   |  |

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | whether your CoC’s written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan;                                       |
| 2. | how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer; |
| 3. | what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and  |
| 4. | what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers.   |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. THE CoC HAS WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT INCLUDE AN EMERGENCY TRANSFER PLAN.

2. CoC COMMUNICATES TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES SEEKING/RECEIVING CoC PROGRAM ASSISTANCE the CoC's EMERGENCY TRANSFER PLAN (ETP) and the PROCESS TO REQUEST AN EMERGENCY TRANSFER. The ETP complies with Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) provisions and applies to all CoC and ESG Program-funded recipients or subrecipients. The CoC's policies include an ETP that allows transfer, either within project or to other projects, for survivors requesting an emergency transfer with the belief of threat of imminent harm or recent sexual assault. Policies include: all staff must maintain confidentiality, projects must complete eligible transfers as soon as possible to protect safety, coordinated entry gives prioritization to transfers, and all projects have an agency-specific plan in place. The ETP and process IS COMMUNICATED through: A) Emergency Transfer policies and included in the CoC's policies posted on the City/CoC website; B) CE staff outline all Policies and Procedures (including Emergency Transfer) with clients before entering a program. During CE assessment, clients are provided with a Clients' Rights, Roles, and Responsibilities flyer that explains the process to request an emergency transfer if the need arises.; C) Providers give add'l info on the CoC and program-level ETP, including materials at program entry and follow-ups.

3. PROCESS TO REQUEST: Tenants may request an emergency transfer if the tenant is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; the tenant expressly requests the transfer; and either the tenant reasonably believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain in the same dwelling or if the tenant is a victim of sexual assault, the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the previous 90 days of the date to request the transfer. The tenant makes a request to the funded agency.

4. PROCESS TO RESPOND: Agency determines eligibility and then takes all reasonable steps to complete the transfer as soon as possible while maintaining confidentiality. The CoC, coordinated entry system, and all funded providers make reasonable efforts to assist the funded agency to support emergency relocation to another unit. During intake and enrollment into CoC housing programs, participants are given information regarding emergency transfers.

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| 1C-5e. | Facilitating Safe Access to Housing and Services 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 ensures households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within your CoC's geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC ENSURES THAT SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING (SURVIVORS) HAVE ACCESS TO ALL HOUSING AND SERVICES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE CoC'S GEOGRAPHIC AREA through protocols for access, safety and confidentiality, trauma-informed victim-centered practices for assessment, and prioritization of client choice. Survivors of domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness have access to coordinated entry (CE) with information provided to the survivor about CE and potential data breach risk and option to choose that a victim service provider (VSP) will assess and present their case in CE using only non-identifying info, or if the survivor chooses they can be referred to a non-victim services provider to complete the CE assessment tool (which prioritizes based on vulnerability to victimization including physical assault, trafficking, or sex work). Assessments take place in a safe place using trauma-informed, victim centered practices. If approved for housing through option 1, the VSP mediates the referral and obtained a signed ROI before sharing info. Clients are thoroughly assessed within the CE system to see if any of the above pertain to them. If something needs to be addressed (location, emergency transfer, etc.), CE staff develop a plan with the client. Several providers have trained staff in Safe at Home training. All assessment staff are trained on safety planning and trauma-informed assessment. Survivors can access all CoC/ESG/DOJ/HHS-funded housing (except for shelter) through CE.

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| 1C-5f. | Identifying and Removing Barriers 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 ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:                     |  |
| 1.     | identifying barriers specific to survivors; and  |  |
| 2.     | working to remove those barriers.  |  |

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC IDENTIFIES BARRIERS SPECIFIC TO SURVIVORS. CoC proactively identifies systemic barriers within the homeless response system with the expertise of YWCA. Barriers include access to sufficient resources for housing and services, equal access to housing, and access to living wage jobs as people rebuild their lives after experiencing violence. For BIPOC survivors, barriers are compounded by a systemic lack of resources and historic and present day remnants of red-lining.

2. TO ADDRESS BARRIERS, YWCA is able to provide a continuum of housing opportunities for those experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Barriers are discussed with trained advocates who can discuss and identify opportunities beyond the barriers. The YWCA also provides services to assist with life beyond housing, including ongoing advocacy and case management, therapy, and referrals to mainstream benefits and services. To address barriers faced by BIPOC survivors, the YWCA St Joseph follows the imperative to thrust collective power towards the elimination of racism wherever it exists. The YWCA commits to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. The mission follows the organization's social justice roots. The YWCA hosts several diversity and inclusion- focused events throughout the year with the NAACP and local universities aimed at eliminating systemic barriers. The YWCA works to design programs and services, train staff, and provide all clients with an inclusive environment tailored to their diverse backgrounds.

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

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|  | 1. Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?  | Yes |
|  | 2. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?                   | Yes |
|  | 3. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)? | Yes |

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

Describe in the field below:

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| 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)**

CoC ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY states CoC & ESG-funded providers will not discriminate on basis of any protected characteristic (race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, age) & ensures equal access & provide housing, services in accordance w/client gender ID. 1.Policies reviewed annually by Exec Committee & UPDATED based on LGBTQ+ stakeholder feedback & best practices. As a result of the racial disparities assessment conducted in June 2024, ESG & HUD Funded agencies had the opportunity to have HUD TA review their anti-discrimination policies.

2.CoC provided annual training to CoC membership & housing and services providers on anti-discrimination policies & compliance w/Equal Access & Gender ID Final Rules to ASSIST PROVIDERS IN DEVELOPING PROJECT-LEVEL POLICIES CONSISTENT W/CoC POLICY. CoC provided assessment tool to help providers determine if project policies complied w/CoC's. CoC local competition review & rank scoring criteria consider anti-discrimination practices. CoC worked w/providers to implement & revise policies. For exa: provider encountered an issue w/provision of services & safety of a transgender person. CoC provided intensive support to improve their policies, including multiple revisions of new policy.

3.CoC EVALUATED COMPLIANCE thru: A) Assessment tool & local competition scoring factors which considered compliance w/anti-discrimination policies; & B) Feedback collected from consumers thru wkly Homeless Support Group. This year's local competition review & rank process included eval of steps taken to eliminate barriers & provide more equitable services for ppl of different races & ppl who ID as LGBTQIA+. NOFO Workshop covered scoring criteria & answered compliance questions.

4.CoC PROCESS FOR ADDRESSING NON-COMPLIANCE: Last fall, providers were given assessment & training to determine if their policies were out of compliance & needed to be updated, prompting them to address non-compliance & seek support. In the case mentioned, provider received support to resolve non-compliance thru education, resources & guidance. Issues of non-compliance are also ID-ed by provider responses in project apps; projects are required to have equal access & fair housing policies in compliance w/HUD requirements as threshold factor. Non-compliance required explanation & flagged need to address issues. Providers submit policies&procedures for review & recommendations for updates/revisions in annual project monitoring.

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| 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 or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 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? |
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| St Joseph Housing Authority | 10%  | Yes-Both  | No  |
| Cameron Housing Authority   | 0%   | No  | No  |

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. THE COC HAS WORKED WITH LOCAL PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO DEVELOP A HOMELESS ADMISSION PREFERENCE. St. Joseph Housing Authority (SJHA) is active on the CoC and Executive Committee and has an active MOU with the CoC to administer the EHV program, the Mainstream Voucher program, and Stability Vouchers and has applied for several federal grants in partnership with the CoC. SJHA has a Limited Homeless Preference, and SJHA public housing units are included in the coordinated entry system.
2. N/A

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| 1C-7b. | Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers. |  |
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| Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC’s jurisdiction that your recipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing: |
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| 1. | Multifamily assisted housing owners                | No  |
| 2. | PHA  | Yes |
| 3. | Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments | No  |
| 4. | Local low-income housing programs                  | No  |
|    | Other (limit 150 characters)                       |     |
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| 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:

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| 1. | Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)                   | Yes |
| 2. | Family Unification Program (FUP)                   | No  |
| 3. | Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)                       | Yes |
| 4. | HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) | Yes |
| 5. | Mainstream Vouchers                                | Yes |
| 6. | Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers                | No  |
| 7. | Public Housing                                     | Yes |
| 8. | Other Units from PHAs:                             |     |
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| 1C-7d. | Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness.<br>NOFO Section V.B.1.g. |  |
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| 1. | Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)? | Yes   |
|    |   | <b>Program Funding Source</b>                               |
| 2. | Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.  | Stability Vouchers;<br>Mainstream Vouchers<br>(MO003DV0015) |

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| 1C-7e. | Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV).<br>NOFO Section V.B.1.g. |  |
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|  | Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan? | Yes |
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## 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) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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| 1D-1. | Preventing People Transitioning from Public Systems from Experiencing Homelessness. |  |
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| NOFO Section V.B.1.h. |
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| Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the public systems listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs. |
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| 1. | Prisons/Jails?               | Yes |
| 2. | Health Care Facilities?      | Yes |
| 3. | Residential Care Facilities? | Yes |
| 4. | Foster Care?                 | Yes |

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| 1D-2. | Housing First—Lowering Barriers to Entry. |  |
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| 1. | Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.   | 10   |
| 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 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.  | 10   |
| 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 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing. | 100% |

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| 1D-2a. | Project Evaluation for Housing First Compliance. |  |
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| You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |
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| Describe in the field below: |
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| 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;   |
| 3. | how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach; and                      |
| 4. | what your CoC has done to improve fidelity to Housing First.  |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. THE CoC EVALUATES PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING 1ST COMPLIANCE. In 2023, the CoC evaluated CoC funded projects for Housing First Compliance using the HUD Housing First Assessment Tool. Areas of success and improvement regarding program access, ongoing evaluation & performance management, lease & occupancy agreements, & service & housing models were identified. In 2024, the CoC interviewed program staff to identify areas of full compliance, areas of improvement, & areas that were a challenge to ensure Housing First policies and practices are in place, ensure that staff are receiving proper training, & that all programs are following Housing First principles with high fidelity.
2. THE LIST OF FACTORS & PERFORMANCE INDICATORS THAT THE CoC uses to evaluate Housing First compliance includes provider assessment of low barrier and project termination (i.e., the project adheres to HF model; the project will operate using low barrier & HF model; for projects serving survivors of DV—the project uses trauma-informed, victim-centered, HF approaches) and whether the program description has elements/language that would conflict with HF & low barrier housing policies. With these factors and performance indicators alongside the Housing First assessment, the CoC believes that they are able to flag any concerns with Housing First compliance. The CoC also has instituted the HUD Housing First Self Evaluation for CoC-funded projects and interviewed program staff ensuring that the federal Housing First factors are asked of project applicants.
3. CoC REGULARLY EVALUATES PROJECTS OUTSIDE OF THE COMPETITION TO ENSURE PROJECTS ARE USING HF APPROACH: A) Members of Review & Rank suggest improvements in program operation which are forwarded to applicants after the competition to enhance their HF approach; B) Technical assistance consultant completes annual evaluations of each program’s HF policies through a desk audit w/ a specific focus each year (2021 was on intake, eligibility, & termination policies & procedures). C) 2024, agency staff were interviewed to dive deeper into housing first practices to evaluate fidelity.
4. TO IMPROVE FIDELITY TO HOUSING FIRST, A) Agencies are given opportunities for technical assistance if issues arise. B) Coordinated entry identifies issues with rapid placement & provides support to applicants that have undue delays. C) Projects filled out the HUD Housing First Assessment which will inform ongoing TA to improve fidelity to Housing First.

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| 1D-3. | Street Outreach—Data—Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.1.j.  |  |

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| Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance. |
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CoC TAILORED OUTREACH TO PERSONS LEAST LIKELY TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE thru A) Bilingual staff for all outreach strategies; B) CAP CSWs & NW Health specialize in working w/ppl w/physical & psychiatric disabilities, CAP CSWs work with families in the local school district and are connected by teachers, principals, etc. to people experiencing instability; C)CoC engages mainstream agencies w/experience w/underserved populations to support outreach (MERIL & Progressive Community Services for ppl w/disabilities, Interfaith Alliance for immigrants); D) Access points are ADA accessible or outreach teams go to ppl w/disabilities. E) All outreach staff attend training to improve services to all populations (e.g., best practices serving LGBTQ+ & BIPOC). United Way coordinated a training session during Sept 2023 for agencies on working with people from other cultures and countries (Panel includes: SJ school district, Triumph Foods (employs people from different countries). E) Social Welfare Board, local free/lost-cost medical clinic, has a Community Health Worker to work with patients, many of whom are homeless or precariously housed.

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

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate your CoC's strategies to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in your CoC's geographic area:

|    | Your CoC's Strategies  | Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers | Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness |
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| 1. | Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?                      | Yes   | Yes  |
| 2. | Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?                               | Yes   | Yes  |
| 3. | Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places? | Yes   | Yes  |
| 4. | 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.  |  |

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| HIC<br>Longitudinal<br>HMIS Data | 2023 | 2024 |
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|  | 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 | 117 | 107 |
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| 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? |
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| 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)                 |                               |
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| 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:

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| 1. | works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including those that provide substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services, including Medicaid; and |
| 2. | promotes SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.   |

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1. Health agencies are active in CoC & serve on Executive Committee. CoC WORKS W/PROJECT STAFF TO COLLABORATE W/HEALTH ORGS INCLUDING SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT to assist participants w/obtaining health services. For ex: A) Mosaic hospital system has standing offer to CoC to provide 1-1 support for Medicaid access; B) Medical navigation (insurance apps/health care access) is provided by Mosaic & Community Health Workers, Social Welfare Board and Northwest Health Services. CHWs employed by CoC members refer to medical, dental, behavioral health & case management for ppl who are homeless; C) NW Health Services has Medicaid Enrollment Specialist at downtown medical clinic & provides access to medical, dental, medication, & counseling. NW Health led training for providers & consumers on Medicaid Expansion & applying for MO Health Net; D) InterServ (CoC provider) has CLAIM to enroll in Medicare; E) Several CoC providers/members offer transportation to reduce barriers to care. CoC partners w/providers to train CoC members on medical care access topics, e.g., harm reduction; G) Family Guidance Center, substance use/behavioral health provider is on Exec Cmte. Health care providers who are CoC members work w/ CoC on planning & resource provision during public health crises. H) Northwest Health, COC member, presented to Homeless Support Group on 10/7/24 regarding medically assisted treatment and applying for Medicaid.

2. CoC WORKS W/PROJECTS TO PROMOTE SOAR CERT OF PROGRAM STAFF: Family Guidance Center employs Housing Navigator to assist w/housing & benefits including SSDI & is SOAR certified. NW Health Services also has certified staff. CoC provided training on navigating benefits & shared tool for calculating employment impact on SSI/SSDI. DMH, CoC provider & state agency, is SOAR certified & provides training & support to CoC members. CoC provided SOAR training to CoC members on 7/31/24.

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| ID-7.   | Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases. |  |
| NOFO Section V.B.1.n.   |   |  |
| Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that: |   |  |
| 1.  | respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and  |  |
| 2.  | prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.  |  |

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1&2. CoC COLLABORATES WITH STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks and to prevent disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness: Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CoC has increased coordination with the City of St. Joseph Health Department and the local hospital, related to COVID and other emerging local health needs. Assistant director of Health Dept and health educator developed communication plan and pieces to distribute to homeless and agencies regarding impacts of weather on health and infectious diseases in Aug '23. A representative from the local hospital is a member of the CoC Executive Committee, which shapes policies and procedures. Improved coordination and knowledge sharing (including information from state agencies) has enabled CoC and providers to respond to COVID-19 and other public health needs and has put processes in place (such as vaccine and PPE, information, resources, and vaccine distribution, and improved health care access) to streamline future responses to public health needs for people experiencing homelessness. Representatives from these organizations and representatives from free health clinic and federally qualified health center (FQHC) attend monthly CoC meetings and provide a Public Health Updates as needed regarding current public health concerns and safety recommendations. Providers and community members are directed to information shared on St. Joseph Health Department Facebook page. Project Connect offered STI testing and education on 8/22/24, conducted by Northwest Health Services. Social Welfare Board, a CoC member, is one of several community agencies that launched a Community Health Worker program and developed COVID plans for clients experiencing homelessness. Homeless Support Group formed facilitates information sharing with people experiencing homelessness and providers. These weekly meetings at the Salvation Army include presentations by providers including the public health department and other health care providers with opportunity for questions and requests for additional information. COC communicated Health Department vaccine clinic information October 4, 2024.

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| ID-7a.                                    | Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.<br>NOFO Section V.B.1.n.  |  |
| Describe in the field below how your CoC: |   |  |
| 1.  | effectively 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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1&2. CoC SHARED INFORMATION RELATED TO PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES AND HOMELESSNESS and FACILITATED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS to ensure street outreach, shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants: CoC strengthened relationships with health care providers and public health agencies during the first years of the COVID-19 pandemic, which have continued to enable efficient and consistent information sharing between health care and housing and service providers. CoC meetings this year were attended by CoC members representing health care organizations, the local hospital, and public health departments. CoC met with assistant director of Health Dept and health educator in August 2023 to develop communication plan and pieces to distribute to homeless and agencies regarding impacts of weather on health and infectious diseases. Established relationship with Andrew County Health Department who provides HIV case management for the City of St Joseph. The Homeless Support Group has provided opportunities for information to be shared directly with people experiencing homelessness (many unsheltered) as well as street outreach, shelter, and housing providers in attendance. The St. Joseph Health Department, which has a representative in the CoC, provides public updates on their Facebook page, which is followed by providers and the public. COC communicated Health Department vaccine clinic information October 4, 2024

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| 1D-8. | Coordinated Entry Standard Processes. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.1.o.                 |  |

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| Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system: |   |
| 1.   | can serve everybody regardless of where they are located within your CoC's geographic area;   |
| 2.   | uses a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services within your CoC;            |
| 3.   | collects personal information in a trauma-informed way; and   |
| 4.   | is updated at least annually using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry. |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. CE SYSTEM COVERS 100 PERCENT OF THE CoC'S GEOGRAPHIC AREA. Six providers across the CoC conduct assessments & CE staff cover the full geographic area including through virtual assessment, which expands access in rural areas. CoC has strong outreach including a Community HealthWorker team. CoC has a policy for phone assessments in addition to assessor traveling to complete assessments with people unable to travel.

2. USES A STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT PROCESS. CoC consistently utilizes one standardized assessment tool (VI-SPDAT) throughout the CoC to achieve fair, equitable, & equal access to services w/in the community. Multiple points of entry are available into the CE system & use standard assessment. Answers provided a numerical score that determines what resources are most appropriate. The assessment & score are entered in HMIS in an accurate & timely fashion. The assessment tool contains no items which would screen people out of the CE process due to perceived barriers to housing/services. Any household w/ a mobility impairment may request reasonable accommodation to complete the CE process based on their needs.

3. All assessments are conducted using client-centered trauma informed methods in assessment areas that are safe & private to allow households to identify sensitive information or safety issues in a private & secure setting. All CoC CE households are free to decide what information they provide during the assessment process, to refuse to answer assessment questions, & to refuse housing/service options w/out retribution or limiting them access to other forms of assistance or placement on the Prioritization Pull. The assessment process does not require disclosure of specific disabilities or diagnosis. The CE Specialist is currently in the process of moving away from the VI-SPDAT and is working to update P&Ps, in collaboration with the other HMIS agencies that engage in coordinated Entry.

4. CES IS UPDATED AT LEAST ANNUALLY USING FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPATING PROJECTS & PARTICIPANT HOUSEHOLDS. The CES is collaborating with the other CE HMIS agencies and PWLE to update and modify P&Ps and to move away from the VI-SPDAT as an assessment tool and towards a new assessment tool that is more geared towards the clients served within the COC. HUD TA did a training on CE for the full COC on January 31, 2024.

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|  | 1D-8a. Coordinated Entry–Program Participant-Centered Approach. |  |
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NOFO Section V.B.1.o.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. REACHES PPL LEAST LIKELY TO APPLY W/OUT SPECIAL OUTREACH. Assessments conducted at CE sites & by outreach teams. CoC has strong outreach including Community Health Workers w/specialty reaching ppl w/disabilities & those less likely to request assistance, & veteran outreach. The CE access points collaborate with the city's public safety departments and other agencies to respond to cases where vulnerable clients may be staying. They also conduct phone assessments to expand access to rural areas. Access sites take all reasonable steps to serve marginalized communities including ppl w/Limited English Proficiency; most have bilingual staff/interpretation. Appropriate auxiliary aids/services provided. Homeless Support Group wkly mtngs draw ppl experiencing homelessness (most unsheltered) & provide inroad to housing & services; ppl regularly stay after to speak w/case managers & complete assessments. Providers present programs for ppl w/disabilities.
2. PRIORITIZES PPL MOST IN NEED. CoC has the prioritization pull generated during prioritization process for transparency. List sorted 1st by chronic homeless status then by VI-SPDAT assessment score. The tool does NOT screen ppl out/ require disclosure of disabilities/diagnoses. CoC adopted priorities in Notice CPD-16-11.
3. ENSURES PPL MOST IN NEED RECEIVE PH IN TIMELY MANNER CONSISTENT W/ PREFERENCES. Providers house highest priority ppl 1st according to prioritization process. Matches made as units become available. 2x/mo case conferencing streamlines processes & follows up on referrals. Referrals made between mtngs, from top tier of ppl rather than specific ppl at top of list to ensure timely process. Ample time allowed to make contact & fill units. Outreach providers offer support w/client location & document readiness.
4. TAKES STEPS TO REDUCE BURDENS by: A) Using consistent assessment tool & process in-person & remote, free from barriers (e.g., low/no income, substance use, DV, resistance to services); B) Limiting restrictive program criteria & turnaways; C) Promoting transparency so ppl know what to expect; D) Accommodations available for ppl w/mobility impairments/other needs; & E) Safe, confidential, client-centered assessment methods; E) Ability to skip questions/withhold info w/out limiting access to assistance. These are included in CE Policies & Procedures. CoC conducts regular evals of CES to address adherence to P&Ps.

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| 1D-8b. | Coordinated Entry—Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies—Reporting Violations. |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.o.  |  |

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

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| 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 affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC’s geographic area through coordinated entry. Case managers and the CES work ensure that clients understand the CE process and what their rights and responsibilities are. The CES will work to market the new process once it is fully established through a brochure underlying key components. Participants have a right to file a non-discrimination complaint and the process to file a non-discrimination complaint. InterServ (CoC provider) has posters with grievance process outlined displayed in their physical location. CoC uses the community wide landlord list and keeps updates on what types of housing are available for each household size. CE specialist and case managers attempt to build relationships with landlords to ensure safe, affordable housing. The CES worker and Case managers work diligently to try and engage landlords to rent to clients being served through Coordinated Entry without bias or prejudice. A landlord list is often distributed to clients that are facing homelessness as the programs allow the client to find /choose their own housing within the programs criteria.

2. The CoC informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws. All clients entering the CE system receive a copy of their rights and responsibilities as a client/tenant. Case managers follow up with clients to ensure they are aware of their rights as a participant in the program. Legal Aid is a CoC member that supports program participants in responding to violations.

3. The CoC through CE uses case conferencing meetings twice a month to report any conditions or actions with clients/landlords/housing opportunities that a tenant may be facing. These meetings often serve as a way for partnering agencies to request referrals as well as reach out to their peers and engage their thoughts and incorporate their input. In the case that a nondiscrimination complaint is received, the CE provider in coordination with the CoC Executive Committee completes an investigation of the complaint within 60 days. This investigation includes contacting and interviewing relevant persons and collecting any relevant documents. In the case of patterns of discrimination, the relevant jurisdiction is informed of repeated violations.

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| 1D-9. | Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.1.p.  |  |

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| 1. | Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?     | Yes        |
| 2. | Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities. | 06/30/2024 |

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| 1D-9a. | Using Data to Determine if Racial Disparities Exist in Your CoC’s Provision or Outcomes of CoC Program-Funded Homeless Assistance. |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.p.  |  |

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | the data your CoC used to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC’s provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance; and |
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2. how your CoC analyzed the data to determine whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance.

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1. CoC conducted a Racial Disparity Analysis in in 2021 and in 2024 with support from a technical assistance provider. Analysis looked at the population of the CoC region by race and ethnicity, according to the most recent census. An analysis of Point in Time (PIT) count data from the 2024 PIT and 2023 LSA data were used to identify the total number of people experiencing homelessness, families and youth experiencing homelessness, and households without children experiencing homelessness and how they utilized the system, across race and ethnicity. The analysis then looked at data gathered by permanent housing programs funded by the CoC Program and by the coordinated entry committee for people housed off the By Name list to understand the demographics of people served by the CoC. A report of findings from this analysis was developed for use by the CoC, along with recommendations to address disparities, to inform future planning and system improvements. Findings and strategies from the 2024 racial disparities assessment will be incorporated in the 2025 COC Action Plan.

2. CoC IDENTIFIED that given the demographic makeup of St. Joseph, Black people are overrepresented in the total homeless population, making up double the percentage of the total homeless population as they do the general population: 5% in the general population and 10% of the homeless population. This indicates a clear disparity in rate of homelessness. Particularly concerning is the high percentage of multi-racial families experiencing homelessness. While the number of Black families experiencing homelessness has decreased from 2022 to 2024, the percentage of multi-racial families experiencing homelessness increased to 15% while they make up only 7% of the general population. Within the youth population exp homelessness, 20% are bi-racial. 10% of the youth population exp homelessness are asian/ pacific islander though the asian/ pacific islander population in general is less than 2%. Analysis of people served by the CoC revealed that overall, CoC-funded programs are serving people of different races in the same proportions at which those races exp homelessness. The initial disparity driving people to become homeless persists throughout the CoC programs. On average, White people moved to housing in 576 days while Black people moved to housing in 739 days. LSA indicates that Black individuals & families are exiting to fewer permanent destinations but returning to homelessness similarly to others

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| 1D-9b. | Implemented Strategies to Prevent or Eliminate Racial Disparities. |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.p   |  |

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

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| 1. | Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?  | Yes |
| 2. | Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC? | Yes |
| 3. | Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?                      | Yes |

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| 4.  | Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?   | Yes |
| 5.  | Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?   | Yes |
| 6.  | Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?                                   | Yes |
| 7.  | Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?  | Yes |
| 8.  | Is your CoC 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.  | Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?  | Yes |
| 10. | Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?  | Yes |
| 11. | Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?   | Yes |
|     | Other:(limit 500 characters)  |     |
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| 1D-9c. | Plan for Ongoing Evaluation of System-level Processes, Policies, and Procedures for Racial Equity. |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.p.  |  |

Describe in the field below your CoC's plan for ongoing evaluation of system-level processes, policies, and procedures for racial equity.

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC HAS ONGOING MEASURES IN PLACE TO EVALUATE SYSTEM LEVEL PROCESSES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES FOR RACIAL EQUITY: 1) Racial disparity is analyzed annually, with most recent analysis conducted in June 2024. 2) CoC 2025 Action Plan will be informed by 2024 Racial Equity Analysis which includes a focus on improving coordination with agencies led by and serving people of color, to improve diversity of representation in CoC membership and leadership. Progress is tracked and discussed at monthly CoC meetings, including looking at the following measures from the Racial Equity Analysis: racial makeup of population experiencing homelessness, and comparison with general population; and racial makeup of populations served with housing and services. Additional analysis (looking at system performance metrics such as average days homeless, exists to permanent housing, returns to homelessness, and populations served by various housing types) are also tracked and analyzed, though the sample sizes were too small for analysis at the time of the report, and larger samples looking at past years were necessary to provide additional insights; 3) Institute for Community Alliances, which receives CoC funding for HMIS, provides PIT data dashboards from recent years publicly on their website and presents reports on the results of the PIT annually, including racial makeup of the population experiencing homelessness and changes over time, to help track progress on a state and local level. 4) A partnership exists with MWSU to conduct surveys and assessment of persons experiencing homelessness on gaps/needs/etc. related to attaining/maintaining housing.

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| 1D-9d. | Plan for Using Data to Track Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Racial Disparities.   |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.p.  |  |
|        | Describe in the field below:   |  |
| 1.     | the measures your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and |  |
| 2.     | the tools your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.        |  |

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1.CoC HAS MEASURES IN PLACE TO TRACK PROGRESS ON PREVENTING OR ELIMINATING DISPARITIES: 1) Racial disparity is analyzed annually, with most recent analysis conducted in June 2024. 2) CoC 2025 Action Plan will be informed by 2024 Racial Equity Analysis, which includes a focus on improving coordination with agencies led by and serving people of color, to improve diversity of representation in CoC membership and leadership. Agency partnerships include the Dismas House, Diversed Perspectives, NAACP, and other community organizations that are Black-led and focus on equity. Progress is tracked and discussed at monthly CoC meetings, including looking at the following measures from the Racial Equity Analysis: racial makeup of population experiencing homelessness, and comparison with general population; and racial makeup of populations served with housing and services. Additional analysis (looking at system performance metrics such as average days homeless, exists to permanent housing, returns to homelessness, and populations served by various housing types) are also tracked and analyzed, though the sample sizes were too small for analysis at the time of the report, and larger samples looking at past years were necessary to provide additional insights; 3) Institute for Community Alliances, which receives CoC funding for HMIS, provides PIT data dashboards from recent years publicly on their website and presents reports on the results of the PIT annually, including racial makeup of the population experiencing homelessness and changes over time, to help track progress on a state and local level. The 2024 Racial Analysis found that within the homeless services system, Black individuals and families access shelter more than housing, exit to fewer permanent destinations (except youth) and have similar or smaller rates of returns to homelessness than their white counterparts.

2.COC conducted a Racial Disparity Analysis (June 2024) with support from a technical assistance provider, who analyzed Census Point in Time Count, HMIS, and HDX data. Analysis looked at the population of the CoC region by race and ethnicity.

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| 1D-10. | Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking–CoC’s Outreach Efforts.  |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.q.   |  |
|        | 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 decisionmaking processes. |  |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

OUTREACH EFFORTS TO ENGAGE PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE IN LEADERSHIP AND DECISION-MAKING include: A) One-on-one outreach and invitation by CoC membership; B) Reserved spot on CoC Board for at least one person with lived experience of homelessness; C) PLE on CoC Board engages in outreach to increase lived experience involvement, gather info on needs of people currently experiencing homelessness, and advises CoC leadership on outreach, lived experience engagement and service provision. C) Provider-supported recruitment to ensure attendance of at least one program/service consumer at every CoC meeting, with barriers to attendance reduced by holding hybrid CoC meetings virtually and at locations easily walkable from homeless service provider locations and meal programs; D) Engagement of people with lived experience in planning efforts such as development of the HOME-ARP funding allocation plan – specific outreach to people experiencing homelessness and surveys/materials designed and approved by people with lived experience resulted in strong engagement by people with lived experience (9% of survey respondents and 7% of individuals providing public comment on the plan were currently or formerly homeless); E) Ongoing engagement is conducted through the Homeless Support Group, which takes place at a neutral, easily accessible location and provides an opportunity to share information, seek input, and connect people with services if desired. F) The CoC conducted a survey of its membership to identify people with lived experience of homelessness or unstable housing who may be in leadership roles or front-line work in the CoC. The CoC discovered that nearly one-third of its membership and 18% of its executive leadership have experience of homelessness or unstable housing.

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| 1D-10a. | Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness. |  |
|         | NOFO Section V.B.1.q.  |  |

You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter 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 |
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| 1. | Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.  | 9   | 3   |
| 2. | Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.                            | 9   | 3   |
| 3. | Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors. | 3   | 0   |
| 4. | Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.        | 3   | 1   |

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| 1D-10b. | Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness. |  |
|         | NOFO Section V.B.1.q.  |  |

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)**

CoC AND MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE through connections to employers, support during job seeking, and training and education support. A) CoC provides annual training to provider organization staff on connecting program participants and people experiencing homelessness with education and job training opportunities (2/24 and 9/24) to support provision of these resources. Resources were shared with the CoC and discussed at a CoC meeting; B) United Way, CoC member and meeting host with representative on the Executive Committee, shares info on local employers who are hiring and shares this information with providers and people experiencing homelessness or receiving services; C) CAP, CoC member, runs the Skill Up program which provides training toward certifications to support professional development for people experiencing homelessness; D) Representative from Missouri Job Center and Representative from Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program presented at a Homeless Support Group meeting to share resources with people experiencing homelessness and provider staff in attendance; E) Youth Alliance presented at CoC meeting about Power Project which connects individuals with employment opportunities. Youth Alliance presented on this and other resources at CoC meetings to inform providers about resources available; F) Vocational Rehabilitation representative presented to Homeless Support Group, facilitated by CoC, to share information on accessing resources related to employment; G) Catholic Charities, DMH, and YWCA, CoC providers, provide support for employment (including to people with disabilities) through a workforce development group, volunteer support for interview preparation, job applications, and resumes, and other services; and H) CoC works with large area employers to support staff who are unhoused and during housing instability, in order to enable them to obtain/retain housing and continue stable employment. H) Individuals experiencing homelessness attended a training on Fair Housing, Equal Access Rule and detecting/preventing discrimination. They had the opportunity to ask questions and provide suggestions on future trainings and receive email notices about upcoming sessions. I) To connect clients to employment programs and supports so they can increase income, a toolbox of Employment Resources has been collected and shared 9/24 with the CoC.

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| 1D-10c. | Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness. |  |
|         | NOFO Section V.B.1.q.  |  |

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | how your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;       |
| 2. | how often your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness; |

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| 3. | how your CoC gathers feedback from people who received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program;                |
| 4. | how often your CoC gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program; and |
| 5. | steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.                   |

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1. CoC ROUTINELY GATHERED FEEDBACK FROM PPL EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (PEH) & PPL RECEIVING ASSISTANCE thru: A) Homeless Support Group (HSG) monthly mtng open to PEH & attended by providers. HSG is regularly attended by 19 PEH & ppl who have received CoC assistance. One purpose of HSG is to gather feedback on challenges faced, barriers encountered, areas of concern/interest, aspects of CoC services/housing & other topics generated by group; B) Solicitation of input on system needs/gaps collected thru surveys of PEH to inform past gaps analyses (PEH gave input on survey design & interpretation); & C) Solicitation of input & feedback related to specific programs/funding applications, such as HOME-ARP. The process to develop HOME-ARP Plan included consultation w/PEH on how funds should be spent. 250 ppl provided input to the plan & 7% had lived experience of homelessness. During public comment period, 9% of responses were from ppl w/lived experience.

2. CoC ROUTINELY GATHERED FEEDBACK FROM PPL WHO HAVE RECEIVED ASSISTANCE THROUGH COC OR ESG PROGRAMS thru: A) seeking feedback from the State Advisory Council (behavioral health council including 16 consumers of behavioral health services through Shelter Plus Care or other housing programs) which reviews, revises and approves services and programs offered by DMH (a CoC funded agency) bimonthly. B) CoC funded agencies (YWCA, DMH, Catholic Charities, Interserv, and Community Missions) all regularly collect feedback from CoC and ESG program participants and use feedback to inform program changes and elevate issues to CoC leadership in order to resolve them.

5. CoC HAS TAKEN STEPS TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES RAISED BY PEOPLE W/ LIVED EXPERIENCE, as input & feedback has been collected thru methods described above. Input collected during past gaps analyses was incorporated into CoC Action Plans. Input gathered during HSG mtngs has led to action by CoC providers. For ex: attendees provided feedback on barriers they encounter in the system. Feedback revealed lack of clarity on trespassing & other issues related to law enforcement; CoC arranged PD rep to attend & answer questions. Informal collection of feedback/input allows rapid response & resolution to immediate challenges. For ex: feedback on hygiene needs led to development of summer shower program, w/public showers available multiple days/week during summer. CoC has discussed CE at HSG & is exploring opportunities to improve CE.

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| 1D-11. | Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.   |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.s.   |  |
|        | Describe in the field below at least two 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&2. CoC HAS TAKEN STEPS TO ENGAGE CITY AND STATE GOVERNMENTS REGARDING REFORMING ZONING AND LAND USE POLICIES TO PERMIT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND REDUCING REGULATORY BARRIERS TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT including: A) CoC holds Planning for the Future meeting every other month with attendance by city elected officials, council members, public housing authority, agency directors, and other policy makers to move forward strategic efforts including increasing access to quality affordable housing; B) Housing Authority, CE, and additional data/research is being analyzed to inform efforts around specific types of housing that are needed; C) Missouri's Department of Mental Health, CoC member and provider, has hired an Affordable Housing Consultant who joined the CoC and work on state-wide initiatives; D) CoC has a standing representative on Missouri Interagency Council to End Homelessness (MICH), a policy-making body that informs resource allocation planning at state level; and E) Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) staff participate in local CoC meetings to gather feedback and share information.

## 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 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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| 1E-1. | Web Posting of Advance Public Notice of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline, Scoring and Rating Criteria. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.  |  |

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| 1. | Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.     | 08/20/2024 |
| 2. | Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition. | 08/20/2024 |

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| 1E-2. | Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e.   |  |

You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:

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

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| 6. | Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers. | Yes |
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| 1E-2a. | Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.<br><br>NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d. |  |
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You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.  
 Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

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| 1. | What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)? | 115    |
| 2. | How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?                                    | 10     |
| 3. | What renewal project type did most applicants use?                                | PH-PSH |

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| 1E-2b. | Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.<br><br>NOFO Section V.B.2.d. |  |
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| 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.                           | the severe barriers your CoC considered.  |

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1. CoC COLLECTED & ANALYZED DATA REGARDING EACH PROJECT THAT SUCCESSFULLY HOUSED PARTICIPANTS IN PH thru APR-style reports from HMIS & comparable databases for same timeframe for renewal projects. Data entered in web-based reporting tool which analyzes pop. served (e.g., % w/ disabilities, % age groups, DV experience) & performance (e.g., placement in PH, exits to PH, PH retention). Reporting tool allows for analysis of performance across all like prgrms on each factor. Rank & Review trained in considering pop. served when determining scores on qualitative factors & has capacity to make minor adjustments to quantitative scores for pop. served.

2. CoC ANALYZED DATA REGARDING HOW LONG IT TAKES TO HOUSE PPL IN PH: Length of time homeless (LOTH) & efforts to reduce LOTH are considered in scoring of new housing projects during local competition (10/122pts), based on past performance. For renewal projects, CoC analyzes APR style reports from HMIS and comparable databases, measures related to LOTH are PH destination upon exit & RRH length of stay. Also, CoC analyzed CoC-wide performance data on length of time to house ppl in PH during May & Sept '22 CoC mtngs. CoC has had discussions re: efforts to reduce LOTH, & is increasing PH units.

3&4. CoC CONSIDERED SPECIFIC SEVERITY OF NEEDS & VULNERABILITIES EXPERIENCED BY PARTICIPANTS WHEN RANKING PROJECTS & GAVE CONSIDERATION TO PROJECTS SERVING HARDEST TO REACH POPULATIONS: CoC includes specific scoring factor (5/115 pts for renewal projects) to increase scores for projects serving most vulnerable pop. (no income, substance use, criminal record, DV, LGBTQIA+ status, health challenges, high use of crisis services, unsheltered youth, & vulnerability to illness/death & victimization). Renewal projects scored 10/109pts on Housing First approach & 2/115 points for prioritizing/dedicating beds to chronic homelessness. New housing projects scored on plans to serve ppl w/highest need (10/122) or provide most needed services (15/122). Rank & Review trained to consider that performance outcomes may be lower w/difficult-to-serve pop. (such as CH ppl & ppl w/mental and/or addictive illnesses) & score accordingly. For renewal projects, info about severity of need (data re: CH, # & type of conditions, income at entry, where entering from) is provided to panel in web-based tool to support analysis. Scoring tools gave 5pts for IDing & addressing barriers for ppl of different races & ethnicities or who are LGBTQIA+.

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| 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 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 that proposed 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 steps the projects took or will take to eliminate the identified barriers. |  |

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1.DIVERSE INPUT INTO DESIGN: All members were invited to June and July '24 CoC mtngs to determine rating factors. Group of non-providers, funded providers, & non-funded providers gathered to review the ranking process, debrief results, & '23 and '24 CoC Action Plan (informed by annual gaps analyses which included system-wide survey & other input) & revise the process. At June '24 mtng, the proposed process was presented & approved by vote. All CoC members (regardless of race, ethnicity, ability, sexual orientation, or gender ID) were invited to all mtngs. Mtngs are held in roundtable format & all ppl can participate. No one was surveyed to describe their identities, however CoC is putting more effort into increasing overall membership diversity. In alignment w/CoC priorities IDed in racial equity & gaps analyses (w/ input from diverse members of the community) & reflected in Action Plan, CoC members voted to increase impact of efforts to address equity & engage ppl w/lived experience in project design on local project scoring for both new & renewal projects.

2.INPUT INTO RANKING: In line w/CoC policy, Review & Rank facilitator made efforts to outreach and ensure diverse membership including: (a) ppl of different races & ethnicities, particularly those overrepresented in local homelessness population, & (b) at least one member w/lived experience of homelessness, especially unsheltered homelessness, in the review, selection, & ranking process thru outreach to CoC membership & community.

3.RANKING PROCESS: Our community's '24 Racial Equity Analysis found that overall, program participants reflect the same racial/ethnic makeup as general homeless population. Community members participating in the review & rank process received training which included explanation of HUD's emphasis on racial equity & CoC's commitment to addressing these concerns in our programs. Both new housing project apps (5/122pts) & renewal apps (5/115pts) were scored (& ranked) based on agency's description of how it IDed barriers to participation faced by ppl of different races & ethnicities or ppl who are LGBTQIA+ & the agency's proposed plan/strategies in use for eliminating barriers. Client input into project design (5/122 for new housing projects & 5/115 for renewal projects) was also considered in the ranking process, acknowledging that ppl w/ lived experience & program consumers are best able to speak to their needs, barriers they face, & desired solutions.

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

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;                 |
| 2. | whether your CoC identified any 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. At the CoC’s June public meeting, COC APPROVED PROCESS to select and prioritize projects for CoC funding, including reallocation policy. Policy directs neutral Review and Rank Committee to consider renewal projects for reallocation if: more than 10% of funding is unspent for three years running, if the project is underperforming or if the project has monitoring findings after TA. Committee reviews performance of all projects and, regardless of score, are asked if they would like to consider the project for reallocation for any reason.

2. No projects were identified as candidates for reallocation during the local competition this year due to being low performing or less needed.

3. No projects were reallocated during the local competition this year.

4. All projects performed well and met priority needs. Projects that had not fully spent down their funds were reviewed to identify if this was part of a larger trend. While this issue was considered in scoring, the Review and Rank Committee determined that no projects should be reallocated.

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| 1E-4a. | Reallocation Between FY 2019 and FY 2024.<br>NOFO Section V.B.2.f. |  |
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|  | Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024? | No |
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| 1E-5. | Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.<br>NOFO Section V.B.2.g.<br>You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |  |
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| 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 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024. |    |

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| 1E-5a. | Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.<br>NOFO Section V.B.2.g.<br>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 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024. | 10/15/2024 |
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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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|  | <p>Does your attachment include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project Names;</li> <li>2. Project Scores;</li> <li>3. Project Status—Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated;</li> <li>4. Project Rank;</li> <li>5. Amount Requested from HUD; and</li> <li>6. Reallocated Funds +/-.</li> </ol> | 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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|  | <p>Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the CoC Application; and</li> <li>2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.</li> </ol> | 10/25/2024 |
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| 1E-5d. | Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email 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. | 10/25/2024 |
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## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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| <b>2A-1.</b> | <b>HMIS Vendor.</b>             |  |
|              | Not Scored—For Information Only |  |

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|  | Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using. | Wellsky |
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| <b>2A-2.</b> | <b>HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.</b> |  |
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|  | Select from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area. | Multiple CoCs |
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| <b>2A-3.</b> | <b>HIC Data Submission in HDX.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.3.a.              |  |

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|  | Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX. | 05/09/2024 |
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| <b>2A-4.</b> | <b>Comparable Databases for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.3.b.  |  |

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|  | In the field below: |  |
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| 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; and |
| 2. | state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database—compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards. |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.The CoC’s primary Victim Services Provider, YWCA, COLLECTS DATA ON 100% OF SHELTER AND HOUSING IT PROVIDES IN A COMPARABLE DATABASE, Vela. YWCA provides safe & confidential shelter, TH, PSH, and RRH in secure facilities (as relevant) and all beds and units are recorded in Vela. Through data collection and entry, the CoC has a 100% DV BED COVERAGE RATE IN ITS COMPARABLE DATABASE. CoC’s HMIS administrator evaluates the Vela database regularly to confirm it meets HUD standards for HMIS. YWCA SHARES AGGREGATED DATA WITH THE COC, including for PIT, HIC, and system-level performance analyses like the CoC gaps analysis. As a CoC project provider, YWCA also submits Vela's aggregated performance reports about each project’s contributions to system performance for CoC and ESG reporting and competitions, so that Survivor projects can be evaluated on equal footing with other projects. YWCA projects, like all CoC projects, are evaluated based on housing retention, housing access, income and benefits access and change, avoiding returns to homelessness, and all are evaluated on the same period, which is possible because of YWCA’s commitment to use of Vela. HMIS Lead ICA last conducted a review of Vela October 2021. The reviews cover a checklist that includes Data Standards, security, and ability to upload an APR or CAPER successfully into SAGE. CoC plans to conduct review of comparable database in the coming months.

2.We affirm that DV housing and service providers in our CoC are using a HUD compliant comparable database (Vela) compliant with FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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

Using the 2024 HDX Competition Report we issued your CoC, enter data in the chart below by project type:

| Project Type                               | Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report] | Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report] | Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report] | HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report] |
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| 1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds             | 29   | 45   | 74  | 100.00%   |
| 2. Safe Haven (SH) beds                    | 18   | 0  | 18  | 100.00%   |
| 3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds          | 63   | 23   | 86  | 100.00%   |
| 4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds             | 67   | 40   | 103   | 96.26%  |
| 5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds | 188  | 17   | 140   | 68.29%  |
| 6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds      | 62   | 0  | 82  | 100.00%   |

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

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1&2. The CoC HAS BED COVERAGE OF 100% for 5 out of 6 project types. At 68.29% for PSH beds, the only PSH project not participating in HMIS is VASH. The CoC has engaged St. Joseph PHA (SJHA, administers VASH) in all elements of CoC functioning and SJHA is active member of Executive Committee. Catholic Charities, CoC provider, is main veteran service organization in the region. CoC has been CERTIFIED BY USICH AS HAVING ENDED VETERAN HOMELESSNESS. However, VASH beds are administered outside of our CoC and the VA has not yet made formal agreement to enter these beds into our HMIS. IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS: a) CoC will request that VA staff help advocate for HMIS participation, b) CoC will continue to work closely with VASH representatives in the CoC and to seek updates including: about local VA's use of HOMES import tool and efforts to input beds into HMIS. c) CoC will offer resources such as TA and data entry to VASH staff. IMPLEMENTATION will include a) continuing to engage VASH in CoC meetings and request updates on efforts to expand bed coverage, b) schedule individual meeting(s) with VASH leadership and HMIS lead to discuss options for participation, including through HOMES import tool, and offering to undertake data entry, provide free licenses, or otherwise support their input. Other Permanent Housing beds in the system consist of EHV vouchers administered by St. Joseph Public Housing Authority (SJHA). These beds are not captured in HMIS but these efforts are already in progress. The CoC has intentionally developed a closer partnership with SJHA this year, with a representative of SJHA now regularly attending CoC meetings, on the Executive Committee, and engaging actively in CoC activities. For the past three months, the HMIS Lead and SJHA staff have been working together to get them into HMIS. While this process has just begun, we expect that these efforts will be successful and will continue this work through individual meetings with SJHA / HMIS Lead and requesting updates at CoC meetings.

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| 2A-6. | Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.                                |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.3.d.  |  |
|       | You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |  |

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| Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST? | Yes |
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## 2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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| <b>2B-1.</b> | <b>PIT Count Date.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.4.a   |  |

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|  | Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count. | 01/24/2024 |
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| <b>2B-2.</b> | <b>PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.4.a                       |  |

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|  | Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX. | 05/10/2024 |
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| <b>2B-3.</b> | <b>PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.4.b.  |  |

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|    | 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)

1.DURING THE PROCESS FOR THE 2024 PIT COUNT, THE CoC ENGAGED STAKEHOLDERS THAT SERVE HOMELESS YOUTH, through requests to CoC members including the McKinney Vento Liaison, Noyes Home, YWCA (which has a teen drop-in center, GRIT Center), and Pivotal Point (which has a youth-targeted homeless program) to share information about the PIT Count and process and to request assistance and support. Youth-serving organizations provided input to the CoC on locations to conduct PIT activities, based on potential locations of homeless youth. Pivotal Point created a Youth Capital Campaign and opened a Transitional Housing program in July 2023 that will house 12 youth residents and engage youth in the PIT count and other CoC initiatives. This program offers resources such as life skills classes, case management, and educational support in a safe, stable environment. Local law enforcement provided information on sites for the youth & adult PIT count including those where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.

2.COC met with youth in the Pivotal Point program in January 2024 to get input on the COC action plan and to discuss PIT Count-including locations where youth may be staying unsheltered. Homeless Youth were invited to participate as counters but were not able to participate the day of the Count. The CoC is working to better collect and analyze youth data with Pivotal Point and HMIS Provider/ PIT consultant ICA.

3.The CoC did not include youth experiencing homelessness as counters during the most recent unsheltered PIT count. Through recent development of youth programs, Pivotal Point is working to ensure youth have a voice and opportunities to engage in future PIT count efforts.

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| 2B-4. | PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.                     |  |

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| In the field below: |  |
| 1.                  | describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;   |
| 2.                  | describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;   |
| 3.                  | describe whether your CoC's PIT count was affected by people displaced either from a natural disaster or seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance who recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic; and |
| 4.                  | describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or   |
| 5.                  | state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2024.  |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.No changes were made to the sheltered PIT count implementation. Due to 100% HMIS bed coverage rates for ES, SH, TH, and RRH, the SHELTERED PIT COUNT is reliable, and METHODOLOGY has been consistent. This year's count was consistent with 2023 methodology and an electronic PIT Portal was utilized to record data. Volunteers completed surveys from people counted, and data was transcribed into the PIT Portal.

2.No changes were made to the unsheltered PIT count implementation. The unsheltered PIT count included a) engagement of CoC members and providers who have employed additional outreach workers; b) volunteers recorded information on paper surveys which were then compiled electronically by agencies; and c) Improved relationships with local law enforcement (with officer active in the CoC) and involved law enforcement in the 2024 count. Law enforcement notifies the CoC when they hear of locations in which unsheltered residents are residing, and this information contributed to outreach throughout the year and during the PIT Count. Local law enforcement provided information on sites for PIT count. CoC reached out to all police and sheriff departments across the CoC geographic area to secure support for the PIT especially in rural areas. In the 2024 PIT, new sites were identified and counted as a result of more outreach in the community.

3.N/A

4.N/A

## 2C. System Performance

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- 24 CFR part 578;
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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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| <b>2C-1.</b> | <b>Reducing the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.</b>  |  |
|              | 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.IDENTIFICATION OF RISK FACTORS: CE and Outreach collect information on risk factors for homelessness, including first time homelessness (FTH). CoC gaps analyses and HOME-ARP Plan ID'd CoC gaps and risk factors. MAIN RISK FACTORS included behavioral health, increase in rent costs, and expiration of COVID-19 rent benefits.

2.STRATEGY TO ADDRESS AT-RISK HOUSEHOLDS includes a community-wide program of diversion and prevention: A)Efforts being done to promote affordable housing, landlord relations: United Way Housing Stability Program to help cover back rent to avoid eviction, pay back bills so they avoid eviction, deposits to get people into a unit if they are facing homelessness; InterServ has a caseworker based at a low-income apartment complex to work with tenants; Community Action Partnership has deployed a team of Community Support Workers to work with families who have children in the St. Joseph School District to assess needs and connect families to resources to help them attain/maintain stability;Social Welfare Board, a major provider of healthcare for un-insured and under- insured, employs two Community Health Workers including one that speaks Spanish to work with patients to assess needs and connect them to resources to help them maintain/attain stability; Northwest Health Services, the Federally Qualified Health Center, employs a team of Community Health Workers to work with patients to assess needs and connect them to resources to help them maintain/attain stability; InterServ held renters' education program; Housing Liaison position can work with anyone needing assistance finding housing. The Liaison also assesses needs and connects household to resources;

MHTF Emergency Assistance grant can help someone who is facing eviction remain housed;Legal Aid and Catholic Charities have a partnership to help someone pay back due rent to avoid eviction. B) Broader system of care-Through efforts like Community Support Worker Network which meets monthly CoC is increasing connection with other social service agencies in the community which assists with coordination to help households maintain stability. C)The Crossing Outreach Ministry, which has a re-entry program, is partnering with the COC to convene a meeting with the local prison, jail, Probation and Parole, and agencies that offer services/resources to those that are justice involved.

3. United Way

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| <b>2C-1a.</b> | <b>Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.</b> |  |
|               | 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?                                     | No |
| 2. | having recently arrived in your CoC's geographic area? | No |

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| <b>2C-2.</b> | <b>Reducing Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.5.c.                                   |  |

In the field below:

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| 1. | describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;   |
| 2. | describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and   |
| 3. | provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless. |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. CoC MAINTAINED AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME HOMELESS (LOTH) at under 90 days (84.5 days). CoC STRATEGY TO REDUCE LOTH included: a) CE By Name List which allows improved contact w/case managers & faster response when a person is up for housing so they can be quickly moved in; B) CoC planning committee is analyzing LOTH & following up on progress of strategies to improve CoC-wide efforts to reduce LOTH; c) Family Guidance Center, CoC member, employed Housing Navigator position to support individuals across community in finding landlords/accessing funding for utilities/other like activities; d) CoC providers help ppl experiencing homelessness to connect to additional income including thru connections to mainstream resources (CoC provides annual training to support), including thru SOAR certified staff; e) CoC funds mostly PSH & all projects are Housing First & target to top of CE prioritized list to focus resources on longest LOTH; f) CoC's RRH assists w/housing search & landlord outreach to reduce time from enrollment to housing & remove barriers; g) Housing Stability Program assists w/housing barrier removal (e.g. utility bills, rent, court/legal fees, deposits, household items, motel vouchers, transportation); e) PHA administers Mainstream Vouchers providing Move On resources to create vacancies in PSH for highest priority (longest LOTH) homeless people; f) CoC facilitates Homeless Support Group for ppl experiencing homelessness, which connects attendees to info on resources & to providers who can assist w/obtaining housing & services. Attendees connect w/staff members for CE assessments after meetings.

2. STRATEGY TO ID & HOUSE LONGEST LOTH: A) CoC fully implemented CE in Jan '16 & efficiently assesses & targets housing resources to vulnerable people w/longest LOTH; b) Outreach is conducted to ID ppl w/longest LOTH. CoC has capable street outreach (teams include health, vets), law enforcement partnership, & resource line, which support connection w/ppl w/ long LOTH & assess & ID LOTH. CoC has 7 assessment sites & traveling CE Specialist to support outreach & assessment. The CoC proposes to add a social worker to the local police department. The social worker will assess the needs of unsheltered persons with long lengths of time homeless. The social worker will connect people least likely to seek out services to CE for links to housing & services to reduce time in unsheltered homelessness.

3. CE Coordinator, InterServ

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| 2C-3. | Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention –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          |  |

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

1. STRATEGY TO IMPROVE EXITS TO PH from ES, SH, TH, & RRH: Efforts include focus on increasing PH opportunities, including supporting area developers, creating landlord engagement program, & supporting development of new housing. CoC is working w/members & providers to increase available housing. A) In Summer 2023, a taskforce of reps from housing agencies (Catholic Charities, CMC, DMH, InterServ), HMIS provider ICA, & United Way discussed successful exits to PH resulting in a peer learning session to increase effectiveness & re-instituted Project Connect resource fair. B) CoC has state-funded RRH for all populations & CoC-funded RRH for survivors (w/link to PH). C) St. Joseph Housing Authority targeted currently homeless ppl for Mainstream Vouchers & EHV. SJHA participates in CES which increases access to PH units. D) Catholic Charities (CoC provider) offers education & support to clients for housing access & maintenance, including working w/landlords & workforce devt. E) Community Health Workers (homeless outreach) partner w/state's Skill Up program to increase workforce success & support for ppl exiting to PH. CAP created day labor program as opportunity for work experience & service engagement for currently homeless ppl. F) St. Joseph Housing Authority & DMH are exploring how to educate landlords about agency funding/programs, possibly thru a monthly Zoom session.

2. The CoC MAINTAINED THE RATE OF PH RETENTION/ EXITS TO PH OF OVER 96% WITH A RATE OF 98.3%. STRATEGIES TO INCREASE HOUSING RETENTION/ EXITS TO PH: A) Mainstream Voucher program prioritized ppl in PSH, supporting successful exits. B) CoC funds only effective, low barrier, Housing First PSH, focusing on placement & retention. C) PSH tenants connected to stability support, including behavioral healthcare, medical care, food, SSI/SSDI/other benefits, life skills, social/peer groups, tenant education, & mediation. CoC members including Salvation Army & YWCA provide case management for 1 yr after person is housed. D) Thru community partners, CoC provided training & prof. development to CoC staff to improve housing retention, including series on case management quality which covered Resources 101, Harm Reduction, & mental illness. CoC provides annual training on accessing mainstream resources & education/job training. E) CoC offered tenant education & landlord engagement program sessions which will increase partnerships w/landlords for housing retention.

3. Interserv

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| 2C-4. | Reducing Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.5.e.                            |  |

In the field below:

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| 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 that individuals and families return 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.STRATEGY TO ID INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES WHO RETURN TO HOMELESSNESS: When ppl present for housing, CoC & CE staff refer to open HMIS to ID prior services provided. CE case conferencing discusses specific strengths & barriers for returning households & IDs housing strategy, including resources needed for success (e.g., different neighborhood). CoC staff, including Community Health Workers, maintain relationships & support clients after they're housed, IDing resource needs as they arise.

2.STRATEGY TO REDUCE RATE OF RTH: A) CMC added after-care specialist to work with homeless individuals as they move into housing to help them through the transition until they are stable. This position is funded by City opioid settlement funds and United Way. B) Case management work being done to address underlying instability-connection to income, childcare, Vocational Rehabilitation/education C) Catholic Charities does follow-up with clients as they move into housing and throughout their housing tenure. D) The Salvation Army Pathways of Hope program provides on-going case management from families exiting their family shelter. E) Agencies offer on-going support and case management to clients as they transition to housing to help them maintain housing. F) Community Health Workers and Community Support Workers through multiple agencies provide case management and supports for people who have moved from homelessness to housing. G) The CoC will work with ICA, the HMIS administrator, to evaluate the length of time people receive assistance in RRH to see if modifications need to be made to reduce returns to homelessness.

3.InterServ

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| 2C-5. | Increasing Employment Cash Income–CoC's Strategy. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.5.f.                             |  |

In the field below:

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| 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. STRATEGY TO ACCESS EMPLOYMENT CASH SOURCES: A) CoC provides annual training in partnership w/CoC members to inform providers about resources to increase cash income thru employment via job training & edu opportunities. CoC partnered w/Missouri Jobs Center to provide training & info on available services to CoC members. B) Info about job fairs & other opportunities shared via community listserv. C) CoC member, CAP, operates Skill Up training & day labor program to support development of work history, & supports 1yr of school or tech training. D) Youth Alliance Power Project presented at CoC mtng about connecting ppl w/childcare & employment. E) YWCA, CoC provider, offers employment support including coordinating w/Catholic Charities to bring volunteer to shelter to work w/residents on job apps, resumes, & interviews. F) CoC providers have Community Health Workers serving homeless/formerly homeless who connect ppl to employment/cash sources. G) CoC provider partners w/Vocational Rehab, Skill Up, IMKO, & HeadStart. H) CoC facilitates wkly Homeless Support Group (HSG) for ppl who are homeless & providers share info on employment training/support including Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) program, CAP, Missouri Job Center, & Vocational Rehabilitation. I) United Way, on Exec. Committee, connects referrals thru Housing Stability Fund to employers currently hiring. J) Employment agencies (Youth Alliance, Catholic Charities) participate in CoC mtngs. K) CoC engages employers (Specialty Industries & BMS) to employ ppl who are homeless. G) Catholic Charities (CoC provider) Workforce Development Service Area partners w/employment agencies (IMKO Workforce Solutions, Kelly Services, & Express Employment) to assist participants to obtain employment. These agencies provide interviews on site.

2. CoC WORKS W/MAINSTREAM EMPLOYMENT ORGS TO HELP INDIVS & FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TO INCREASE CASH INCOME: As described above, CoC engages & partners w/workforce dev. orgs to increase employment cash income for participants. Partnerships include: Missouri Jobs Center, Catholic Charities, WIOA program, Vocational Rehabilitation, & local employers who accept referrals for open jobs & offer interviews at provider orgs. CoC engages these orgs in CoC mtngs/events, HSG, & training. To help connect clients to employment programs and supports so they can increase income, a toolbox of Employment Resources has been collected and shared w/CoC.

3. Catholic Charities

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| 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.COC INCREASED NON-EMPLOYMENT CASH INCOME TO 41%. COC STRATEGY TO ACCESS NON-EMPLOYMENT CASH INCOME: A) CoC supports projects to evaluate & connect eligible clients to best available benefits, with goal of increasing income received. CoC-funded programs are scored on increasing income in local competition. B) CoC provides annual training about variety of non-employment cash sources (SSI/SSDI, TANF, SNAPs, Medicaid, Vets, WIC, refugees) including process to access, common barriers, eligibility. B) SOAR, which increases access to disability income, is coordinated statewide by local CoC recipient MO Dept of Mental Health (DMH). DMH also provides Certified Benefits Planner & employment program. At least two CoC member agencies have SOAR-certified staff members. B) A medical-legal partnership coordinated by CoC member Legal Aid of Western MO increases access to full disability benefits. CoC-funded providers refer to Legal Aid for support with increasing disability benefits, and to VA for reassessment for veterans. C) InterServ (CoC provider) provides free tax prep services to ensure best filing/returns. D) All CoC providers, including CE assessment site, routinely assess and review benefits access and support/complete applications for possible benefits. E) VA & veterans providers (all CoC members) assessment of income benefits for veterans. F) CoC facilitates weekly Homeless Support Group for people experiencing homelessness, also open to people receiving CoC services, providers, and the public, which featured presentations from CoC members and providers on resources available to increase non-employment cash income including utilities assistance and services available through the Help-Me Hotline administered by Community Services. G) Medicaid Navigator presented to the full CoC. H) The CoC is working to increase informal employment opportunities among program participants.

2.Department of Mental Health

### 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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|  | Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness? | Yes |
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| <b>3A-2.</b> | <b>New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.</b>                          |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.6.b.  |  |
|              | You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |  |

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|  | Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness? | Yes |
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| <b>3A-3.</b> | <b>Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.</b> |  |
|              | 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

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

NA

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

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

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

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|  | Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes? | No |
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| 3C-2. | Cost Effectiveness of 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:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

NA

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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| 4A-1. | New DV Bonus Project Applicants. |  |
|       | NOFO Section I.B.3.j.            |  |

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| Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding? | Yes |
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| 4A-1a. | DV Bonus Project Types. |  |
|        | NOFO Section I.B.3.j.   |  |

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2024 Priority Listing.

|    | Project Type                            |     |
|----|---|-----|
| 1. | SSO Coordinated Entry                   | No  |
| 2. | PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH-RRH Component | Yes |

**You must click "Save" after selecting Yes for element 1 SSO Coordinated Entry to view questions 4A-2, 4A-2a. and 4A-2b.**

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| 4A-3. | Data Assessing Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area. |  |
|       | NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c) and I.B.3.j.(3)(c)                                       |  |

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| 1. | Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services: | 726 |
| 2. | Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving: | 125 |
| 3. | Unmet Need:  | 601 |

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| 4A-3a. | How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects.   |  |
|        | NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c)   |  |
|        | Describe in the field below:  |  |
| 1.     | how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 and element 2; and  |  |
| 2.     | the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or   |  |
| 3.     | if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs. |  |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services using an ad hoc HMIS report combining current number of participants served in St. Joseph CoC homelessness housing & coordinated entry programs who answered “Yes” to HMIS Data Element 4.11-Domestic Violence. The results of this report were combined with data from Young Women’s Christian Association of St. Joseph (YWCA) regarding requests for assistance in the last year (e.g., requests for emergency shelter by households fleeing DV & calls to YWCA’s DV hotline). This number represents the NUMBER OF SURVIVORS THAT NEED HOUSING OR SERVICES (i.e., Element 1). The CoC then subtracted the number of survivors served in St. Joseph CoC homelessness housing (i.e., Element 2) from Element 1, to calculate the UNMET NEED (Element 3).

2. CoC used its HMIS, combined with data from YWCA’s HMIS-comparable database, Vela.

3. The St. Joseph Continuum of Care (CoC) region faces significant barriers in addressing the needs of domestic violence (DV) survivors due to two primary factors: 1) A widespread shortage of affordable housing, which impacts all individuals experiencing homelessness in the area, and; 2) Limited availability of specialized housing and services designed to meet the unique requirements of DV survivors and their families.

The housing crisis in the region continues to worsen, with more households becoming homeless each month. This trend is driven by several factors: Escalating rent costs; Insufficient tenant protections; Growing demand for housing; Extremely low rental vacancy rates; Ongoing repercussions of the global pandemic.

Compounding these issues, domestic violence remains a pressing concern in St. Joseph. The distinctive needs of DV survivors often prove challenging to address through general supportive housing and service programs not specifically tailored to DV. Essential services for this population include: Safety planning; referrals to specialized resources; counseling and emotional support.

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| 4A-3b. | Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s). |  |
|        | NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)   |  |

Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects—only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.

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## Project Applicants Applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH DV Bonus Projects

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| 4A-3b. | Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s). |  |
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Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant that applied for one or more New DV Bonus housing projects included on your CoC's FY 2024 Priority Listing for New Projects:

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| 1. | Applicant Name                                       | Young Women's Christian Association of St Joseph |
| 2. | Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage | 100%   |
| 3. | Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage | 88%  |

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| 4A-3b.1. | Applicant's Housing Placement and Retention Data Explanation. |  |
|          | NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)                                   |  |

For the rate of housing placement and rate of housing retention of DV survivors reported in question 4B-3b., describe in the field below:

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| 1. | how the project applicant calculated the rate of housing placement;  |
| 2. | whether the rate for housing placement accounts for exits to safe housing destinations;                                  |
| 3. | how the project applicant calculated the rate of housing retention; and  |
| 4. | the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects). |

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1. YWCA used HMIS-comparable database information covering a 12-month period (04/01/23-3/30/24) for CoC-funded renewal projects Bliss Manor PSH and Bridges Combined RRH. YWCA looked at two metrics in HMIS to calculate the rate of successful housing placements for DV Survivors: 1) The number of participants who applied for housing after enrolling in these programs, and; 2) Out of those applicants, how many successfully moved into housing while still enrolled in the programs. This method allowed YWCA to accurately assess the effectiveness of these programs in helping DV Survivors secure housing.

2. Rates of placement in permanent housing ONLY account for placements to SAFE HOUSING DESTINATIONS.

3. YWCA used its HMIS-comparable database to produce Annual Performance Reports (APRs) for CoC-funded renewal projects Bliss Manor PSH and Bridges Combined RRH that covered the 12-month period of 04/01/23-3/30/24. The APRs were previously submitted in Sage & approved by HUD. The APRs calculated the rate of housing retention for participants of both programs based on the number of households who remained in PSH and/or exited the PSH and RRH projects to permanent housing during this timeframe. The calculation used to arrive at the performance for this measure: (Total Stayers + Total Exits to PH) ÷ (Total Clients - Total Deceased).

4. The data source is YWCA’s HMIS-comparable database, Vela.

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| 4A-3c. | Applicant’s Experience Housing DV Survivors.  |  |
|        | NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)   |  |
|        | Describe in the field below how the project applicant:  |  |
| 1.     | ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;   |  |
| 2.     | prioritized survivors—you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC’s emergency transfer plan; |  |
| 3.     | determined survivors’ supportive services needs;  |  |
| 4.     | connected survivors to supportive services; and   |  |
| 5.     | moved survivors from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.                               |  |

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1. ENSURED SURVIVORS WERE QUICKLY MOVED INTO SAFE AFFORDABLE HOUSING: YWCA acts urgently to transition DV survivors from crisis to stability in affordable housing in either project Bridges (RRH) or Bliss Manor (PSH for women fleeing DV w/ disabilities & their children). YWCA policies req. that survivors fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence are moved as quickly as possible into PH & achieve stability through a combination of rental assistance & supportive services.

2. PRIORITIZED SURVIVORS: YWCA uses the CoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) assessment tool to prioritize survivors seeking housing & services. Highly vulnerable/CH survivors are prioritized for PSH thru CES; less vulnerable are prioritized for RRH. YWCA maintains its own prioritized list for RRH services & accepts referrals for RRH from CoC partners but continues to work w/ CES to enhance bi-directional referrals & access for survivors across CoC area. YWCA Emergency Transfer Plan (ETP) ensures participants in imminent danger can request immediate relocation. ETP protocol prioritizes rapid transfers to SAFE units, allows concurrent internal & external requests & offers ES when immediate options are unavailable. Stringent confidentiality measures safeguard clients' new locations. Policies balance urgency w/ thorough safety planning.

3. DETERMINED NEEDS: YWCA case managers conduct thorough client-centered needs assessment w/ DV survivors, informed by deep understanding of barriers faced (eg, physical & behavioral health issues & SUD).

4. CONNECTED TO SERVICES: YWCA offers on-site & community-based services incl. individual therapy & weekly domestic violence support groups; health & wellness services; community building activities to foster social support networks & partnerships w/ vocational, educational, legal, & health services providers. If YWCA is unable to provide a needed service, staff conduct a warm hand-off to a local org able to offer it. Participation in services is voluntary in alignment w/ Housing First.

5. ADDRESSED HOUSING STABILITY: Bridges RRH provides 6-24 months of graduated assistance, preparing participants to sustain independent housing. Survivors contribute 30% of adjusted income towards rent, fostering financial responsibility. All clients may receive follow-up case management services for up to six months after rental assistance ends to ensure stability & assess the effectiveness of RRH programs once the participant has moved on from the subsidy.

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| 4A-3d. | Applicant's Experience in Ensuring DV Survivors' Safety. |  |
|        | NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)                              |  |

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|  | Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by: |  |
|  | 1. taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;                 |  |
|  | 2. making determinations and placements into safe housing;   |  |
|  | 3. keeping survivors' information and locations confidential;  |  |
|  | 4. training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and  |  |

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|  | 5. taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality. |
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1. STEPS TO ENSURE PRIVACY/CONFIDENTIALITY DURING INTAKE/INTERVIEWS TO PREVENT COERCION: YWCA ensures that all intakes & interviews are done in private offices to ensure privacy; noise cancellation machines are employed to ensure privacy and safety. If the survivor prefers, YWCA staff can also meet the survivor at a location of their choosing in the community to help the survivor feel comfortable seeking services. Safety planning is also part of intake process.

2. YWCA STAFF WORK W/ SURVIVORS TO DETERMINE SAFE HOUSING PLACEMENT THAT MEETS THEIR NEEDS. Staff meet regularly w/ survivor household to view housing options together, centering household's ability to decide where they want to live. Survivor takes an active role in the search.

3. YWCA KEEPS INFO & LOCATIONS CONFIDENTIAL: YWCA ensures strict confidentiality measures are in place to prevent disclosure of the location of a survivor's new unit to a person who committed or threatened to commit an act of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against the program participant.

4. YWCA TRAINS STAFF ON SAFETY & CONFIDENTIALITY P&Ps: Program staff are trained at least ANNUALLY on all program policies and practices regarding safety planning and confidentiality (incl. YWCA Emergency Transfer Plan protocols).

5. SECURITY MEASURES FOR CONGREGATE SETTINGS & SCATTERED-SITE UNITS: YWCA invests in building security in scattered-site housing by ensuring each unit has reinforced locks & doorbell cameras. For congregate settings, eg PSH & ES, there are security systems in the office & communal spaces. Maintenance checks exterior lighting monthly & conducts maintenance as necessary. YWCA maintains strong rapport w/ neighbors (who contact staff re: any potential safety concerns) & law enforcement (who rapidly respond to any safety issues).

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| 4A-3d.1. | Applicant's Experience in Evaluating Its Ability to Ensure DV Survivors' Safety. |
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|  | Describe in the field below how the project evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement throughout the project's operation. |
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YWCA has implemented a multifaceted approach to evaluate and ensure the safety of DV survivors in projects Bridges RRH and Bliss Manor PSH. Staff providing intensive case management develop comprehensive safety plans and mandated monthly check-ins with RRH participants. These regular interactions allow for ongoing assessment of safety needs and emerging concerns. The agency actively seeks participant input through multiple channels: satisfaction surveys, client focus groups, and a recently established participant advisory board. These mechanisms provide survivors with various platforms to voice safety concerns and suggest improvements. As a designated Victim Service Provider, YWCA maintains rigorous confidentiality measures, utilizing a separate, HMIS-comparable database to safeguard survivor information. This commitment to data privacy is crucial for maintaining survivor safety. Further, the agency's active participation in St. Joseph CoC's Coordinated Entry System ensures that survivors identified through this process are promptly and appropriately referred to YWCA for housing opportunities, maintaining a continuum of safety throughout their journey to stable housing.

Through these evaluation methods, YWCA pinpointed several areas for enhancement. A key focus is on improving communication strategies to prevent client disengagement, which can lead to increased safety risks. Recognizing that survivors often struggle with financial management due to trauma, the program is working to provide more comprehensive support in this area, viewing financial stability as a crucial component of overall safety. Language accessibility has been identified as a significant safety concern, leading to the implementation of a 24-hour language translation line and efforts to secure additional local resources for less common languages. The agency also prioritizes ongoing staff training on racial equity, cultural responsiveness, and trauma-informed care to ensure that the team is well-equipped to address the diverse safety needs of survivors. YWCA continues to refine its approach based on these evaluations and identified areas for improvement.

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| 4A-3e. | Applicant's Experience in Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches. |  |
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| Describe in the field below the project applicant's experience in: |  |
| 1.   | prioritizing placement and stabilization of survivors;                   |
| 2.   | placing survivors in permanent housing;                                  |
| 3.   | placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their preferences; and |
| 4.   | placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their stated needs.    |

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1. **PRIORITIZING PLACEMENT AND STABILIZATION OF SURVIVORS:** YWCA has demonstrated extensive experience in prioritizing placement & stabilization of survivors through their Bridges RRH program (since 2020) & Bliss Manor PSH program (since 2012). YWCA utilizes the CoC’s Coordinated Entry System (CES) to promptly refer survivors to appropriate housing opportunities. The agency’s trauma-informed & survivor-centered Housing First approach ensures survivors are quickly placed in housing w/o preconditions such as income requirements or sobriety. Commitment to rapid placement is evident in the provision of up to two months of rent for security deposits & first/last month’s rent to facilitate quick moves into housing.

2. **PLACING SURVIVORS IN PERMANENT HOUSING:** YWCA continues to operate & place survivors in RRH & PSH programs & continues to coordinate closely w/ CES, to ensure survivors are promptly matched with the most suitable housing solution based on their individual needs. YWCA’s ongoing efforts to expand its network of landlords willing to work with clients further enhanced capacity to place survivors in housing.

3. **PLACING AND STABILIZING SURVIVORS CONSISTENT WITH THEIR PREFERENCES:** YWCA has consistently used a survivor-centered approach, offering as much choice as possible re: housing type & location. Staff build rapport thru case management, allowing survivors to express preferences & work with staff to find suitable housing options. YWCA continues to administer satisfaction surveys & uses client focus groups to gather feedback, ensuring survivor preferences are consistently considered in YWCA housing programs. Survivor preferences are central to YWCA’s Housing First philosophy.

4. **PLACING AND STABILIZING SURVIVORS CONSISTENT WITH THEIR STATED NEEDS:** YWCA uses a comprehensive approach to addressing survivors’ stated needs. Staff provide individualized case management & develop safety & service plans reflective of survivor’s stated needs (eg, providing mental health referrals, offering life skills education, creating workforce development plans, etc.). YWCA also assists w/ mainstream benefit applications such as WIC, TANF, childcare subsidy, food stamps, and SSI/DI, addressing the diverse needs stated by survivors. Additional community supports continue to be offered on-site, such as classes in budgeting & cooking to address specific needs ID’d by survivors.

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| 4A-3f. | Applicant’s Experience in Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches. |  |
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| Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant’s experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by: |  |
| 1.   | establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures survivors and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials; |
| 2.   | providing survivors access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing survivors with information on the effects of trauma;  |
| 3.   | emphasizing survivors’ strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;                            |
| 4.   | centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;    |

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|  | 5. providing a variety of opportunities for survivors' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and |
|  | 6. offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.    |

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**YWCA DEMONSTRATES EXPERIENCE USING TRAUMA-INFORMED, VICTIM-CENTERED APPROACHES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF DV SURVIVORS IN SEVERAL WAYS:**

**1. ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING AN ENVIRONMENT OF AGENCY AND MUTUAL RESPECT:** YWCA employs a Housing First philosophy, avoiding punitive interventions by not requiring preconditions such as sobriety or income for housing. Case management staff prioritize building rapport with survivors based on mutual respect; while participation in supportive services is highly encouraged, service participation is voluntary and housing is not conditional on the participant's acceptance of services, demonstrating respect for survivor agency. YWCA conducts regular client surveys and focus groups to gather feedback and demonstrate commitment to equalizing power dynamics and respecting survivor voices by incorporating survivor input in policy revisions and updated programming.

**2. PROVIDING SURVIVORS ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON TRAUMA:** Staff receive ongoing training on working with survivors and communicate information regarding resources to assist with the long-term effects of trauma that survivors experience during intensive case management.

**3. EMPHASIZING SURVIVORS' STRENGTHS:** YWCA provides individualized case management to each client, allowing for a strength-based approach tailored to each survivor's needs and goals. Staff use Motivational Interviewing to assist survivors identify areas of focus for service plans, including life skills education, workforce development plans, and financial management. YWCA programs place emphasis on building upon survivors' existing strengths and working towards survivor-defined goals.

**4. CENTERING ON CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS AND INCLUSIVITY:** YWCA implements strategies to recruit, retain, and develop staff who represent communities of color and/or speak languages other than English. YWCA provides written materials in multiple languages and offers translation and interpretive services for participants with limited English proficiency. Staff receive training and support around racial equity, cultural responsiveness, trauma-informed care, Housing First & HUD's Equal Access Final Rule. Cultural responsiveness is fundamental to YWCA's work through various initiatives, including their "Until Justice Just Is" campaign focusing on community diversity and the annual Kelsy Beshears Racial Justice Award.

**5. PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SURVIVORS' CONNECTIONS:** YWCA convenes survivor focus groups & offers on-site community supports & classes, providing opportunities for peer connections. Survivors may also connect as part of the Participant Advisory Board, by engaging in peer sharing and review of program policies to develop recommendations for improvements to enhance survivor safety and stability in housing placements. YWCA also facilitates connections through the weekly visiting organizations program & "In Reach" program, which connects clients w/ mental health, substance abuse services, recreational opportunities & education/workforce development.

**6. OFFERING SUPPORT FOR SURVIVOR PARENTING:** YWCA assists with childcare subsidy applications to support parenting survivors and provides intensive case management with programming specialized for survivor households with children. YWCA also provides parenting classes, where

parents can choose from two curriculums; one curriculum is four hours and the other is ten hours. Staff also provide court/legal advocacy and hospital advocacy for survivor parents.

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| 4A-3g. | Applicant's Experience Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors. |  |
|        | NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)                                   |  |

Describe in the field below examples of supportive services the project provided to domestic violence survivors while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs.

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**YWCA PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WHILE QUICKLY MOVING THEM INTO PERMANENT HOUSING AND ADDRESSING THEIR SAFETY NEEDS:**

1. Long-Term Housing Stability Safety Planning: YWCA offers individualized case management, where staff work with survivors to create housing-focused safe environment plans, tailored to survivor needs. Staff continually check in with program participants and re-evaluate safety plans and supportive services plans based on participant needs. Case managers work collaboratively with participants to assist them in achieving their goals and address barriers to housing using a Housing First approach.
2. Housing Search and Counseling: YWCA RRH case managers work with participants to identify suitable housing that meets federal requirements and is within the service area. They assist with housing searches, educate participants on lease terms, and help review leases.
3. Financial Assistance: YWCA RRH provides rental assistance for up to 24 months, including security deposits and first/last month's rent. This allows survivors to quickly move into permanent housing without financial barriers.
4. Bad Credit History: Staff review credit reports with program participants and provide education regarding credit repair and encourage payment arrangements on utilities to correct discrepancies.
5. Life Skills Education: YWCA offers life skills education to help survivors develop skills needed for independent living and maintaining housing stability.
6. Financial Education: The program offers budgeting classes to help survivors manage their finances and maintain housing stability.
7. Mental Health Referrals: YWCA supports all program participants with licensed therapists who work to help survivors on their path to emotional recovery, and staff provide mental health referrals to help address trauma and other mental health needs of survivors.
8. 24/7 Crisis DV Services: YWCA provides safe spots for emergency overnight placements and operates a 24-hour crisis hotline for survivors.
9. Mainstream Benefits Assistance: YWCA program staff assist with applications for mainstream benefits such as WIC, TANF, childcare subsidies, food stamps, SSI/DI, and Section 8 housing.
10. Workforce Development: Staff work with survivors to craft workforce development plans to help survivors move towards self-sufficiency. They also schedule on-site workforce development classes.
11. Emergency Transfer Assistance: YWCA RRH & PSH program policies include an Emergency Transfer Plan for situations where a survivor faces imminent harm in their current unit, addressing ongoing safety needs.
12. Legal Advocacy: Staff support participants with court advocacy, and connections to legal assistance to help survivors navigate legal processes related to their housing, such as understanding lease terms and tenant rights.

13. Follow-up Services: YWCA RRH offers follow-up case management services for up to six months after rental assistance ends to ensure stability.

14. Language Translation/Cultural Responsiveness: The program uses a 24-hour language translation line to assist participants with limited English proficiency, ensuring services are accessible to diverse populations.

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| 4A-3h. | Applicant's Plan for Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s). |  |
|        | NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)   |  |

Describe in the field below how the project(s) will:

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| 1. | prioritize placement and stabilization of program participants;                 |
| 2. | place program participants in permanent housing;                                |
| 3. | place and stabilize program participants consistent with their preferences; and |
| 4. | place and stabilize program participants consistent with their stated needs.    |

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**1. PRIORITIZING PLACEMENT AND STABILIZATION OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:** The YWCA New DV Bonus Anchors project will use a trauma-informed, client-centered approach to prioritize the most vulnerable survivors of domestic and sexual violence for permanent housing in RRH. Staff will assess individuals as they present to determine needs, best housing options, and the lethality of their situation. This assessment allows them to prioritize participants to serve those with the highest needs first. The project will have a dedicated housing case manager who will assess, enroll, and meet with participants at least monthly, and as needed. Staff will routinely review progress and continued struggles to help clients overcome barriers.

**2. PLACING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN PERMANENT HOUSING:** The Anchors project will provide RRH support for 6 to 24 months. Staff proactively seek out new landlords and work to reduce barriers to housing placement. The project can have funds available within 24-48 hours to reduce the length of time survivors experience homelessness. Staff assist participants step-by-step in completing housing applications, to increase long-term housing stability.

**3. PLACING & STABILIZING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS CONSISTENT W/ THEIR PREFERENCES:** Project Anchors will adhere to YWCA housing policies requiring fidelity to Housing First principles in survivor housing placements and service delivery. YWCA will ensure staff provide stabilizing supports using client-centered practices that empower the program participant to have agency in determining which services they engage in that align with their preferences, and to select the housing location of their choice.

**4. PLACING & STABILIZING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS CONSISTENT W/ THEIR STATED NEEDS:** Project Anchors staff will provide individualized case management & develop safety & service plans reflective of survivor’s stated needs (eg, mental health referrals, life skills education, workforce development plans, etc.). Project Anchor staff will assist w/ mainstream benefit applications such as WIC, TANF, childcare subsidy, food stamps, and SSI/DI, addressing the diverse needs stated by survivors. Project Anchor staff will connect participants w/community supports on-site, such as classes in budgeting & cooking to address specific needs ID’d by survivors. When project Anchor does not have a needed service, staff will make referrals and assist the participant with accessing needed services as ID’d by survivors.

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| 4A-3i. | Applicant’s Plan for Administering Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Practices in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s). |  |
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| Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will: |  |
| 1.   | establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials; |
| 2.   | provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;  |
| 3.   | emphasize program participants’ strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;                   |
| 4.   | center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;           |

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|  | 5. provide a variety of opportunities for program participants' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and |
|  | 6. offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.                |

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**NEW DV BONUS PROJECT ANCHORS WILL USE TRAUMA-INFORMED, VICTIM-CENTERED APPROACHES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF DV SURVIVORS:**

**1. ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING AN ENVIRONMENT OF AGENCY AND MUTUAL RESPECT:** New DV Bonus project Anchors will employ a Housing First philosophy, avoiding punitive interventions by not requiring preconditions such as sobriety or income for housing. Case management staff will prioritize building rapport with survivors based on mutual respect; while participation in supportive services is highly encouraged, service participation is voluntary and housing is not conditional on the participant's acceptance of services, demonstrating respect for survivor agency. The project will emphasize client choice and self-determination in service delivery through client-centered case management. Participants will have autonomy in determining when and where to meet with staff, while the program will actively work to avoid involuntary exits through consistent supportive contact and early problem identification. Rather than using punitive measures, the program will employ positive incentives (e.g., vouchers for YWCA store) to encourage progress toward goals. Project Anchors will also conduct regular client surveys and focus groups to gather feedback and demonstrate commitment to equalizing power dynamics and respecting survivor voices by incorporating survivor input in policy revisions and updated programming.

**2. PROVIDING SURVIVORS ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON TRAUMA:** Anchors staff will receive ongoing training on working with survivors and will communicate information regarding resources to assist with the long-term effects of trauma that survivors experience during intensive case management. The project will ensure comprehensive trauma education through its staff training programs, including a mandatory 48-hour Advocate Academy for all new staff and ongoing monthly in-service training. Project Anchors trauma-informed, client-centered practices include creating individualized housing safety plans with each participant, building on over 40 years of experience serving domestic violence survivors.

**3. EMPHASIZING SURVIVORS' STRENGTHS:** Project Anchors will provide individualized case management to each client, implementing a strengths-based approach tailored to each survivor's needs and goals. Staff will use Motivational Interviewing to assist survivors identify areas of focus for service plans, including life skills education, workforce development plans, and financial management. Project Anchors will place emphasis on building upon survivors' existing strengths and working towards survivor-defined goals. Anchors staff will conduct regular case management meetings to review needs and discuss barrier removal. Staff will educate and empower clients to understand housing systems and processes, focusing on building foundations for individual success through ongoing assessments that identify needs and connect clients to appropriate services

**4. CENTERING ON CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS AND INCLUSIVITY:** Project Anchors will implement strategies to recruit, retain, and develop staff who represent communities of color and/or speak languages other than English. Project Anchors will also provide 24-hour language translation services, ensure materials are available in multiple languages, and provide staff training on racial equity, cultural responsiveness, trauma-informed care, Housing First & HUD's Equal Access Final Rule to ensure all survivors are served to the highest

standard regardless of race, ethnicity, language, or gender. Cultural responsiveness is fundamental to YWCA's work through various initiatives, including their "Until Justice Just Is" campaign focusing on community diversity and the annual Kelsy Beshears Racial Justice Award.

5. PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SURVIVORS' CONNECTIONS: Project Anchors will convene survivor focus groups & offer on-site community supports & classes, providing opportunities for peer connections. Survivors may also connect as part of the Participant Advisory Board, by engaging in peer sharing and review of program policies to develop recommendations for improvements to enhance survivor safety and stability in housing placements. The project will also facilitate connections through the weekly visiting organizations program & "In Reach" program, which connects clients w/ mental health, substance abuse services, recreational opportunities & education/workforce development.

6. OFFERING SUPPORT FOR SURVIVOR PARENTING: Project Anchors will assist with childcare subsidy applications to support parenting survivors and provide intensive case management with programming specialized for survivor households with children. Project Anchors will also provide parenting classes, where parents can choose from two curriculums; one curriculum is four hours and the other is ten hours. Staff will also provide court/legal advocacy and hospital advocacy for survivor parents.

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| 4A-3j. | Applicant's Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s). |  |
|        | NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(f)  |  |
|        | Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:  |  |
| 1.     | with a range of lived expertise; and   |  |
| 2.     | in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.  |  |

(limit 2,500 characters)

**NEW PROJECT ANCHORS WILL INVOLVE SURVIVORS WITH A RANGE OF LIVED EXPERTISE IN POLICY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT'S OPERATION:**

1. INVOLVING SURVIVORS WITH A RANGE OF LIVED EXPERTISE: YWCA plans to work with current and former housing program participants willing to assist in the full development of the Anchors program. This approach ensures involvement of survivors with diverse experiences and expertise. YWCA conducts regular client surveys and focus groups to gather feedback, which allows for input from survivors with various backgrounds and experiences. YWCA has a Participant Advisory Board, which includes survivors with different types of lived expertise. Project Anchors emphasizes client choice and autonomy, allowing survivors to bring their unique experiences and expertise to their own case management and housing plans.

2. INVOLVING SURVIVORS IN POLICY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT'S OPERATION: YWCA will seek consistent feedback and hold regular meetings to solicit feedback and suggestions for Project Anchors programming from participants. YWCA has a strong commitment to respecting survivor voices by incorporating survivor input in policy revisions and updating programming. Surveys will be sent to last-known addresses and contact numbers of former Anchors participants to allow for feedback on current housing offerings and programming, and to ask for suggestions for new programming. The Participant Advisory Board will engage in peer sharing and review of program policies to develop recommendations for improvements to enhance survivor safety and stability in Anchors housing placements. Anchors staff will conduct client focus groups which include Anchors, allowing for ongoing input into program development. These approaches ensure that survivors with various lived experiences are involved in shaping the Anchors project's policies and programs throughout its operation, from initial development to ongoing improvements and adjustments.

## 4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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| 1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference                               | No        | 1C-7. PHA Moving ... | 10/23/2024    |
| 1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter                      | Yes       | 1D-10a. Lived Ex...  | 10/23/2024    |
| 1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation                              | Yes       | 1D-2a. Housing Fi... | 10/23/2024    |
| 1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool                         | Yes       | 1E-2. Local Compe... | 10/23/2024    |
| 1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project                          | Yes       | 1E-2a. Scored For... | 10/23/2024    |
| 1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced              | Yes       | 1E-5. Notificatio... | 10/23/2024    |
| 1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted                     | Yes       | 1E-5a. Notificati... | 10/24/2024    |
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| 1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application     | Yes       | 1E-5c. Web Postin... | 10/24/2024    |
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| 2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report | Yes | 2A-6. HUD's Home...  | 10/23/2024 |
| 3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments                       | No  | 3A-1a. Housing Le... | 10/24/2024 |
| 3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements                         | No  | 3A-2a. Healthcare... | 10/24/2024 |
| 3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes               | No  | 3C-2. Project Lis... | 10/23/2024 |
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| 1E. Project Review/Ranking                        | 10/10/2024   |
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| 2C. System Performance                            | 10/07/2024   |
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# FY2024-FY2025 COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION ATTACHMENT: PHA HOMELESS PREFERENCE (Question 1C-7)

## BACKGROUND

This attachment includes an excerpt from the Administrative Plan and the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan of the City of St. Joseph. The excerpt shows that the St. Joseph Housing Authority has a Limited Homeless Preference for both public housing and Housing Choice Vouchers that allows people experiencing homelessness to receive PHA vouchers regardless of their position on the waiting list. The St. Joseph Housing Authority is an active member of the Continuum of Care and has a representative on the Executive Committee.

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# **Administrative Plan For The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program**

## **Chapter 4**

### **MAINTAINING THE WAITING LIST**

*(24 CFR Part 5, Subpart D; 982.54(d)(1); 982.204, 982.205, 982.206)*

#### **INTRODUCTION**

It is SJHA's objective to ensure that families are placed in the proper order on the waiting list and selected from the waiting list for admissions in accordance with the policies in this Administrative Plan.

**This chapter explains the eligibility criteria and the system of applying.**

By maintaining an accurate waiting list, SJHA will be able to perform the activities which ensure that an adequate pool of qualified applicants will be available so that program funds are used in a timely manner.

#### **A. WAITING LIST** [24 CFR 982.204]

SJHA uses a single waiting list for admission to its Section 8 tenant-based assistance program.

Except for Special Admissions, applicants will be selected from SJHA waiting list in accordance with policies and income targeting requirements defined in this Administrative Plan.

SJHA will maintain information that permits proper selection from the waiting list.

The waiting list contains the following information for each applicant listed:

Applicant name

Family unit size (number of bedrooms family qualifies for under SJHA's subsidy standards)

Date of application

Racial or ethnic designation of the head of household

**Targeted program qualifications**

#### **B. SPECIAL ADMISSIONS** [24 CFR 982.54(d)(e), 982.203]

be on the program waiting list. SJHA maintains separate records of these admissions.

The following are examples of types of program funding that may be designated by HUD for families living in a specified unit:

A family displaced because of demolition or disposition of a public or Indian housing project;

A family residing in a multifamily rental housing project when HUD sells, forecloses or demolishes the project;

For housing covered by the Low Income Housing Preservation and Resident Home-ownership Act of 1990;

A family residing in a project covered by a project-based Section 8 HAP contract at or near the end of the HAP contract term; and

A non-purchasing family residing in a HOPE 1 or HOPE 2 project.

Applicants who are admitted under Special Admissions, rather than from the waiting list, are **identified by codes in the automated system and are not maintained on separate lists.**

**C. LOCAL PREFERENCES** [24 CFR 982.207]

St. Joseph Housing Authority (SJHA) has established a preference system for admission to its Public Housing program. SJHA uses the following local preference system:

**St. Joseph MO, Buchanan County Residency Preference**

Applicants who reside in St. Joseph, MO or Buchanan County will receive (50) preference points.

**Employed, Elderly, Disabled, Veteran or Homeless Preference**

Homeless Preference

An applicant qualifies for this preference if the family meets the definitions below. SJHA will only apply the preference points once to each family if the applicant family meets more than one definition under this preference. Applicants will receive (50) preference points.

- **Employed**

An applicant qualifies for this preference if the head of household or spouse, life partner of the applicant family is employed. For the purpose of this preference, an applicant is considered employed if they work at least 20 hours per week.

- **Elderly**

An applicant qualifies for this preference if the head of household, spouse or life partner of the applicant family is 62 years old or older.

- **Disabled**

An applicant qualifies for this preference if the head of household, spouse, life partner or sole member is a person with disabilities; or two or more adult persons with disabilities living together; or one or more persons with disabilities living with one or more live-in aides. A person who is under a disability, as defined in Section 233 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 423), or who has a developmental disability as defined in Section 102(7) of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6001 (7)). People who are diagnosed with alcoholism or drug abuse are not part of the definition of disabled. SJHA does recognize an applicant, family, or spouse, life partner with HIV as a disabled person.

- **Veteran**

An applicant qualifies for this preference if the head of household, spouse or life partner of the applicant is a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

- **Homeless**

Homeless Preference

**HUD Guidance on Homelessness:**

A household which lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime habitation or the primary nighttime dwelling is one of the following: a supervised public or private shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (includes welfare hotels, congregate shelters and transitional housing); or a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping place for human beings. An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence meaning: Revised June 22, 2017 6-3 Resolution No. 2840

An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately-operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state or local government programs for low-income individuals)

An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution

A primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport or camping ground

Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who

Have experienced a long-term period, more than 60 days, without living independently in permanent housing; and

Have experienced persistent instability as measured by frequent moves, more than two moves in 60 days, over such period; and

Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse, the presence of a child or youth with a disability or multiple barriers to employment

**Enrolled in or Recently Graduated from a Job Training or Educational Program Preference**

An applicant qualifies for this preference if the head of household or spouse, life partner of the applicant family is currently enrolled in or within the last 12 months has graduated from a job training or educational program.

SJHA defines a job training program as a learning process with goals and objectives, generally having a variety of components, and taking place in a series of sessions over a period of time. It is designed to lead to a higher level of proficiency and it enhances the individual's ability to obtain employment.

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An applicant remains qualified for the preference if the applicant completed the job training program, obtained a GED or graduated from the institution of higher learning within the past 12 months.

### **Treatment of Single Applicants**

**Single applicants will be treated as any other eligible family on the waiting list.**

### **D. INCOME TARGETING**

In accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, each fiscal year SJHA will reserve a minimum of seventy-five percent of its Section 8 new admissions for families whose income does not exceed 30 percent of the area median income. HUD refers to these families as "extremely low-income families." SJHA will admit families who qualify under the Extremely Low Income limit to meet the income targeting requirement.

SJHA's income targeting requirement does not apply to low income families continuously assisted as provided for under the 1937 Housing Act.

### **E. REMOVAL FROM WAITING LIST AND PURGING** [24 CFR 982.204(c)]

**The Waiting List will be purged once a year by a mailing to all applicants to ensure that the waiting list is current and accurate. The mailing will ask for confirmation of continued interest.**

**Any mailings to the applicant which require a response will state that failure to respond within 30 calendar days will result in the applicant's name being dropped from the waiting list.**

**An extension of 30 calendar days to respond will be granted, if requested and needed as a reasonable accommodation for a person with a disability. Verification of the disability will be required.**

**If the applicant did not respond to SJHA's request for information or updates because of a family member's disability, SJHA will reinstate the applicant in the family's former position on the waiting list, upon written verification of the family member's disability provided by a person licensed to provide such verification.**

**If a letter is returned by the Post Office, the applicant will be removed without further notice, and the envelope and letter will be maintained in the file.**

**Mail sent from SJHA to an applicant will not be forwarded. Mail returned to SJHA, which is not the result of post office error, will result in the removal of an applicant from the waiting list.**

**Documentation of postal service error is the responsibility of the applicant and must include a letter from the Postmaster explaining the error which caused the applicant's mail to be returned to SJHA. Applicants providing acceptable documentation will be returned to the waiting list with their original application date.**

**Mail sent from SJHA to an applicant is considered received. If an applicant claims to not have received a mailing from SJHA, SJHA will:**

**Verify the address on record; AND**

**Verify mail was sent to the address on record**

**If mail was sent to an incorrect address, the applicant will be returned to the waiting list with their original application date.**

**If mail was sent to the correct address, the applicant must submit a new application.**

**Families who wish to appeal the removal of their application from the waiting list must do so within thirty (30) calendar days from the date the application was removed.**

Addendum 1 SJHA Local Preferences for PH Waitlist

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## FY2024-FY2025 COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION ATTACHMENT: PHA MOVING ON PREFERENCE (Question 1C-7)

There is no formal Moving On preference in St. Joseph CoC. However, the combination of the St. Joseph PHA's preferences for homeless and disabled people and the PHA's participation in CES resulted in 30-40 Moved On households accessing PHA units in the last year. For context, that is more than 20% of the CoC's Point in Time Count.



Date: October 8, 2024

To: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs

From: St. Joseph Homeless Support Group

Re: 2024 HUD CoC Application Letter of Support

**This letter demonstrates how the Homeless Support Group participates in the CoC as a CoC Committee.**

Dear Dept. of Housing and Urban Development,

The Homeless Support Group is a standing committee of the St. Joseph Continuum of Care, which includes 3 members with diverse lived experience of homelessness with current knowledge of the homeless crisis response system in St. Joseph. The Homeless Support Group meets on a monthly, participates in outreach to persons with current and/or past lived experience of homelessness in the CoC geographic region, and provides feedback and input into CoC decision-making through conversations with the CoC Leadership. The Homeless Support Group met on October 7, 2024, to discuss the CoC's priorities for serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs in the CoC's geographic area as described in the 2024 St. Joseph CoC Application, and as demonstrated by all projects recommended for funding in the 2024 CoC Priority Listing. This letter, signed by the Authorized Representative below, demonstrates the Homeless Support Group's unanimous support of the CoC's priorities and for the 2024 CoC Consolidated Application in its entirety.

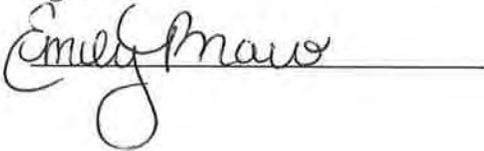
Following the 2024 CoC Competition, the Homeless Support Group will continue to work with the St. Joseph Continuum of Care and CoC-funded providers to develop strategies to improve housing and services offered through the St. Joseph homelessness system of care. The strategies discussed in the 2024 St. Joseph CoC Consolidated Application will help ensure the experience of homelessness for individuals and families in St. Joseph is rare, brief, and nonrecurring, and have the full support of the Homeless Support Group.

**Homeless Support Group members with lived experience support CoC's priorities for serving individuals and families with severe service needs in the CoC geographic area.**

Sincerely,

Emily Bravo, Homeless Support Group  
Facilitator and Authorized Representative

Signature:



# FY2024-FY2025 COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION ATTACHMENT: HOUSING FIRST EVALUATION (Question 1D-2a)

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# Housing First Assessment & Technical Assistance Plan for 2024 – 2025

Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of St. Joseph, Missouri

## Background

On Sept. 30, 2024, Homebase met with YWCA to discuss the FY2023 Housing First Assessment results for Bridges Combined Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and Bliss Manor Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any challenges or areas of focus for improvement as indicated by the assessment responses, or as identified by agency leadership and staff. The following TA plan outlines opportunities for technical assistance for the CoC and/or project staff from Oct. 2024 through Oct. 2025 to address challenges identified and improve fidelity to the Housing First approach.

## Housing First Areas of Focus

Homebase and YWCA leadership and staff identified the following opportunities for improvement to bring project(s) into greater alignment with Housing First principles:

- Ensure staff and participants understand PSH and RRH program goals, eligibility criteria, and nuances of housing first implementation in both program types (e.g., RRH programs must require program participants to meet with a case manager at least monthly);
- Support participants to more fully engage in voluntary case management and other supportive services in both the RRH and PSH projects;
- Increase access to RRH through Coordinated Entry for persons fleeing domestic violence, and;
- Ensure PSH vacancies are prioritized for participants with most severe service needs, and supports are appropriate and tailored to participant needs, as guided by [CoC program eligibility requirements](#).

## Recommended Technical Assistance & Resources

The following are recommended training(s) and/or resources to support improvement in the above identified areas of focus:

- Trainings on Motivational Interviewing, Trauma-Informed Care, and Harm Reduction (prioritized for case management staff), to prevent exits to homelessness or temporary destinations;
- Light-touch TA to connect project staff with Coordinated Entry staff to increase placements in RRH for persons fleeing DV using CES, and;
- Sample policies to begin establishing a “Moving On” strategy or similar process to encourage CoC PSH program participants who no longer require intensive supportive services to move to other subsidized or affordable housing with fewer supports, while maintaining stability.

Homebase will reach out to CoC, agency, and/or project leadership and staff to schedule CoC-wide or agency-specific trainings over the next year. Progress in the above areas will be evaluated the following year during Housing First monitoring, to again be conducted outside of the annual CoC Competition.



**Provider Information**

Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

| Provider Information         |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Provider's Legal Name</b> | <b>Young Women's Christian Association of St. Joseph, MO.</b> |
| Acronym (If Applicable)      | YWCA of St. Joseph  |
| Year Incorporated            | 3/27/1899   |
| EIN                          | 44-0552219  |
| Street Address               | 304 North 8th Street  |
| Zip Code                     | 64501   |

| Project Information   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Project Name  | Bliss Manor                         |
| Project Budget  | 79,588.00                           |
| Grant Number  | MO0160L7P032211                     |
| Name of Project Director  | Wendy Hickman                       |
| Project Director Email Address  | whickman@ywcasj.org                 |
| Project Director Phone Number   | 816-232-4481                        |
| <b>Which best describes the project *</b>   | <b>Permanent Supportive Housing</b> |
| <i>If project is a Safe Haven, please choose project type that it most operates like, e.g. shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing</i>      |                                     |
| <b>Are your services targeted to any of the following populations specifically? Please select one if so, as this impacts your assessment questions.</b> | <b>Domestic Violence Survivors</b>  |

\*Please note that when you select a project type, particular standards may not be relevant.

| Management Information                  |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Name of CEO                             | Danielle Brown    |
| CEO Email Address                       | dbrown@ywcasj.org |
| CEO Phone Number                        | 816-232-4481      |
| Name of Staff Member Guiding Assessment | Danielle Brown    |
| Staff Email Address                     | dbrown@ywcasj.org |
| Staff Phone Number                      | 816-232-4481      |

| Assessment Information                 |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Name of Assessor                       | Wendy Hickman                         |
| Organizational Affiliation of Assessor | Director of Survivor Support Services |
| Assessor Email Address                 | whickman@ywcasj.org                   |
| Assessor Phone Number                  | 816-232-4481                          |
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| Housing 1  | Housing is not dependent on participation in services   | Participation in permanent and temporary housing settings, as well as crisis settings such as emergency shelter, is not contingent on participating in supportive services or demonstration of progress made on a service plan. Services must be offered by staff, but are voluntary for participants.<br><br><i>Bliss program is a housing first and all services are offered at will for the client. Services provided will be tailored to the individuals'/families' unique needs and offered on a voluntary basis. Housing services may include assistance with finding housing and troubleshooting barriers that prevent access to that housing; rental assistance; and/or case management services to help overcome and troubleshoot barriers to securing and maintaining permanent housing. Additional services offered to survivors will include access to a 24-hour crisis hotline, safety planning, advocacy, support</i><br>Participants are only terminated from the project for violations in the lease or occupancy agreements, as applicable. | Always | Always      | Always |
| Housing 2  | Substance use is not a reason for termination   | Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or participation in services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from drugs or alcohol (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer of treatment may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing brief here: <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/">https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/</a>   | Always | Always      | Always |

*Bliss uses Housing First requirements which has a nonbias towards prior or ongoing addictions or substance use*

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| Housing 3 | The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights | Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe and stable communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the project at all hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets.<br><br><i>Participants are encouraged and assisted to find appropriate housing for their needs. Participants have access to case managers as appropriate and necessary.</i> | Always | Always | Always |
| Housing 4 | Participants have the option to transfer to another project                   | Transfers should be accommodated for tenants who reasonably believe that they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains in the same unit. Whenever possible, transfers occur before a participant experiences homelessness.<br><br><i>In cases of imminent harm to a program participant, reasonable efforts will be used to place a tenant in another unit.</i>  | Always | Always | Always |



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| Project 2 | PSH is focused on ending homelessness for those with the most severe barriers to maintaining housing | Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of permanent supportive housing is to end homelessness for people with the most severe service needs and help participants stay housed, regardless of other perceived barriers.<br><br><i>Optional notes here</i>   | Please select answer | Please select answer | Please select answer |
| Project 3 | Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management                   | In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communications and meetings regarding Participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy.<br><br><i>Optional notes here</i> | Always               | Always               | Always               |
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*Optional notes here*

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| Population 2 | Survivor-driven advocacy is available | The unique needs and strengths of each individual survivor and their children are taken into account with regard to the types of services that are available and offered. Project uses flexible and survivor-focused approaches to overcome barriers survivors may face in accessing services through traditional models. | Please select answer | Please select answer | Please select answer |
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*Optional notes here*

|              |                                 |   |                      |                      |                      |
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| Population 3 | Housing stability is a priority | Providers support survivors and their children to retain or obtain safe, stable housing. Survivors choose the type of housing and location of housing. Housing is located in an area that is considered safe from the abusive relationship. | Please select answer | Please select answer | Please select answer |
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| Population 4 | Population | No additional standards |  |  |  |
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# Housing First Standards: Assessment Summary

Young Women's Christian Association of St. Joseph, MO.  
21-Aug-23

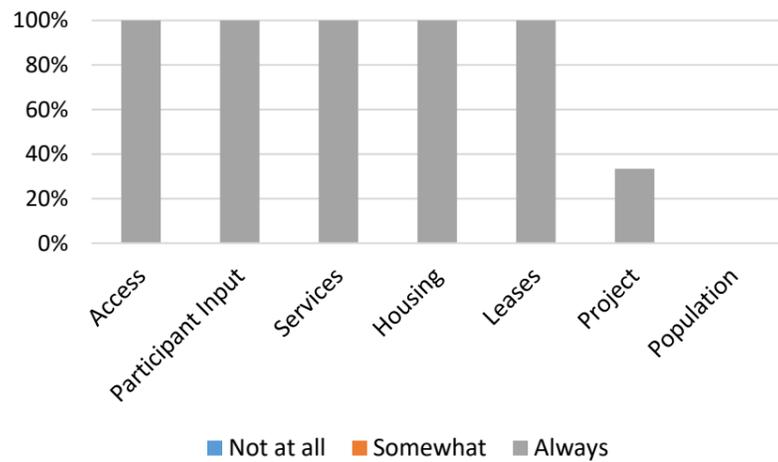
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**Your score: 168**  
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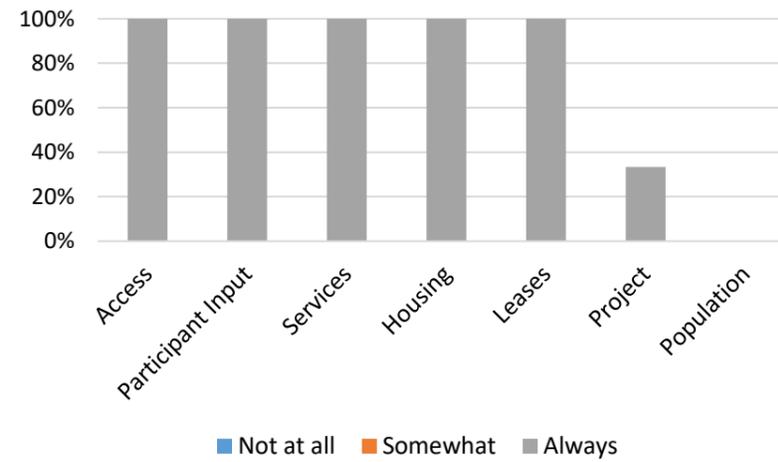
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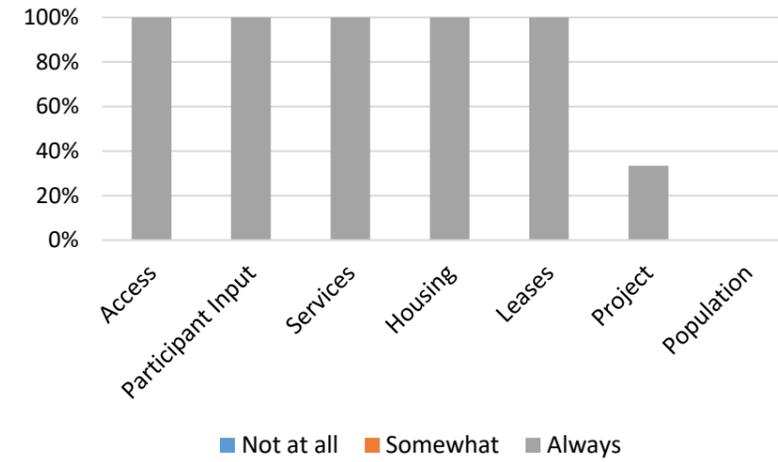
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**Provider Information**

Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

| Provider Information         |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Provider's Legal Name</b> | <b>Young Women's Christian Association of St. Joseph, MO.</b> |
| Acronym (If Applicable)      | YWCA of St. Joseph MO.  |
| Year Incorporated            | 3/27/1899   |
| EIN                          | 44-0552219  |
| Street Address               | 304 North 8th Street  |
| Zip Code                     | 64501   |

| Project Information   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>Project Name</b>   | <b>BridgesCombined RRH</b>         |
| Project Budget  | 268,765.00                         |
| Grant Number  | MO0276D7P032204                    |
| Name of Project Director  | Wendy Hickman                      |
| Project Director Email Address  | whickman@ywcasj.org                |
| Project Director Phone Number   | 816-232-4481                       |
| <b>Which best describes the project *</b>   | <b>Rapid Rehousing</b>             |
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| Leases 7 | Rent payment policies respond to tenants' needs (as applicable) | <p>While tenants are accountable to the rental agreement, adjustments may be needed on a case by case basis. As necessary, participants are given special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>  | Always | Always | Always |



## Housing First Standards

For each standard, please use the drop down boxes in the three columns to the right to select “Not at all” or “Sometimes” or “Always”. Marking “Always” signifies full compliance for the standard.

| Standard  | Services Definition / Evidence  | Say it | Document it | Do it  |
|---|---|--------|-------------|--------|
| Services 1<br>Projects promote participant choice in services                                 | <p>Participants are able to choose from an array of services. Services offered are housing focused and include the following areas of support: employment and income, childhood and education, community connection, and stabilization to maintain housing. These should be provided by linking to community-based services.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>  | Always | Always      | Always |
| Services 2<br>Person Centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process | <p>Person-centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>  | Always | Always      | Always |
| Services 3<br>Service support is as permanent as the housing                                  | <p>Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p> | Always | Always      | Always |
| Services 4<br>Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement            | <p>Wherever possible, participants continue to be offered services even if they lose their housing unit or bed (for congregate projects), or if they are placed in a short-term inpatient treatment. Ideally, the service relationship should continue, despite a service hiatus during some institutional stays.</p> <p><i>The participant is given services such as case management or referrals for community services, and counseling is available as well.</i></p>               | Always | Always      | Always |

|            |   |  |               |                    |              |
|------------|---|--|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Services 5 | Participant engagement is a core component of service delivery  | Staff provide effective services by developing relationships with participants that provide immediate needs and safety, develop trust and common ground, making warm hand-offs to other mainstream service providers, and clearly explain staff roles. Engagement is regular and relationships are developed over time.<br><br><i>Optional notes here</i>  | Always        | Always             | Always       |
| Services 6 | Services are culturally appropriate with translation services available, as needed  | Project staff are sensitive to and support the cultural aspects of diverse households. Wherever possible, staff demographics reflect the participant population they serve in order to provide appropriate, culturally-specific services. Translation services are provided when needed to ensure full comprehension of the project. Projects that serve families with children should have family-friendly rules that allow for different schedules based on work and school hours and have services that allow parents to participate in activities without having to constantly supervise their children themselves (i.e. can use the bathroom or take a shower without their children being in the bathroom with them).<br><br><i>Optional notes here</i>  | Always        | Always             | Always       |
| Services 7 | Staff are trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies (including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed approaches, strength-based) | Services support a participant's ability to obtain and retain housing regardless of changes in behavior. Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy, such as recognizing that substance use and addiction are a part of some participants' lives. Participants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding their behavior and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices.<br><br><i>Optional notes here</i>  | Always        | Always             | Always       |
|            | <b>Standard</b>   | <b>Housing Definition / Evidence</b>   | <b>Say It</b> | <b>Document It</b> | <b>Do It</b> |
| Housing 1  | Housing is not dependent on participation in services   | Participation in permanent and temporary housing settings, as well as crisis settings such as emergency shelter, is not contingent on participating in supportive services or demonstration of progress made on a service plan. Services must be offered by staff, but are voluntary for participants.<br><br><i>Bridges program is a housing first and all services are offered at will for the client. Services provided will be tailored to the individuals'/families' unique needs and offered on a voluntary basis. Housing services may include assistance with finding housing and troubleshooting barriers that prevent access to that housing; rental assistance; and/or case management services to help overcome and troubleshoot barriers to securing and maintaining permanent housing. Additional services offered to survivors will include access to a 24-hour crisis hotline, safety planning, advocacy, support</i><br>Participants are only terminated from the project for violations in the lease or occupancy agreements, as applicable. | Always        | Always             | Always       |
| Housing 2  | Substance use is not a reason for termination   | Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or participation in services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from drugs or alcohol (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer of treatment may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing brief here: <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/">https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/</a>   | Always        | Always             | Always       |

*Bridges uses Housing First requirements which has a non bias towards prior or ongoing addictions or substance use.*

|           |   |   |        |        |        |
|-----------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Housing 3 | The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights | Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe and stable communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the project at all hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets.<br><br><i>Participants are encouraged and assisted to find appropriate housing for their needs. Participants have access to case managers as appropriate and necessary.</i> | Always | Always | Always |
| Housing 4 | Participants have the option to transfer to another project                   | Transfers should be accommodated for tenants who reasonably believe that they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains in the same unit. Whenever possible, transfers occur before a participant experiences homelessness.<br><br><i>In cases of imminent harm to a program participant, reasonable efforts will be used to place a tenant in another unit.</i>  | Always | Always | Always |



## Housing First Standards

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|           | Standard  | Project -Specific Standards   | Say It | Document it | Do it  |
|-----------|---|---|--------|-------------|--------|
| Project 1 | Quick access to RRH assistance                                    | A Rapid Re-housing project ensures quick linkage to rapid re-housing assistance, based on participant choice.<br><br><i>Optional notes here</i>   | Always | Always      | Always |
| Project 2 | RRH services support people in maintaining their housing          | Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of rapid re-housing is to end homelessness and move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.<br><br><i>Optional notes here</i> | Always | Always      | Always |
| Project 3 | Providers continuously assess a participant's need for assistance | On an ongoing basis, providers assess a participant's needs for continued assistance and provide tailored assistance based on those assessments.<br><br><i>Optional notes here</i>  | Always | Always      | Always |
|           |   | No additional standards<br><br><i>Optional notes here</i>   |        |             |        |

No additional standards

*Optional notes here*

|              | Standard   | Population Specific Standards  | Say It               | Document It          | Do It                |
|--------------|--|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Population 1 | Participant safety is a priority at all points of engagement and in all planning processes | Led by the survivor, a safety plan is developed that includes an assessment of danger, particular points of vulnerability, and best approaches to increasing safety. | Please select answer | Please select answer | Please select answer |

*Optional notes here*

|              |                                       |   |                      |                      |                      |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Population 2 | Survivor-driven advocacy is available | The unique needs and strengths of each individual survivor and their children are taken into account with regard to the types of services that are available and offered. Project uses flexible and survivor-focused approaches to overcome barriers survivors may face in accessing services through traditional models. | Please select answer | Please select answer | Please select answer |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|

*Optional notes here*

|              |                                 |   |                      |                      |                      |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Population 3 | Housing stability is a priority | Providers support survivors and their children to retain or obtain safe, stable housing. Survivors choose the type of housing and location of housing. Housing is located in an area that is considered safe from the abusive relationship. | Please select answer | Please select answer | Please select answer |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|

*Optional notes here*

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| Population 4 | Population | No additional standards |  |  |  |
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*Optional notes here*



# Housing First Standards: Assessment Summary

Young Women's Christian Association of St. Joseph, MO.  
21-Aug-23

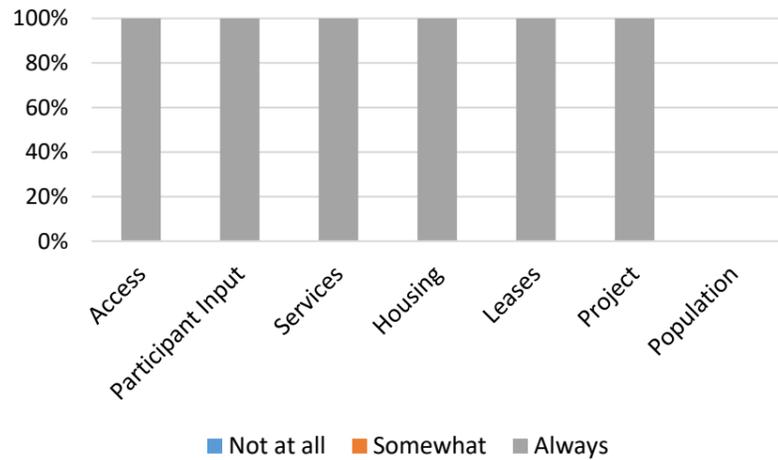
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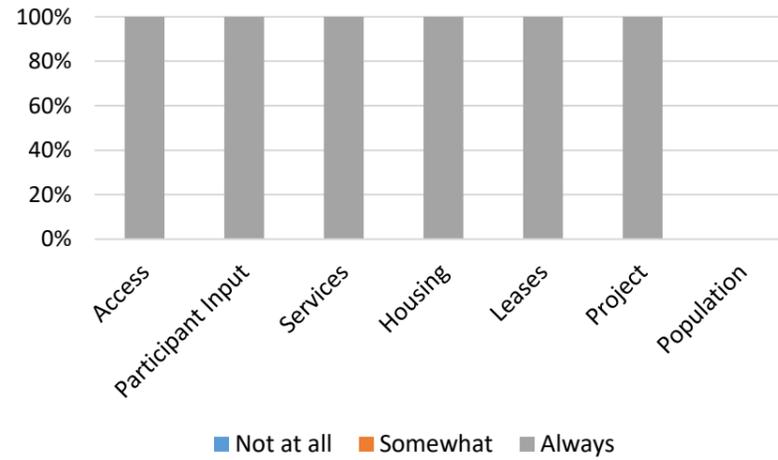
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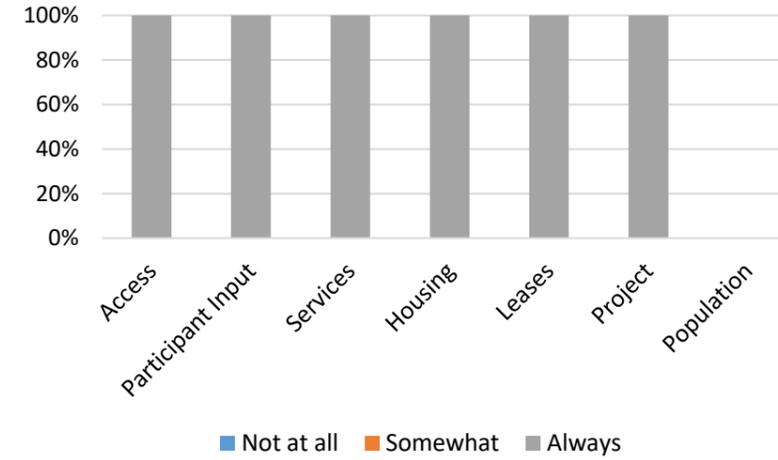
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# FY2024-FY2025 COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION ATTACHMENT: LOCAL COMPETITION SCORING TOOL (Question 1E-2)

## BACKGROUND

This attachment includes an excerpt from the local competition scoring policies, full versions of all scoring tools, an example scorecard (one scored project form that includes the objective criteria and system performance criteria and their respective maximum point values and the actual points awarded shown), and the Ranked List/Priority Listing showing final project scores for all ranked new and renewal projects. It also includes evidence that the CoC:

- Applied the scoring tools and ranked projects based on the actual points awarded to the projects/their final scores
- Required organizations serving survivors of domestic violence to submit performance data, including comparable database data if the provider is a victim service provider
- Used scoring tools that show the total point values available for each project application type and in which over 33% of the total points were based on objective criteria and 20% were based on system performance criteria
- Awarded points based on steps taken to eliminate barriers and provide more equitable services for people of different races and people who are LGBTQIA+
- Required all projects to have policies regarding equal access and fair housing that are in compliance with HUD CoC Program requirements as a threshold factor in local Scoring Tools
- Awarded points to projects serving populations with severe needs or vulnerabilities
- Required projects to adhere to Low Barrier and Housing First approaches as a threshold factor for new housing projects
- Awarded points to new projects based on data about past performance reducing the length of time people are homeless (in comparison with past CoC performance and national performance)
- Rewards projects that can demonstrate strong housing stability for participants
- Awarded points based on client participation in project design

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# 2024 Overview of the St Joseph CoC NOFO Process

## PRE-NOFO: Creation of Process

- The NOFO Committee of the CoC meets to prepare a draft process and tools for the annual competition.
- The CoC reviews and approves the Committee's work.

Requires organizations serving survivors of domestic violence to submit performance data, including comparable databases

## PRE-NOFO: Renewal Projects Preparation

- Homebase collects APRs generated from HMIS or comparable database for victim services providers from each renewal applicant for the time period from April 1, 2023- March 31, 2024.
- Homebase enters performance data in its Project Evaluation and Scoring Tool (PRESTO), including APR data and other information provided by both the applicant and HMIS lead agency.
- PRESTO project summaries will be included in the Review and Rank materials as a part of the local competition.
- Homebase distributes draft PRESTO program summaries to applicants for review and comment prior to using them in Rank and Review process.

## New Projects Preparation

- Prior to NOFO release, the CoC circulates information about the potential to apply for new project funding, and offers technical assistance to interested agencies.
- After NOFO release, the CoC advertises the new project funding available in this CoC widely by:
  - Circulating information to CoC membership, and asking members to post at their agencies and share widely
  - Distributing information via AFL-CIO Community Services listserv (widely used in this community to advertise grant opportunities and other information, inclusive of 600+ individuals)
  - Posting information on the City's website and on the City's information channel.

## AFTER NOFO RELEASE: All Projects Application Process

- The CoC hosts a CoC NOFO Kickoff Training to orient applicants to the process for reviewing and ranking applications, including supplemental local application materials, the scoring tools and relevant dates. Applicants will also have a chance to ask any questions about both the local and HUD application processes. Technical assistance will be available during the application preparation period.
- Qualified, non-conflicted Rank & Review Committee members are recruited. Homebase will make every effort to ensure membership includes: (a) persons of

Commitment to including persons of different races in the review, selection, and ranking process

different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and (b) at least one member with lived experience of homelessness, especially unsheltered homelessness, in the review, selection, and ranking process.

- Renewal applicants submit comments on draft PRESTO project summaries.
- All applicants submit HUD project applications and local application materials.
- At submission, if there is a lack of eligible new project applications compared to the amount of funding available, additional new project applications will be sought from the community.
- Rank & Review Committee members are oriented to the review and ranking process, scoring tools, CoC monitoring procedures, and PRESTO.
  - The CoC has a goal of improving St Joseph CoC's System Performance by strengthening the overall system of care, through data collection, coordination, prioritization and increasing resources available to end homelessness in our CoC. Certain scoring factors relate to specific System Performance Measures (SPM), as enumerated in each factor.
- Rank & Review Committee members receive all local application and scoring materials and review and score each program's application in PRESTO.
  - Committee members also review overall performance data of each project and provide feedback about annual performance as part of the CoC's monitoring process.
  - Rank & Review Committee members keep in mind that performance outcomes will naturally be lower in a more difficult-to-serve population (such as chronically homeless people and homeless people with mental and/or addictive illnesses).
- The Rank & Review Committee meet to jointly review project applications. Committee members individually score applications based on the scoring tools, and scores are aggregated to create a ranked list.
  - New project applicants have a scheduled phone appointment with the Rank and Review Committee to answer any questions about their proposal.
  - The Rank & Review Committee will determine if any renewal project should receive a decrease in funding due to substandard performance or utilization of funds. (See Reallocation Policies below.) Any funding captured from an existing project will be made available for reallocation to a new project that meets the requirements in the NOFO.
  - Any new project that is expanding a renewal project is scored and ranked like all other new projects, however after project selection and ranking, if the new project is not ranked below the renewal project on the priority list, it will be placed directly below the renewal project on the priority list.
  - Renewal HMIS projects are a necessary part of this CoC and are ranked at the bottom of Tier 1 above the straddling project.
  - Renewal projects that are newly operating and have not yet submitted an APR are ranked at the bottom of Tier 1 above the HMIS project.
  - New projects are ranked in renewal project list according to priority order as determined by Rank & Review Committee.

Scoring factors related to objective criteria and improving system performance measures

- Ranked list and scoring results will be sent to applicants with a reminder of the appeals process.
- Appeals, if any, will be considered. (See appeals policy below).
- Depending on timing, a final ranked project list is presented to the CoC for discussion and approval at its next meeting or will be submitted to the CoC electronically, the CoC will discuss, and non-conflicted members will approve it via e-survey.
- Homepage provides technical assistance to all ranked applications to ensure that applications meet HUD technical standards.
- Homepage collects all final Project Applications and prepares them for submission to HUD, along with the Priority Listing, as part of the CoC's Consolidated Application.

## Reallocation Policies

### Reallocation Policy for Unexpended Funds

The CoC, Executive Committee and/or Rank & Review Committee will work with grantees that show a history of not expending the full amount of HUD funding are subject to an annual reallocation process as part of the NOFO Rank and Review committee. Specifically: If a program has 10 percent or greater of HUD funds remaining at the end of the program year and has established a 3 year trend of having 10 percent or greater of HUD funds remaining at the end of the program year, the Rank & Review Committee in conjunction with the Executive Committee reserves the right to reallocate a portion of the funds from that program to another program or a new project.

### Reallocation for Underperforming Programs

The CoC, Executive Committee and/or Rank & Review Committee will work with grantees that have been deemed to be underperforming or have had HUD Monitoring findings that call into question the project's ability to meet performance or financial management standards. The CoC will assess the project and set up goals and objectives to bring a failing project up to standards and/or answer any HUD findings. If the agency is unable or unwilling to meet standards or satisfy HUD findings, the CoC will work with the funding agency to mitigate the findings. If the project continues to underperform, cannot meet the stated objectives and goals or cannot comply with HUD findings then that project will be recommended for Reallocation in the next HUD NOFO process.

### Voluntary Reallocation

Any renewal project may elect to voluntarily reallocate funds to create a new project that may fit with the system in a better way. For example, a transitional project may elect to have its funds reallocated to a new rapid rehousing program. In the event that a program voluntarily reallocates funds, the agency will state its intentions to the CoC review and rank committee and will submit a new project request to be reviewed, scored, and ranked by the unbiased review committee. If

the new project ranks in Tier 1 or Tier 2, it will be included in the CoC collaborative application and will be funded through reallocated funds on the Priority Listing. The agency will not submit the voluntarily reallocated renewal project to be scored.

## Appeals Process

The Rank & Review Committee reviews all applications and ranks them for funding recommendations to HUD. Applicants may appeal the decision by following the process set forth below. All appeals must be based on the information submitted by the application due date. No new or additional information will be considered. Omissions to the application cannot be appealed. The decision of the Appeal Panel will be final.

### Who May Appeal

A project may appeal if the Rank & Review Committee recommends a renewal project for full or partial reallocation or for Tier 2, or if a new project is not selected for funding.

### Initiating a Formal Appeal

Any agency desiring to appeal must contact the CoC Chair by the date and time on the CoC NOFO Process and Timeline to state its intent to appeal of the Rank & Review Committee's decision regarding their rank. The Formal Appeal must consist of a short, clear, written statement (no longer than 1 page) of the agency's appeal of the Rank & Review Committee's decision. The statement can be in the form of a letter, a memo, or an email transmittal. The Formal Appeal must be transmitted to Collaborative Applicant (or its designee). ***The Formal Appeal must be emailed or delivered so that it is received by the deadline.***

### The Formal Appeal Process

Upon timely receipt of the Formal Appeal, an Appeal Panel will be formed as described below. The Appeal Panel may make inquiries of the Rank & Review Committee members concerning the issues raised in the appeal. The Appeal Panel will meet by telephone or video conference with a representative(s) of the party making the appeal to discuss the issue(s) at an Appeal Hearing set at a date taking in consideration the date the application is due to be filed with HUD. The Collaborative Applicant and/or Appeal Panel may consider the possible effect their decision may have on another agency's rank and contact potentially affected agencies to invite them to become involved in the appeal process and hearing. The decision of the Appeal Panel will be final.

### Members of the Appeal Panel

A 3-member Appeal Panel will be selected and can consist of individuals from non-profits, foundations, consumers, government, and private agencies and similar organizations. Representatives will not have a conflict of interest with any of the agencies or parties applying for CoC Program funding as defined by the existing Review and Rank Panel conflict of interest rules.

# St Joseph CoC

## 2024 Prioritization Scoring Sheet for Renewal Projects

### Threshold Requirements

Project must meet all of HUD’s threshold requirements for renewal projects (including eligibility requirements). If threshold requirements are not met, the Review Committee reserves the right to request additional information, amend back for revision, or choose not to consider the application in the ranking process.

Local Threshold Requirement:

- **HUD POLICIES:** Projects are required to have policies regarding termination of assistance, client grievances, ADA and fair housing requirements, VAWA protection, and confidentiality that are in compliance with HUD CoC Program requirements. Projects must comply with the Equal Access Rule and ensure privacy, respect, safety, and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation in projects.

Required all projects to have policies regarding equal access and fair housing in compliance with HUD CoC Program requirements

### Scoring Factors

#### Capacity and Compliance (38 points)

Objective Criteria

1. **APPLICANT CAPACITY (from the narrative):** Does the applicant currently have any findings from a HUD monitoring review that have been open for a period greater than six months, for which the applicant has missed a HUD-stated deadline or has the applicant experienced HUD sanctions in the past year? - **This section is worth up to 6 points**
  - If the applicant does not have open findings or sanctions, add 6 points
  - If the applicant has an open finding, but has submitted a plan for corrective action to HUD, add 3 points
  - If the applicant has an open finding for a period greater than six months and has not submitted a plan for corrective action to HUD and/ or experienced HUD sanctions in the past year, add 0 points

Objective Criteria

2. **HMIS COMPLIANCE (from the HMIS Lead and narrative)(related to all SPM)- This section is worth up to 4 points**
  - If the applicant is currently in compliance with HMIS standards, as determined by the HMIS lead, add 2 points
    - VSP projects: if the applicant is in compliance with HUD requirements for a comparable database, add 2 points.
  - If HIC data were accurate and submitted on time, add 2 points

Objective Criteria

3. **Coordinated Entry (CE) COMPLIANCE (as determined by CE Lead)—This section is worth up to 4 points**

If the applicant is currently participating in the implementation of CE in the following ways:

- Attends at least 75% of the monthly CE meetings, add 1 point
- Accepts all referrals from CE, add 1 point
- Currently completes vulnerability assessments AND enters them into the HMIS system OR brings them to the monthly CE meeting, add 2 points.
  - a. Or if not an access point, currently refers clients to an access point in order to have a vulnerability assessment completed, add 2 points.

For VSPs:

- The applicant demonstrates participation in CE by providing a report of the number of referrals without client identifying data, add 2 points.
- Attends at least 75% of the monthly CE meetings, add 2 points.

Objective Criteria

4. **CoC PARTICIPATION & SUPPORT: Does the Applicant Participate in the CoC? (from the narrative and CoC records)**

***This section is worth 5 points***

- If the applicant attended at least 75% of CoC meetings (12 months prior to release of NOFA), add 5 points.

Objective Criteria

5. **LOW BARRIER AND HOUSING FIRST FOR ALL HOUSING PROGRAMS (related to SPM 1, 3, 7): This section is worth up to 10 points based on application and APR information:**

The project enrolls individuals or households referred through Coordinated Entry regardless of the following circumstances. The scoring panel should take into account any legal requirements explained by the applicant (5 points):

- Behavioral Health
  - Person is actively using substances (including alcohol or illegal drugs)
  - Person has chronic substance use issues
  - Person has a mental health condition
  - Person has a mental health condition that is currently untreated
- Experience with Criminal Legal System
  - Person has a felony conviction
  - Person has an arson conviction
  - Person is on the Missouri Sex Offender Registry
  - Person has a conviction for intimate partner violence or sexual assault

- Person has another type of criminal conviction
- Income
  - Person has no current source of income
  - Person has very low or insufficient income
  - Person has poor credit
- History of Intimate Partner Violence
  - Person has been the victim of intimate partner violence and either has not separated from their abuser or does not plan to obtain a protection order
- Service Participation
  - Person refuses to agree to participate in supportive services

The project works with participants to avoid involuntary project exit through client - centered case management, robust support and resources, and a no-fail approach (5 points).

Objective Criteria

6. **UNEXPENDED FUNDS: Amount left from Previous Grant- *This section is worth up to 10 points (from the spending report sent from HUD to the CoC)***
- If the applicant expended all HUD grant funds and made at least quarterly draw downs, add 10 points.
  - The project will lose two points for every percent of the grant remaining.
  - If 5% or more, 0 points will be awarded.
  - If quarterly drawdowns are not made, reduce final score by 2 points, without incurring a negative score.
  - Please note- if the program had greater than 10% of funds remaining at the end of the program year and has established a 3 year trend of not expending funds, the review committee reserves the right to reallocate a portion of the funds.

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## Performance and Outcomes (71 points)

Objective Criteria

7. **SYSTEM PERFORMANCE OUTCOME (related to SPM 2, 7)- Housing- *This section is worth up to 20 points (from the APR, will see in the PRESTO report)***

**Permanent Supportive Housing/Safe Haven/Rapid Rehousing: Housing Destination Upon Exit** (*The percentage of all leavers who either passed away or exited the program to a permanent housing destination*) (*from the APR, will see in the PRESTO report*)

- If 90% or more of those leaving went to positive destinations (i.e., permanent housing and death) upon leaving, or there were no leavers add 10 points

- If between 80% and 89.9% of those leaving went to positive destinations upon leaving, add 8 points
- If between 70% and 79.9% of those leaving went to positive destinations upon leaving, add 6 points
- If between 60% and 69.9% of those leaving went to positive destinations upon leaving, add 4 points
- If between 50% and 59.9% of those leaving went to positive destinations upon leaving, add 2 points

**Permanent Supportive Housing Retention (from the APR, will see in the PRESTO report)**

- If the average length of stay is more than 365 days, add 10 points
- If the average length of stay is more than 210 days, add 7 points
- If the average length of stay is more than 180 days, add 4 points

**Rapid Rehousing Exit (from the APR, will see in the PRESTO report)**

- If 95% or more of persons who exited the program exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized), add 10 points
- If between 90 and 94.9% or more of persons who exited the program exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized), add 8 points
- If between 85% and 89.9% or more of persons who exited the program exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized) add 6 points
- If between 80% and 84.9% or more of persons who exited the program exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized), add 4 points
- If between 75% and 79.9% or more of persons who exited the program exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized) add 2 points

**Safe Haven: Positive Housing Outcome (from the APR, will see in the PRESTO report)**

- If more than 90% of those served remained in the housing program housing or exited to a more stable housing destination, add 10 points
- If between 85% and 89.9% of those served remained in the housing program housing or exited to a more stable housing destination, add 8 points
- If between 80% and 84.9% of those served remained in the housing program housing or exited to a more stable housing destination, add 6 points

- If between 75% and 79.9% of those served remained in the housing program housing or exited to a more stable housing destination, add 4 points
- If between 70% and 75.9% of those served remained in the housing program housing or exited to a more stable housing destination, add 2 points

Objective Criteria

**SYSTEM PERFORMANCE OUTCOME (related to SPM 4)- Earned Income for Stayers** (*The percentage of adults who remained in the program who increased their employment income from entry to their most recent annual assessment*) - **This section is worth up to 3 points** (from the APR, will see in the PRESTO report)

- If the applicant had 15% or greater of adult stayers that increased earned income (excluding participants who have been in the program less than a year), add 3 points
- If at least 7% but less than 15% of adults increased earned income (excluding participants who have been in the program less than a year), add 1.5 points

Objective Criteria

**SYSTEM PERFORMANCE OUTCOME (related to SPM 4)- Earned Income for Leavers** (*The percentage of adults who exited the program who increased their employment income from entry to exit*) - **This section is worth up to 3 points** (from the APR, will see in the PRESTO report)

- If the applicant had 27% or greater of adults that increased earned income, add 3 points
- If at least 19% but less than 27% of adults increased earned income, add 1.5 points

Objective Criteria

**SYSTEM PERFORMANCE OUTCOME (related to SPM 4)- Non-Employment Cash Income for Stayers** (*The percentage of adults who remained in the program who increased their non-employment income from entry to their most recent annual assessment*) - **This section is worth up to 3 points** (from the APR, will see in the PRESTO report)

- If the applicant had 40% or greater of adult stayers that increased non-employment cash income (excluding participants who have been in the program less than a year), add 3 points

- If at least 35% but less than 40% of adults that increased non- employment cash income (excluding participants who have been in the program less than a year), add 1.5 points

Objective Criteria

**SYSTEM PERFORMANCE OUTCOME (related to SPM 4)- Non-Employment Cash Income for Leavers** (*The percentage of adults who exited the program who increased their non-employment income from entry to exit*) -**This section is worth up to 3 points** (from the APR, will see in the PRESTO report)

- If the applicant had 30% or greater of adults that increased non-employment cash income, add 3 points
- If at least 22% but less than 30% of adults increased non- employment cash income, add 1.5 points

Objective Criteria

**SYSTEM PERFORMANCE OUTCOME (related to SPM 2, 7b)- Mainstream Benefits (not including health insurance)** (*The percentage of adults with at least one non-cash benefit at exit or follow up assessment (excluding stayers not yet required to have an assessment)*)- **This section worth up to 8 points (from the narrative and APR information)**

- If at least 60% of the participants receive non-cash mainstream benefits, add 8 points
- If between 40% and 59.9% of participants receive non-cash mainstream benefits, add 4 points

Objective Criteria

**SEVERITY OF NEEDS-This section is worth up to 10 points (from the narrative and Coordinated Entry data)**

Awarded points to projects serving populations with severe needs or vulnerabilities

- If at program entry, more than 50% of adults have no earned or unearned income, add 5 points
- If the program serves other populations with severe needs or vulnerabilities add 5 points. Such populations may include:
  - Current or past substance use,
  - Criminal record (esp. for certain infractions),
  - Survivor of domestic violence,
  - LGBTQIA+ status,
  - Significant health or behavioral health challenges that impede housing maintenance,
  - High utilization of crisis/emergency services,
  - Unsheltered youth/children,
  - Vulnerability to illness/death,
  - Vulnerability to victimization (e.g. trafficking, sex work)

Objective Criteria

8. **Chronic Prioritization and Dedication-This section is worth up to 2 points (from the program description)**

- If 90-100% of turnover beds are prioritized for use by the chronically homeless, add 2 points
- If 75-90% of turnover beds are prioritized for use by the chronically homeless, add 1 point

Objective Criteria

9. **Utilization Rate (related to SPM 1, 3)-This section is worth up to 4 points (from the APR, will see in the PRESTO report)**

- If the average daily bed utilization rate is more than 90%, add 2 points
- If the average daily bed utilization rate is between 80% and 90%, add 1 point
- If the average unit utilization rate is more than 90%, add 2 points
- If the average unit utilization rate is between 80% and 90%, add 1 point

10. **2023-2024 CoC Action Plan and the Blueprint Plan – Did the applicant participate with any of the Blueprint Strategies or CoC Action Plan Strategies? This section is worth up to 10 points.**

**Blueprint Strategies**

- Does the applicant provide Safe Spots for emergency overnight placement?
- Does the applicant participate in the Community Support Worker Network?
- Has the applicant expanded their network of landlords who are willing to work with clients?
- Did the applicant provide Emergency Shelter during severe weather?
- Did the applicant provide a Warming Center during cold weather?
- Did the applicant provide a Cooling Center during hot weather?

**CoC Action Plan Strategies**

- Did the applicant **participate** in the *2024 Racial Disparities Assessment*?
- Did the applicant meaningfully participate in the 2024 Point in Time Count?
- Did the applicant **participate** in CoC -wide training, learning opportunities, or forums? If yes, which ones?

For applicants who participated in any of the Blueprint Strategies and/ or CoC Action Plan Strategies, there will be 10 points awarded for participating in 7 of the 9 strategies listed

For applicants who participated in any of the Blueprint Strategies and/ or CoC Action Plan Strategies, there will be 7 points awarded for participating in 5 of the 9 strategies listed

For applicants who participated in any of the Blueprint Strategies and/ or CoC Action Plan Strategies, there will be 4 points awarded for participating in 3 of the 9 strategies listed

For applicants who participated in any of the Blueprint Strategies and/ or CoC Action Plan Strategies, there will be 2 points awarded for participating in 2 of the 9 strategies listed

For applicants who participated in any of the Blueprint Strategies and/ or CoC Action Plan Strategies, there will be 1 point awarded for participating in 1 of the 9 strategies listed

Awarded points based on steps taken to eliminate barriers and provide more equitable services for people of different races and people who are LGBTQIA+

11. **Equity (5 points)**

- Does the applicant participate in any of the following strategies to advance equity?
  - Strategies exist to recruit, retain, and develop staff who represent communities of color and/or speak languages other than English
  - Racial equity and cultural responsiveness knowledge, skills and practices are part of staff job descriptions and workplans
  - Internal structures exist to address issues of racial equity and cultural responsiveness (i.e., formal or informal complaint resolution process, community advisory body, equity committee)
  - Staff receive training and support around racial equity and cultural responsiveness and their role in addressing racial inequities
  - Ongoing evaluation of policy, service of program impacts and progress towards racial equity and cultural responsiveness
  - Public written commitment to address/eliminate racial and ethnic inequities and provide culturally responsive programming is included in guiding documentation (i.e., mission, vision, goals, etc.)
  - Public reporting on populations being served, outcomes, and performance metrics disaggregated by race and ethnicity
  - Written materials are provided in multiple languages for participants with limited English proficiency
  - Translation and interpretive services are provided in multiple languages for participants with limited English proficiency
  - Other:
    - Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 7 of the strategies above for a maximum of 5 points.
    - Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 5 of the strategies above, for a maximum of 4 points.
    - Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 3 of the strategies above for a maximum of 3 points.
    - Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 2 of the strategies above for a maximum of 2 points.

- Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 1 of the strategies above for a maximum of 1 point.
- To demonstrate that the applicant has used the strategy, the applicant should include any significant successes or challenges they have had with each of the strategies over the past year? The applicant should use specific examples where possible, including any substantive changes to programming that were made.
- If the applicant used “other,” the applicant should describe the specific strategy in detail as well as significant successes or challenges over the last year. The applicant should be specific and include examples.

12. **Client Participation in Project Design** (5 points)

Awarded points based on client participation in project design

- Does the applicant engage unhoused and formerly unhoused participants and staff in service design and project implementation in any of the following ways?
  - Each CoC-funded project has at least one Board member with experience being unhoused;
  - The applicant administers satisfaction or feedback surveys to participants in all CoC-funded projects;
  - The applicant uses client focus groups which include participants in CoC-funded projects;
  - Each CoC-funded project has at least one staff member with experience being unhoused;
  - The applicant has a participant advisory board,
  - Resources are dedicated to support community advocacy by participants (e.g. stipends for participant advocacy work, public speaking skills development, etc.);
  - The applicant’s hiring policies and approaches (e.g. job descriptions and/or qualifications, peers support positions, on-the-job-training, outreach/recruitment strategies, etc.) are designed to prioritize hiring and retention of people with lived experience or identities that reflect the population served (e.g. race, ethnicity, experience of houselessness, disability, experience with the criminal legal system, experience in foster care, etc.);
  - **Other:**
    - Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 3 of the strategies for a maximum of 3 points.

- Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 2 of the strategies for a maximum of 2 points.
  - Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 1 of the strategies for a maximum of 1 point.
- Has the applicant provided at least one piece of feedback or input received from participants and how your agency plans to respond/responded to the feedback? (2 points)

**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 115**

# St Joseph CoC

## 2024 Prioritization Scoring Sheet For New Housing Projects

### Threshold Requirements

If any of the HUD threshold requirements or local threshold requirements are not met, the Review Committee reserves the right to request additional information, amend back for revision, or choose not to consider the application in the ranking process.

- A. **Eligible:** Is this project eligible for funding? Is the applicant eligible to receive CoC funding (i.e. valid applicant type, SAM registered, has a Unique Entity Identifier number, no outstanding delinquent federal debt, has fully disclosed any violations of Federal criminal law, and no debarments/suspensions)? Is the project type eligible for funding under this CoC NOFA and this CoC's local competition rules? Is the project consistent with the local Consolidated Plan? Will the project be ready to start by HUD's statutory deadlines? Does this project propose to serve an eligible population, with eligible costs? Does the project have adequate match?
  - a. Homebase will be available to help panelists complete this assessment.
  
- B. **HMIS Participation:** Does the applicant currently participate, or has it acknowledged and agreed to participate, in the HMIS of the CoC or comparable database if a DV provider?
  
- C. **Coordinated Entry Participation:** Does applicant actively participate in or will participate in at least 75% of the COC Coordinated Entry meetings and accept all referrals? Does the applicant have an adequate strategy detailing how they will use Coordinated Entry and either conduct vulnerability assessments or refer clients to access points to have a vulnerability assessment completed?
  
- D. **Program Capacity - Financial:** Does the applicant have an accounting system that meets federal standards? Did the applicant provide a current audit (must cover a fiscal period that ended not more than 18 months prior to January of the year in which the application is submitted) and current 990 (must cover the same fiscal period as the audit)?
  
- E. **Projects serving survivors of domestic violence** must demonstrate trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches.

## Scoring Factors<sup>1</sup>

### Community Needs (27 points)

1. **Unmet Need** (5 points)
  - Will the project address an unmet need by serving an underserved population, providing services that are less available, or serving an underserved geography of the CoC?
  - For DV projects, can the project quantify need?
2. **Does the Applicant Participate in the CoC or Otherwise Support Community Activities to End Homelessness?** (10 points)
  - Has the applicant attended at least 75% of CoC meetings from September 2023-August 2024 (12 months prior to release of NOFA) or otherwise support community activities to end homelessness? Objective Criteria
3. **Community Need** (up to 10 points total)
  - If the project submitted is a priority project type and/or has a priority project design, the project will be awarded up to 10 bonus points. Objective Criteria

**Priority Project Types in St Joseph in 2024:** housing for chronically homeless people, housing to meet gap in crisis housing, site-based permanent supportive housing, or HMIS (5 points)

**Priority Project Design in St Joseph in 2024:** Project is designed to address community needs identified in the 2023-2024 CoC Action Plan. To score a maximum of 5 points, the applicant has incorporated at least five of the following priorities:

1. If the applicant has incorporated feedback from individuals with lived experience to shape their program and delivery of services.
2. If the applicant has taken steps to ensuring all case managers have information about local resources and how access to them, including Mental Health and Substance Abuse services.
3. If the applicant has included Behavioral Health services as part of budget.
4. If the applicant has in place a case management ratio of 1:15 or less.

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<sup>1</sup> All of the scoring factors in this tool measure projects' anticipated contribution to improving System Performance by strengthening the overall system of care, through data collection, coordination, prioritization and increasing resources available to end homelessness our CoC. Certain scoring factors relate to specific Performance Measures, as enumerated in each factor.

5. If the applicant's staff attends at least 4 trainings promoted within the CoC a year.
6. If the applicant offers a Cold Weather Shelter for men and women.
7. If the applicant has taken measures to develop a "safe spot" model where a household experiencing homelessness can stay indoors overnight and be connected to a support worker on the next business day.

Objective Criteria

**4. Can the Project Provide Letters of Commitment or Other Formal Written Documentation that Demonstrate Leveraging Housing and Healthcare Resources?** (up to 2 points total)

- If the project can include letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the number of subsidies or subsidized units that will be leveraged, the project will be awarded up to 1 bonus point.
- If the project can include letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the utilization of healthcare resources that will be leveraged, the project will be awarded up to 1 bonus point.

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**Improving System Performance (65 points)**

5. **Population Served** (10 points) (related to SPM 1, 7)
  - Is the population to be served well defined?
  - Will the project prioritize serving project participants with the highest need?
  - Does the applicant or subrecipients (if any) have experience serving the targeted population (including if DV)?
  - Does the applicant or subrecipients (if any) understand the needs of the clients to be served?
  - To what extent will the program be able to effectively serve eligible clients of different backgrounds, experiences, cultures, abilities, and language proficiencies?
  
6. **Program Design** (10 points) (related to SPM 2, 3, 7b)
  - Will at least 25 percent of the units (PSH) or participants (RRH) will be supported with non-CoC funded housing? Objective Criteria
  - Does the project leverage healthcare resources to support program participants, as evidenced by a written commitment from a health care organization that equals 25% of the funding requested? Objective Criteria
  - Does the project define the type of services that will be provided and how those services will meet the needs of the participant population?
  - Do the services described and staffing pattern seem adequate and appropriate?
  - Will staff be adequately trained to support the population?

- How will the applicant connect participants to services that will be provided by other organizations in the community?
  - Does the applicant or subrecipients (if any) have experience providing housing similar to that proposed in the application? For DV projects, will project meet safety outcomes? Please identify how you measure improved safety, why that measure is effective, and provide data on past performance using your suggested measure(s).
7. **Outreach** (5 points) (related to SPM 1, 4, 5, 7)
- Does the applicant adequately describe a strategy to outreach to special populations that may include LGBTQIA+, unaccompanied youth, or families?
  - How will the program ensure clients receive reasonable accommodations whenever they are needed?
  - Does the applicant strategy affirmatively further fair housing by providing outreach to special populations?
  - Does the applicant provide clear strategies that affirmatively further fair housing as detailed in 24 CFR 578.93(c) (see below), and ensure that outreach is conducted to homeless individuals and families who are least likely to request housing or services in the absence of special outreach?
8. **System Performance Improvement: Reduce Length of Time People are Homeless** (up to 10 points) (SPM 1) (maximum points are possible with acceptable outcome data provided for a similar program operated by the applicant within the last three years.
- Awarded points to new projects based on data about past performance reducing the length of time people are homeless
- If PSH:
    - Does the applicant provide an adequate strategy to reduce barriers to housing placement?
    - Does the applicant provide an adequate strategy to provide ongoing services?
    - Does the applicant provide an adequate strategy to partner with property management?
    - Does the applicant provide an adequate strategy to minimize barriers to housing retention?
  - If RRH:
    - Does the applicant provide an adequate strategy to identify, recruit and retain landlords?
    - Does the applicant provide an adequate strategy to reduce barriers to housing placement?
    - Does the applicant provide an adequate strategy to administer rent and move-in assistance?
  - Applicant will provide data about past performance reducing the length of time people are homeless. Data will be compared to renewal project scoring tool
- Objective Criteria

scales which are based on past CoC performance and national performance.

9. **System Performance Improvement: Increase Exits to/Maintenance of Permanent Housing** (10 points) (SPM 2, 7) (maximum points are available with acceptable outcome data provided for a similar program operated by the applicant within the last three years)

- Does the applicant provide an adequate strategy to provide supportive services to clients to assist in locating housing and obtaining employment and/or benefits?
- Does the applicant strategy emphasize client choice?
- Applicant will provide data about past performance increasing exits to or maintenance of permanent housing. Data will be compared to renewal project scoring tool scales which are based on past CoC performance and national performance.

Objective Criteria

10. **System Performance Improvement: Limit Returns to Homelessness** (10 points) (SPM 2) (maximum points are available with acceptable outcome data provided for a similar program operated by the applicant within the last three years)

- Does the applicant have an adequate strategy for follow up after placement or program exit?
- Does the applicant provide an adequate strategy for avoiding involuntary project exits and the steps they take to ensure a client-centered no-fail approach?
- Applicant will provide data about past performance reducing returns to homelessness. Data will be compared to renewal project scoring tool scales which are based on past CoC performance and national performance.

11. **Equity** (5 points)

Objective Criteria

- Does the applicant participate in any of the following strategies to advance equity?
  - Strategies exist to recruit, retain, and develop staff who represent communities of color and/or speak languages other than English
  - Racial equity and cultural responsiveness knowledge, skills and practices are part of staff job descriptions and workplans
  - Internal structures exist to address issues of racial equity and cultural responsiveness (i.e., formal or informal complaint resolution process, community advisory body, equity committee)
  - Staff receive training and support around racial equity and cultural responsiveness and their role in addressing racial inequities

Awarded points based on steps taken to eliminate barriers and provide more equitable services for people of different races and people who are LGBTQIA+

- Ongoing evaluation of policy, service of program impacts and progress towards racial equity and cultural responsiveness
- Public written commitment to address/eliminate racial and ethnic inequities and provide culturally responsive programming is included in guiding documentation (i.e., mission, vision, goals, etc.)
- Public reporting on populations being served, outcomes, and performance metrics disaggregated by race and ethnicity
- Written materials are provided in multiple languages for participants with limited English proficiency
- Translation and interpretive services are provided in multiple languages for participants with limited English proficiency
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Agencies use at least 5 of the strategies for a maximum of 5 points.
  - Agencies use at least 4 of the strategies for a maximum of 4 points.
  - Agencies use at least 3 of the strategies for a maximum of 3 points.
  - Agencies use at least 2 of the strategies for a maximum of 2 points.
  - Agencies use at least 1 of the strategies for a maximum of 1 point.
- If the applicant chose an “other” strategy, have they included any significant successes they have had with these strategies over the past year? The applicant should use specific examples where possible, including any substantive changes to programming that were made.

12. **Client Participation in Project Design** (5 points)

Awarded points based on client participation in project design

- Does the applicant engage unhoused and formerly unhoused participants and staff in service design and project implementation in any of the following ways?:

- Each CoC-funded project has at least one Board member with experience being unhoused;
  - The applicant administers satisfaction or feedback surveys to participants in all CoC-funded projects;
  - The applicant uses client focus groups which include participants in CoC-funded projects;
  - Each CoC-funded project has at least one staff member with experience being unhoused;
  - The applicant has a participant advisory board,
  - Resources are dedicated to support community advocacy by participants (e.g. stipends for participant advocacy work, public speaking skills development, etc.);
  - The applicant's hiring policies and approaches (e.g. job descriptions and/or qualifications, peers support positions, on-the-job-training, outreach/recruitment strategies, etc.) are designed to prioritize hiring and retention of people with lived experience or identities that reflect the population served (e.g. race, ethnicity, experience of houselessness, disability, experience with the criminal legal system, experience in foster care, etc.);
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Agencies use at least 3 of the strategies for a maximum of 3 points.
    - Agencies use at least 2 of the strategies for a maximum of 2 points.
    - Agencies use at least 1 of the strategies for a maximum of 1 point.
- Has the applicant provided at least one piece of feedback or input received from participants and how your applicant plans to respond/responded to the feedback? (2 points)
    - For DV projects only: Has the applicant described how they will involve survivors with lived expertise in the policy and program development? (2 points)

## Applicant Capacity and Compliance (25 points)

### 13. Program Capacity (5 points)

- Does the applicant have the expertise, staff, procedural, and administrative structure needed to meet all administrative requirements?
- Does the applicant have experience operating similar programs and receiving similar grants, specifically federal grants?
- Does the applicant have a staffing plan that covers both grant management and performance of grant activities?

### 14. LOW BARRIER AND HOUSING FIRST FOR ALL HOUSING PROGRAMS

**(related to SPM 1, 3, 7): This section is worth up to 10 points based on application and APR information:**

Required projects adhere to Low Barrier and Housing First approaches

The project will enroll individuals or households referred through Coordinated Entry regardless of the following circumstances. The scoring panel should take into account any legal requirements explained by the applicant (5 points):

- Behavioral Health
  - Person is actively using substances (including alcohol or illegal drugs)
  - Person has chronic substance use issues
  - Person has a mental health condition
  - Person has a mental health condition that is currently untreated
- Experience with Criminal Legal System
  - Person has a felony conviction
  - Person has an arson conviction
  - Person is on the Missouri Sex Offender Registry
  - Person has a conviction for intimate partner violence or sexual assault
  - Person has another type of criminal conviction
- Income
  - Person has no current source of income
  - Person has very low or insufficient income
  - Person has poor credit
- History of Intimate Partner Violence
  - Person has been the victim of intimate partner violence and either has not separated from their abuser or does not plan to obtain a protection order
- Service Participation
  - Person refuses to agree to participate in supportive services

- The project will work with participants to avoid involuntary project exit through client -centered case management, robust support and resources, and a no-fail approach (5 points).

**15. Applicant Compliance (5 points)**

Objective Criteria

- Does the applicant have any outstanding financial audit findings or concerns?
- Does the applicant have any outstanding HUD monitoring findings or concerns and/or any history of sanctions imposed by HUD, including – but not limited to – suspending disbursements (e.g., freezing LOCCS), requiring repayment of grant funds, or de-obligating grant funds due to performance issues? If yes, what steps is the applicant taking to resolve the findings or concerns?

**16. 2023-2024 CoC Action Plan and the Blueprint Plan – Did the applicant participate with any of the Blueprint Strategies or CoC Action Plan Strategies?**

*This section is worth up to 10 points.*

**Blueprint Strategies**

- Does the applicant provide Safe Spots for emergency overnight placement?
- Does the applicant participate in the Community Support Worker Network?
- Has the applicant expanded their network of landlords who are willing to work with clients?
- Did the applicant provide Emergency Shelter during severe weather?
- Did the applicant provide a Warming Center during cold weather?
- Did the applicant provide a Cooling Center during hot weather?

**CoC Action Plan Strategies**

- Did the applicant **participate** in the *2024 Racial Disparities Assessment*?
- Did the applicant meaningfully **participate** in the 2024 Point in Time Count?
- Did the applicant **participate** in CoC -wide training, learning opportunities, or forums? If yes, which ones?

**For applicants who participated in any of the Blueprint Strategies and/ or CoC Action Plan Strategies, there will be 10 points awarded for participating in 7 of the 9 strategies listed**

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**strategies listed**

**For applicants who participated in any of the Blueprint Strategies and/ or CoC Action Plan Strategies, there will be 2 points awarded for participating in 2 of the 9 strategies listed**

**For applicants who participated in any of the Blueprint Strategies and/ or CoC Action Plan Strategies, there will be 1 point awarded for participating in 1 of the 9 strategies listed**

**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 130 Points**

# St Joseph CoC

## 2024 Prioritization Scoring Sheet For New HMIS Projects

### Threshold Requirements

If any of the HUD threshold requirements or local threshold requirements are not met, the Review Committee reserves the right to request additional information, amend back for revision, or choose not to consider the application in the ranking process.

**A. Eligible:**

- a. Is the applicant the HMIS Lead for the CoC?
- b. Is the applicant eligible to receive CoC funding (i.e. valid applicant type, SAM registered, has DUNS number, no outstanding delinquent federal debt, has fully disclosed any violations of Federal criminal law, and no debarments/suspensions)?
- c. Is the project type, HMIS, eligible for funding under this CoC NOFA and this CoC's local competition rules?
- d. Is the project consistent with the local Consolidated Plan?
- e. Will the project be ready to start by HUD's statutory deadlines?
- f. Does the project have adequate match?

**B. HUD HMIS Compliance:** Will the proposed project consistent with HUD's Data and Technical Standards and with the CoC's HMIS policies?

**C. Coordinated Entry Participation:** Will the proposed project be compatible with and accessible to the Coordinated Entry system? What role does the applicant have with the Coordinated Entry process?

**D. Program Capacity - Financial:** Does the applicant have an accounting system that meets federal standards? Did the applicant provide a current audit (must cover a fiscal period that ended not more than 18 months prior to January of the year in which the application is submitted) and current 990 (must cover the same fiscal period as the audit)?

**E. Projects serving survivors of domestic violence** must demonstrate trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches. The HMIS project must **coordinate** with the VSP providers and the comparable database(es) to obtain aggregate PIT data and HIC data.

### Scoring Factors<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

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## Community Needs (25 points)

1. **Unmet Need** (5 points)
  - Will the project address an unmet HMIS need?
  - For VSP projects, is this application for a comparable database? Objective Criteria
2. **Does the Applicant Participate in the CoC or otherwise support community activities to end homelessness?** (10 points)
  - Has the applicant attended at least 75% of CoC meetings from September 2023-August 2024 (12 months prior to release of NOFA) or otherwise support community activities to end homelessness?
3. **Community Need** (up to 10 points total) Objective Criteria
  - If the project submitted is a priority project type and/or has a priority project design, the project will be awarded up to 10 bonus points.

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## Contributions to System Performance (60 points)

An HMIS that will support accurate, complete, and timely data collection and analysis by the CoC will improve system performance. These scoring factors are intended to determine if the proposed HMIS project will support this goal.

4. **Design: Will CoC funding improve the accuracy, timeliness, scope, or completeness of the community's data?** (15 points) **Consider:**
  - Will the project increase HMIS capacity and functionality? For example, will the project bring HMIS to new projects that were not previously using HMIS or provide additional training that is expected to improve data quality?
  - Has the applicant indicated its intent to improve agency and CoC access to data in a form that can be analyzed and assist the Continuum of Care in assessing homeless needs, allocating resources, and coordinating services?
5. **Data Quality. Will the project ensure data quality for the homeless system?** (20 points) **Consider:**
  - **Does the HMIS collect all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards?** Objective Criteria
  - Does the HMIS have a data quality plan or strategy that will ensure accuracy and completeness for data elements that feed into SPMs such as entry and exit data (SPM 1, 2, 7) and that ensures consistent and accurate input of income date including frequency, etc. (SPM 4)?
  - Will the reports produced for the Continuum of Care and for HUD be useful and satisfactory to meet the requirements for the CoC obligations (AHAR, PIT, HIC, APR, CAPER, etc.)?
  - **Will the HMIS produce reports needed for other Federal agencies (HUD, VA)?** Objective Criteria
  - **Does the HMIS un-duplicate client records?** Objective Criteria

- Has the applicant indicated that the data quality for the system will be within an acceptable range? **Objective Criteria**

**6. Data Security. Has the applicant demonstrated, through past performance, the ability to manage confidential and critical data? (10 points)**

Consider:

- Does the applicant have a staff person responsible for ensuring the implementation meets all security standards as required by HUD and the federal partners?
- Does the applicant have a specific plan for monitoring traffic on the database and appropriately addressing potential threats and/or suspicious log entries?
- Does the applicant have a specific plan for training providers on how to keep the database secure?
- Does the applicant have a process in place to remove community members who no longer need access to HMIS (e.g., leave their job, fired, etc.) quickly?

**7. Training. Has the applicant indicated its intent to conduct trainings and otherwise assist projects to move into compliance with HUD HMIS Data Standards? (10 points)**

Consider:

- The types of training proposed
- The frequency of training proposed
- Past performance (in this or other CoCs) related to satisfaction from training participants. **Objective Criteria**
  - Minimum Objective: 65% satisfaction from training participants.

**8. Data Access. Will the proposed project be accessible to users? (5 points)**

Consider:

- Is the HMIS set up in a way that appropriate providers can run required reports independently?
- Is the HMIS system available at least 360 days a year with minimal down time? **Objective Criteria**
- Do CoC requests for HMIS information and changes get met as requested within a reasonable time? Please provide data on response rates and timelines. (Response rates are measured recognizing that the completion of complex requests may take some time. The timeframe for the completion of the request depends on the request.) **Objective Criteria**
  - Minimum Objective: 90% response rate; within 5 business days. (The response rate is the time it takes for the HMIS provider to acknowledge the request and provide a timeline for the completion of the request. )
- How will the HMIS provider respond to CoC requests for data?

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**Applicant Capacity (25 points)**

## 9. Program Capacity (10 points)

- Does the applicant have the expertise, staff, procedural, and administrative structure needed to meet all administrative requirements?
- Does the applicant have experience operating similar programs and receiving similar grants, specifically federal grants?
- Does the applicant have a staffing plan that covers both grant management and performance of grant activities?

## 10. Applicant Compliance (10 points)

Objective Criteria

- Does the applicant have any outstanding financial audit findings or concerns?
- Does the applicant have any outstanding HUD monitoring findings or concerns and/or any history of sanctions imposed by HUD, including – but not limited to – suspending disbursements (e.g., freezing LOCCS), requiring repayment of grant funds, or de-obligating grant funds due to performance issues? If yes, what steps is the applicant taking to resolve the findings or concerns?

Awarded points based on steps taken to eliminate barriers and provide more equitable services for people of different races and people who are LGBTQIA+

## 11. Equity (5 points)

- Does the applicant participate in any of the following strategies to advance equity?
  - Strategies exist to recruit, retain, and develop staff who represent communities of color and/or speak languages other than English
  - Racial equity and cultural responsiveness knowledge, skills and practices are part of staff job descriptions and workplans
  - Internal structures exist to address issues of racial equity and cultural responsiveness (i.e., formal or informal complaint resolution process, community advisory body, equity committee)
  - Staff receive training and support around racial equity and cultural responsiveness and their role in addressing racial inequities
  - Ongoing evaluation of policy, service of program impacts and progress towards racial equity and cultural responsiveness
  - Public written commitment to address/eliminate racial and ethnic inequities and provide culturally responsive programming is included in guiding documentation (i.e., mission, vision, goals, etc.)
  - Public reporting on populations being served, outcomes, and performance metrics disaggregated by race and ethnicity
  - Written materials are provided in multiple languages for participants with limited English proficiency
  - Translation and interpretive services are provided in multiple languages for participants with limited English proficiency

- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Applicants demonstrate the use of at least 5 of the strategies for a maximum of 5 points.
  - Applicants demonstrate the use of at least 4 of the strategies, for a maximum of 4 points.
  - Applicants demonstrate the use of at least 3 of the strategies, for a maximum of 3 points.
  - Applicants demonstrate the use of at least 2 of the strategies for a maximum of 2 points.
  - Applicants demonstrate the use of at least 1 of the strategies for a maximum of 1 point.
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**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 110 Points**

# Scoring Form for One Renewal (PSH) Project

Maximum point values per factor

Average of actual points awarded per factor

| Renewal Project Scoring Form   | Points Possible | Panelist 1 | Panelist 3 | Panelist 4 | Panelist 5 | Panelist 6 | Average Panel Score |
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| <p><b>4. CoC PARTICIPATION (5 POINTS)</b></p> <p><b>Objective Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the agency attended at least 75% of CoC meetings (12 months prior to release of NOFO), add 5 points.</li> </ul>   | 5  | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5.00 |
| <p><b>5.1 LOW BARRIER &amp; HOUSING FIRST (5 POINTS)</b></p> <p>The project will enroll individuals or households referred through Coordinated Entry regardless of the following circumstances. The scoring panel should take into account any legal requirements explained by the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behavioral Health</li> <li>• Experience with Criminal Legal System</li> <li>• Income</li> <li>• History of Intimate Partner Violence</li> <li>• Service Participation</li> </ul>  | 5  | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5.00 |
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|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| <b>7. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE: HOUSING (20 POINTS)</b>   | 20 | 15  | 15  | 15  | 15  | 15  | 15.00 |
| <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Objective Criteria</b></p> <b>8. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE: EARNED INCOME/STAYERS (3 POINTS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the applicant had 15% or greater of adult stayers that increased earned income (excluding participants who have been in the program less than a year), add 3 points</li> <li>• If at least 7% but less than 15% of adults increased earned income (excluding participants who have been in the program less than a year), add 1.5 points</li> </ul>                                  | 3  | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.50  |
| <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Objective Criteria</b></p> <b>9. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE: EARNED INCOME/LEAVERS (3 POINTS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the applicant had 27% or greater of adults that increased earned income, add 3 points</li> <li>• If at least 19% but less than 27% of adults increased earned income, add 1.5 points</li> </ul>  | 3  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0.00  |
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| <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Objective Criteria</b></p> <b>11. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE: NON-EMPLOYMENT/LEAVERS (3 POINTS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the applicant had 30% or greater of adults that increased nonemployment cash income, add 3 points</li> <li>• If at least 22% but less than 30% of adults increased non-employment cash income, add 1.5 points</li> </ul>   | 3  | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.50  |

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| <p><b>12. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE: MAINSTREAM BENEFITS (8 POINTS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If at least 60% of the participants receive non-cash mainstream benefits, add 8 points <b>Objective Criteria</b></li> <li>If between 40% and 59.9% of participants receive non-cash mainstream benefits, add 4 points</li> </ul>   | 8  | 8  | 8  | 8  | 8  | 8  | 8.00  |
| <p><b>13. SEVERITY OF NEEDS (10 POINTS)</b> <b>Objective Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If at program entry, more than 50% of adults have no earned or unearned income, add 5 points. <b>Note: these points have already been entered into this spreadsheet</b></li> <li>If the program serves other populations with severe needs or vulnerabilities with strong outcomes, add 5 points.</li> </ul>                            | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10.00 |
| <p><b>14. CHRONIC PRIORITIZATION &amp; DEDICATION (2 POINTS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If 90-100% of turnover beds are prioritized for use by the chronically homeless, add 2 points <b>Objective Criteria</b></li> <li>If 75-90% of turnover beds are prioritized for use by the chronically homeless, add 1 point</li> </ul>  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  |       |
| <p><b>15. UTILIZATION RATE (4 POINTS)</b> <b>Objective Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the average daily bed utilization rate is more than 90%, add 2 points</li> <li>If the average daily bed utilization rate is between 80% and 90%, add 1 point</li> <li>If the average unit utilization rate is more than 90%, add 2 points</li> <li>If the average unit utilization rate is between 80% and 90%, add 1 point</li> </ul> | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  |       |
| <p><b>16. PARTICIPATION IN BLUEPRINT AND COC ACTION PLAN STRATEGIES (10 POINTS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the applicant participate in any of the Blueprint Strategies or CoC Action Plan Strategies?</li> </ul>   | 10 | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  |       |

|  |            |           |           |           |           |           |              |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| <p><b>17. EQUITY (5 POINTS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the applicant participate in any of the following strategies to advance equity*?</li> <li>• If the applicant chose an “other” strategy, have they included any significant successes they have had with these strategies over the past year? The applicant should use specific examples where possible, including any substantive changes to programming that were made.</li> </ul>  | 5          | 5         | 5         | 5         | 5         | 5         | 5.00         |
| <p><b>18. CLIENT PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT DESIGN (5 POINTS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the applicant engage unhoused and formerly unhoused participants and staff in service design and project implementation in any of the following ways?* (3 points)</li> <li>• Has the applicant provided at least one piece of feedback or input received from participants and how your applicant plans to respond/responded to the feedback? (2 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o For VSP projects only: Has the applicant described how they will involve survivors with lived expertise in the policy and program development? (2 points)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | 5          | 5         | 5         | 5         | 5         | 5         | 5.00         |
| <b>TOTAL PROJECT SCORE</b>   | <b>115</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>88.00</b> |

Maximum total point value

Actual total point value awarded

St. Joseph Continuum of Care  
2024 Continuum of Care Approved Priority Listing  
October 8, 2024

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)        | \$1,982,744  |
| CoC Bonus                          | \$237,929.00 |
| DV Bonus                           | \$294,092.00 |
| Planning                           | \$ 99,137.00 |
| Tier 1                             | \$1,784,470  |
| Tier 2                             | \$730,295.00 |
| Tier 1 + Tier 2 Total              | \$2,514,765  |
| Total St. Joseph Funding Available | \$2,613,902  |

| Tier 1 Recommended List (\$0-\$1,784,470)         |        |                   |                    |  |                                |          |             |                    |                |                      |
|---|--------|-------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Rank  | Score  | Accepted/Rejected | Eligible to Appeal | Project Name                                 | Applicant Name                 | Type     | Renewal/New | Amount Reallocated | Request Amount | Tier 1 Running Total |
| 1   | 88.00  | Accepted          | No                 | SCJ - Shelter Plus Care St. Joseph           | Missouri Department of Health  | PSH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$325,754.00   | \$325,754.00         |
| 2   | 116.80 | Accepted          | No                 | SCJ - Shelter Plus Care St. Joseph Expansion | Missouri Department of Health  | PSH      | CoC Bonus   | \$0.00             | \$72,699.00    | \$398,453.00         |
| 3   | 105.00 | Accepted          | No                 | Bliss Manor                                  | YWCA                           | PSH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$84,906.00    | \$483,359.00         |
| 4   | 94.00  | Accepted          | No                 | Juda House                                   | Community Missions Corporation | PSH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$117,414.00   | \$600,773.00         |
| 5   | 88.80  | Accepted          | No                 | St. Joseph                                   | Catholic Charities             | PSH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$254,408.00   | \$855,181.00         |
| 6   | 88.20  | Accepted          | No                 | St. Joseph's Haven                           | Community Missions Corporation | SH       | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$229,685.00   | \$1,084,866.00       |
| 7   | 86.30  | Accepted          | No                 | Bridges Combined                             | YWCA                           | RRH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$287,257.00   | \$1,372,123.00       |
| 8   | N/A    | Accepted          | No                 | HMIS Renewal Project*                        | ICA                            | HMIS     | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$42,254.00    | \$1,414,377.00       |
| 9   | 107.00 | Accepted          | No                 | HMIS Expansion Project ~                     | ICA                            | HMIS     | CoC Bonus   | \$0.00             | \$87,807.00    | \$1,502,184.00       |
| 10  | N/A    | Accepted          | No                 | Home Again                                   | Interserv                      | CE       | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$17,050.00    | \$1,519,234.00       |
| 11  | 85.30  | Accepted          | Yes                | Home Plus                                    | Catholic Charities             | PSH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$265,236.00   | \$1,784,470.00       |
| Tier 2 Recommended List (\$1,784,470-\$2,514,765) |        |                   |                    |  |                                |          |             |                    |                |                      |
| Rank  | Score  | Accepted/Rejected | Eligible to Appeal | Project Name                                 | Applicant Name                 | Type     | Renewal/New | Amount Reallocated | Request Amount | Tier 2 Running Total |
| 11  | 85.30  | Accepted          | Yes                | Home Plus                                    | Catholic Charities             | PSH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$121,377.00   | \$1,905,847.00       |
| 12  | 62.70  | Accepted          | Yes                | New Leaf                                     | Interserv                      | RRH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$237,403.00   | \$2,143,250.00       |
| 13  | 100.20 | Accepted          | Yes                | Homeless Outreach Team - Social Worker       | City of St. Joseph             | CE       | CoC Bonus   | \$0.00             | \$77,153.00    | \$2,220,403.00       |
| 14  | 115.80 | Accepted          | Yes                | Anchors                                      | YWCA                           | RRH      | DV Bonus**  | \$0.00             | \$294,092.00   | \$2,514,495.00       |
| New Projects Not Recommended For Funding          |        |                   |                    |  |                                |          |             |                    |                |                      |
| Rank  | Score  | Accepted/Rejected | Eligible to Appeal | Project Name                                 | Applicant Name                 | Type     | Renewal/New | Amount Reallocated | Request Amount | Tier 2 Running Total |
| N/A   | N/A    | N/A               | N/A                | N/A  | N/A                            | N/A      | N/A         | N/A                | N/A            | N/A                  |
| Not Ranked Per NOFA Guidelines                    |        |                   |                    |  |                                |          |             |                    |                |                      |
| Rank  | Score  | Accepted/Rejected | Eligible to Appeal | Project Name                                 | Applicant Name                 | Type     | Renewal/New | Amount Reallocated | Request Amount | Tier 2 Running Total |
| N/A   | N/A    | Accepted          | N/A                | Planning Grant                               | City of St. Joseph             | Planning | N/A         | \$0.00             | \$ 99,137      | N/A                  |

~ Under the CoC's Local Community Review Process, New Expansion projects are scored using the New Project scoring tool but cannot be ranked above the renewal project that it proposes to expand. If a New Expansion project receives a higher score than the associated renewal project, it is ranked directly below the renewal project.

\* Under the CoC's Local Community Review Process, Renewal HMIS projects are a necessary part of this CoC and are ranked at the bottom of Tier 1 above the straddling project.

~ Renewal projects that are newly operating and have not yet submitted an APR are ranked at the bottom of Tier 1 above the HMIS project.

\*\* HUD will first consider DV Bonus projects for DV Bonus funding. If funded through DV Bonus, the project will be removed from the CoC's Ranked List, and all projects below will move up one rank."

**FY2024-FY2025 COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION  
ATTACHMENT: SCORED FORMS FOR ONE  
PROJECT  
(Question 1E-2a)**

**BACKGROUND**

This attachment includes a copy of the scoring form for one renewal project of the most common project type submitted to the local CoC competition. The scoring form includes the maximum point values and actual points awarded for this renewal project.

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# Scoring Form for One Renewal (PSH) Project

Maximum point values per factor

Average of actual points awarded per factor

| Renewal Project Scoring Form   | Points Possible | Panelist 1 | Panelist 3 | Panelist 4 | Panelist 5 | Panelist 6 | Average Panel Score |
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|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| <p><b>12. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE: MAINSTREAM BENEFITS (8 POINTS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If at least 60% of the participants receive non-cash mainstream benefits, add 8 points <b>Objective Criteria</b></li> <li>If between 40% and 59.9% of participants receive non-cash mainstream benefits, add 4 points</li> </ul>   | 8  | 8  | 8  | 8  | 8  | 8  | 8.00  |
| <p><b>13. SEVERITY OF NEEDS (10 POINTS)</b> <b>Objective Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If at program entry, more than 50% of adults have no earned or unearned income, add 5 points. <b>Note: these points have already been entered into this spreadsheet</b></li> <li>If the program serves other populations with severe needs or vulnerabilities with strong outcomes, add 5 points.</li> </ul>                            | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10.00 |
| <p><b>14. CHRONIC PRIORITIZATION &amp; DEDICATION (2 POINTS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If 90-100% of turnover beds are prioritized for use by the chronically homeless, add 2 points <b>Objective Criteria</b></li> <li>If 75-90% of turnover beds are prioritized for use by the chronically homeless, add 1 point</li> </ul>  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  |       |
| <p><b>15. UTILIZATION RATE (4 POINTS)</b> <b>Objective Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the average daily bed utilization rate is more than 90%, add 2 points</li> <li>If the average daily bed utilization rate is between 80% and 90%, add 1 point</li> <li>If the average unit utilization rate is more than 90%, add 2 points</li> <li>If the average unit utilization rate is between 80% and 90%, add 1 point</li> </ul> | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  |       |
| <p><b>16. PARTICIPATION IN BLUEPRINT AND COC ACTION PLAN STRATEGIES (10 POINTS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the applicant participate in any of the Blueprint Strategies or CoC Action Plan Strategies?</li> </ul>   | 10 | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  |       |

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|--|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| <p><b>17. EQUITY (5 POINTS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the applicant participate in any of the following strategies to advance equity*?</li> <li>• If the applicant chose an “other” strategy, have they included any significant successes they have had with these strategies over the past year? The applicant should use specific examples where possible, including any substantive changes to programming that were made.</li> </ul>  | 5          | 5         | 5         | 5         | 5         | 5         | 5.00         |
| <p><b>18. CLIENT PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT DESIGN (5 POINTS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the applicant engage unhoused and formerly unhoused participants and staff in service design and project implementation in any of the following ways?* (3 points)</li> <li>• Has the applicant provided at least one piece of feedback or input received from participants and how your applicant plans to respond/responded to the feedback? (2 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o For VSP projects only: Has the applicant described how they will involve survivors with lived expertise in the policy and program development? (2 points)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | 5          | 5         | 5         | 5         | 5         | 5         | 5.00         |
| <b>TOTAL PROJECT SCORE</b>   | <b>115</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>88</b> | <b>88.00</b> |

Maximum total point value

Actual total point value awarded

FY2024-FY2025 COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION  
ATTACHMENT: NOTIFICATION OF PROJECTS  
REJECTED-REDUCED  
(Question 1E-5)

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**BACKGROUND**

No projects were rejected or reduced in this competition.

# FY2024-FY2025 COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION ATTACHMENT: NOTIFICATION OF PROJECTS ACCEPTED (Question 1E-5a)

## BACKGROUND

The following materials provide evidence that the CoC provided notification more than 15 days before HUD’s FY 2024-FY2025 Program Competition Application submission deadline. The CoC provided notification by email to all applicants whose projects were accepted and to the full CoC membership on October 15, 2024. The email to all applicants accepted included the link to the final FY 2024 CoC NOFO Priority Listing posting on the CoC website.

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Email sent to full CoC membership, including all applicants whose projects were accepted

Notification at least 15 days before HUD deadline

## COC: Approved Priority Listing for St. Joseph COC Local Program Competition

1 message

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Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 9:18 AM

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Good morning.

Please see the below message from Homebase regarding the Priority Listing for the St. Joseph COC Local Program Competition.

Thanks-

Jodi

Thank you once again for participating in the 2024 St. Joseph Continuum of Care (CoC) Local Program Competition. Today, CoC members who were eligible to vote met to discuss the priority listing. Attached below is a priority listing reflecting the CoC's final decision. This version of the priority listing will be sent to HUD as the CoC's funding request for 2024. As noted earlier, Homebase will provide technical assistance to project applicants regarding recommended revisions to project applications in e-snaps. The local deadline for applications to be finalized in e-snaps is **Friday, October 18, 2024**. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Homebase at <[stjosephcoc@homebaseccc.org](mailto:stjosephcoc@homebaseccc.org)> Thank you!

Mary

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**2024 St. Joseph CoC Approved Priority Listing Post Appeals (1).xlsx**

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Final Approved FY2024 Priority Listing attached,  
sent to all CoC members and CoC applicants  
included in Priority Listing

**Jodi Flurry**

Notification at least 15 days before HUD deadline

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**Subject:** COC: Notification of Projects Accepted

Email sent to applicants whose projects were accepted

Good morning.  
Please see the below message from Homebase to the COC NOFO applicants:  
Thanks-  
Jodi

Thank you once again for participating in the 2024 St. Joseph Continuum of Care (CoC) Local Program Competition. Today, CoC members who were eligible to vote met to discuss the priority listing. Below is a priority listing reflecting the CoC's final decision. This version of the priority listing will be sent to HUD as the CoC's funding request for 2024.

The Approved Priority Listing can be found at <https://www.stjosephmo.gov/854/Continuum-of-Care>

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Link to Final Approved Priority Listing at least 15 days before HUD deadline

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St. Joseph Continuum of Care  
2024 Continuum of Care Approved Priority Listing  
October 8, 2024

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)        | \$1,982,744  |
| CoC Bonus                          | \$237,929.00 |
| DV Bonus                           | \$294,092.00 |
| Planning                           | \$ 99,137.00 |
| Tier 1                             | \$1,784,470  |
| Tier 2                             | \$730,295.00 |
| Tier 1 + Tier 2 Total              | \$2,514,765  |
| Total St. Joseph Funding Available | \$2,613,902  |

| Tier 1 Recommended List (\$0-\$1,784,470)         |        |                   |                    |  |                                |          |             |                    |                |                      |
|---|--------|-------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Rank  | Score  | Accepted/Rejected | Eligible to Appeal | Project Name                                 | Applicant Name                 | Type     | Renewal/New | Amount Reallocated | Request Amount | Tier 1 Running Total |
| 1   | 88.00  | Accepted          | No                 | SCJ - Shelter Plus Care St. Joseph           | Missouri Department of Health  | PSH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$325,754.00   | \$325,754.00         |
| 2   | 116.80 | Accepted          | No                 | SCJ - Shelter Plus Care St. Joseph Expansion | Missouri Department of Health  | PSH      | CoC Bonus   | \$0.00             | \$72,699.00    | \$398,453.00         |
| 3   | 105.00 | Accepted          | No                 | Bliss Manor                                  | YWCA                           | PSH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$84,906.00    | \$483,359.00         |
| 4   | 94.00  | Accepted          | No                 | Juda House                                   | Community Missions Corporation | PSH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$117,414.00   | \$600,773.00         |
| 5   | 88.80  | Accepted          | No                 | St. Joseph                                   | Catholic Charities             | PSH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$254,408.00   | \$855,181.00         |
| 6   | 88.20  | Accepted          | No                 | St. Joseph's Haven                           | Community Missions Corporation | SH       | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$229,685.00   | \$1,084,866.00       |
| 7   | 86.30  | Accepted          | No                 | Bridges Combined                             | YWCA                           | RRH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$287,257.00   | \$1,372,123.00       |
| 8   | N/A    | Accepted          | No                 | HMIS Renewal Project*                        | ICA                            | HMIS     | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$42,254.00    | \$1,414,377.00       |
| 9   | 107.00 | Accepted          | No                 | HMIS Expansion Project ~                     | ICA                            | HMIS     | CoC Bonus   | \$0.00             | \$87,807.00    | \$1,502,184.00       |
| 10  | N/A    | Accepted          | No                 | Home Again                                   | Interserv                      | CE       | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$17,050.00    | \$1,519,234.00       |
| 11  | 85.30  | Accepted          | Yes                | Home Plus                                    | Catholic Charities             | PSH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$265,236.00   | \$1,784,470.00       |
| Tier 2 Recommended List (\$1,784,470-\$2,514,765) |        |                   |                    |  |                                |          |             |                    |                |                      |
| Rank  | Score  | Accepted/Rejected | Eligible to Appeal | Project                                      | Applicant                      | Type     | Renewal/New | Amount Reallocated | Request Amount | Tier 2 Running Total |
| 11  | 85.30  | Accepted          | Yes                | Home Plus                                    | Catholic Charities             | PSH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$121,377.00   | \$1,905,847.00       |
| 12  | 62.70  | Accepted          | Yes                | New Leaf                                     | Interserv                      | RRH      | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$237,403.00   | \$2,143,250.00       |
| 13  | 100.20 | Accepted          | Yes                | Homeless Outreach Team - Social Worker       | City of St. Joseph             | CE       | CoC Bonus   | \$0.00             | \$77,153.00    | \$2,220,403.00       |
| 14  | 115.80 | Accepted          | Yes                | Anchors                                      | YWCA                           | RRH      | DV Bonus**  | \$0.00             | \$294,092.00   | \$2,514,495.00       |
| New Projects Not Recommended For Funding          |        |                   |                    |  |                                |          |             |                    |                |                      |
| Rank  | Score  | Accepted/Rejected | Eligible to Appeal | Project                                      | Applicant                      | Type     | Renewal/New | Amount Reallocated | Request Amount | Tier 2 Running Total |
| N/A   | N/A    | N/A               | N/A                | N/A  | N/A                            | N/A      | N/A         | N/A                | N/A            | N/A                  |
| Not Ranked Per NOFA Guidelines                    |        |                   |                    |  |                                |          |             |                    |                |                      |
| Rank  | Score  | Accepted/Rejected | Eligible to Appeal | Project                                      | Applicant                      | Type     | Renewal/New | Amount Reallocated | Request Amount | Tier 2 Running Total |
| N/A   | N/A    | Accepted          | N/A                | Planning Grant                               | City of St. Joseph             | Planning | N/A         | \$0.00             | \$ 99,137      | N/A                  |

~ Under the CoC's Local Community Review Process, New Expansion projects are scored using the New Project scoring tool but cannot be ranked above the renewal project that it proposes to expand. If a New Expansion project receives a higher score than the associated renewal project, it is ranked directly below the renewal project.

\* Under the CoC's Local Community Review Process, Renewal HMIS projects are a necessary part of this CoC and are ranked at the bottom of Tier 1 above the straddling project.

~ Renewal projects that are newly operating and have not yet submitted an APR are ranked at the bottom of Tier 1 above the HMIS project.

\*\* HUD will first consider DV Bonus projects for DV Bonus funding. If funded through DV Bonus, the project will be removed from the CoC's Ranked List, and all projects below will move up one rank."

# FY2024-FY2025 COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION ATTACHMENT: LOCAL COMPETITION SELECTION RESULTS (Question 1E-5b)

## BACKGROUND

The Final Priority Listing / Ranked List shows the final new and renewal project scores, ranking, and rejection information from the CoC’s local competition and includes all of the projects that were submitted for consideration. The Final Priority Listing shows:

- Project Names
- Project Scores
- Project Status – Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated
- Project Rank
- Amount Requested from HUD; and
- Reallocated Funds +/-
  - Note: All projects were accepted, and no projects were partially/fully reallocated or rejected

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St. Joseph Continuum of Care  
2024 Continuum of Care Approved Priority Listing  
October 8, 2024

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)        | \$1,982,744  |
| CoC Bonus                          | \$237,929.00 |
| DV Bonus                           | \$294,092.00 |
| Planning                           | \$ 99,137.00 |
| Tier 1                             | \$1,784,470  |
| Tier 2                             | \$730,295.00 |
| Tier 1 + Tier 2 Total              | \$2,514,765  |
| Total St. Joseph Funding Available | \$2,613,902  |

Tier 1 Recommended List  
(\$0-\$1,784,470)

| Rank | Score  | Accepted/Rejected | Eligible to Appeal | Project                                      | Applicant                      | Type | Renewal/New | Amount Reallocated | Request Amount | Tier 1 Running Total |
|------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------|------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1    | 88.00  | Accepted          | No                 | SCJ - Shelter Plus Care St. Joseph           | Missouri Department of Health  | PSH  | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$325,754.00   | \$325,754.00         |
| 2    | 116.80 | Accepted          | No                 | SCJ - Shelter Plus Care St. Joseph Expansion | Missouri Department of Health  | PSH  | CoC Bonus   | \$0.00             | \$72,699.00    | \$398,453.00         |
| 3    | 105.00 | Accepted          | No                 | Bliss Manor                                  | YWCA                           | PSH  | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$84,906.00    | \$483,359.00         |
| 4    | 94.00  | Accepted          | No                 | Juda House                                   | Community Missions Corporation | PSH  | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$117,414.00   | \$600,773.00         |
| 5    | 88.80  | Accepted          | No                 | St. Joseph                                   | Catholic Charities             | PSH  | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$254,408.00   | \$855,181.00         |
| 6    | 88.20  | Accepted          | No                 | St. Joseph's Haven                           | Community Missions Corporation | SH   | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$229,685.00   | \$1,084,866.00       |
| 7    | 86.30  | Accepted          | No                 | Bridges Combined                             | YWCA                           | RRH  | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$287,257.00   | \$1,372,123.00       |
| 8    | N/A    | Accepted          | No                 | HMIS Renewal Project*                        | ICA                            | HMIS | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$42,254.00    | \$1,414,377.00       |
| 9    | 107.00 | Accepted          | No                 | HMIS Expansion Project ~                     | ICA                            | HMIS | CoC Bonus   | \$0.00             | \$87,807.00    | \$1,502,184.00       |
| 10   | N/A    | Accepted          | No                 | Home Again                                   | Interserv                      | CE   | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$17,050.00    | \$1,519,234.00       |
| 11   | 85.30  | Accepted          | Yes                | Home Plus                                    | Catholic Charities             | PSH  | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$265,236.00   | \$1,784,470.00       |

Tier 2 Recommended List  
(\$1,784,470-\$2,514,765)

| Rank | Score  | Accepted/Rejected | Eligible to Appeal | Project                                | Applicant          | Type | Renewal/New | Amount Reallocated | Request Amount | Tier 2 Running Total |
|------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 11   | 85.30  | Accepted          | Yes                | Home Plus                              | Catholic Charities | PSH  | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$121,377.00   | \$1,905,847.00       |
| 12   | 62.70  | Accepted          | Yes                | New Leaf                               | Interserv          | RRH  | Renewal     | \$0.00             | \$237,403.00   | \$2,143,250.00       |
| 13   | 100.20 | Accepted          | Yes                | Homeless Outreach Team - Social Worker | City of St. Joseph | CE   | CoC Bonus   | \$0.00             | \$77,153.00    | \$2,220,403.00       |
| 14   | 115.80 | Accepted          | Yes                | Anchors                                | YWCA               | RRH  | DV Bonus**  | \$0.00             | \$294,092.00   | \$2,514,495.00       |

New Projects Not Recommended For Funding

| Rank | Score | Accepted/Rejected | Eligible to Appeal | Project | Applicant | Type | Renewal/New | Amount Reallocated | Request Amount | Tier 2 Running Total |
|------|-------|-------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| N/A  | N/A   | N/A               | N/A                | N/A     | N/A       | N/A  | N/A         | N/A                | N/A            | N/A                  |

Not Ranked Per NOFA Guidelines

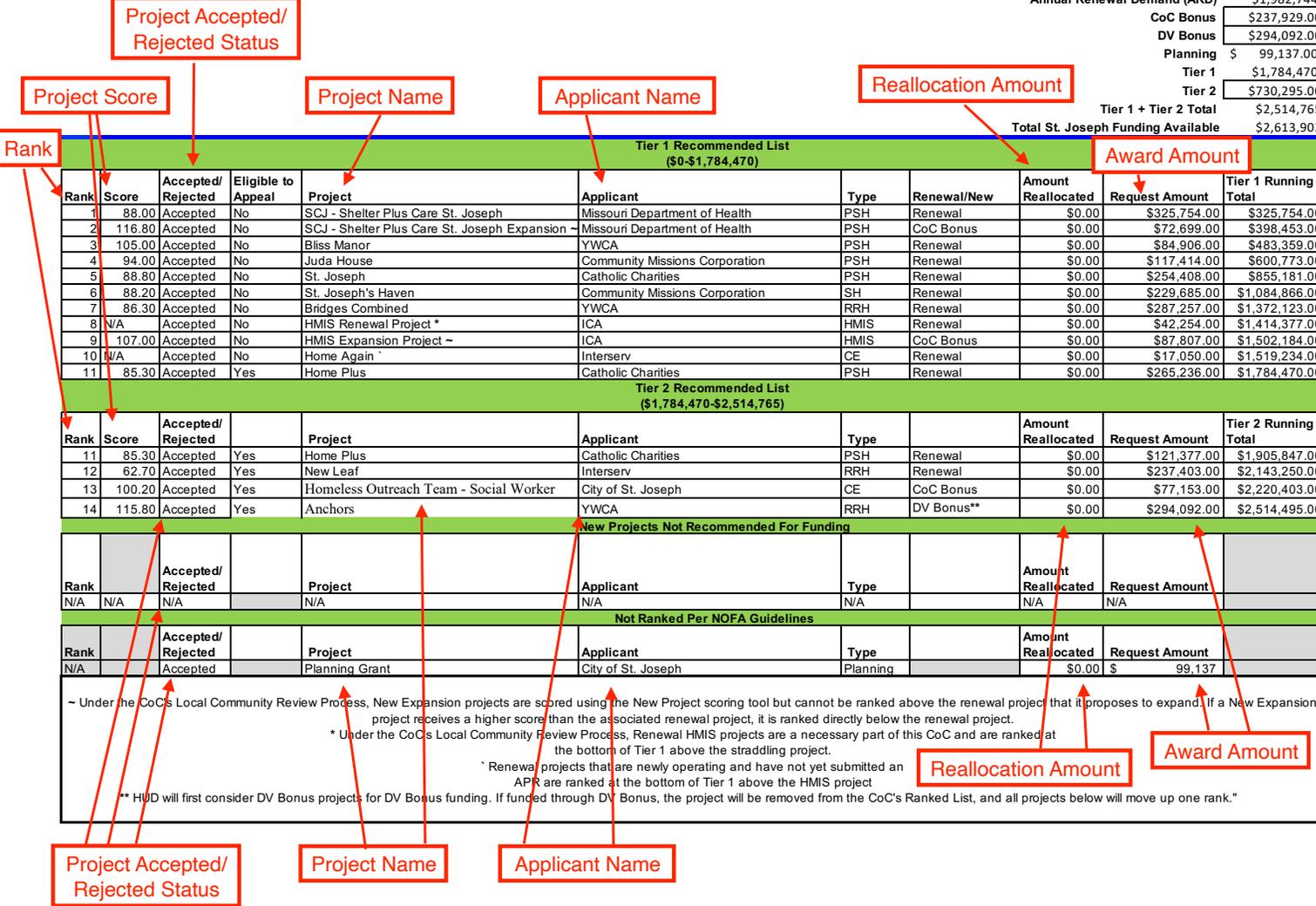
| Rank | Score | Accepted/Rejected | Eligible to Appeal | Project        | Applicant          | Type     | Renewal/New | Amount Reallocated | Request Amount | Tier 2 Running Total |
|------|-------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| N/A  | N/A   | Accepted          | N/A                | Planning Grant | City of St. Joseph | Planning | N/A         | \$0.00             | \$ 99,137      | N/A                  |

~ Under the CoC's Local Community Review Process, New Expansion projects are scored using the New Project scoring tool but cannot be ranked above the renewal project that it proposes to expand. If a New Expansion project receives a higher score than the associated renewal project, it is ranked directly below the renewal project.

\* Under the CoC's Local Community Review Process, Renewal HMIS projects are a necessary part of this CoC and are ranked at the bottom of Tier 1 above the straddling project.

~ Renewal projects that are newly operating and have not yet submitted an APR are ranked at the bottom of Tier 1 above the HMIS project.

\*\* HUD will first consider DV Bonus projects for DV Bonus funding. If funded through DV Bonus, the project will be removed from the CoC's Ranked List, and all projects below will move up one rank."



FY2024-FY2025 COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION  
ATTACHMENT: WEB POSTING — COC-APPROVED  
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## MO-603 St Joseph Continuum of Care

# FY2024-FY2025 COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION ATTACHMENT: HUD'S HOMELESS DATA EXCHANGE (HDX) COMPETITION REPORT (Question 2A-6)

## BACKGROUND

The CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report.

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# 2024 HDX Competition Report

This workbook contains summary information about your CoC's data as it was entered into HDX 1.0 and HDX 2.0 for your use as part of the 2024 Competition.

### **To Print this Workbook:**

This document has been configured as printable with preset print areas of relevant sections. To print it, go to "File", then "Print", then select "Print Entire Workbook" or "Print Active Sheets" depending on your needs.

### **To Save This Workbook as a PDF:**

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### **On Accessibility, Navigability, and Printability:**

This workbook attempts to maximize accessibility, navigability, printability, and ease of use. Merged cells have been avoided. All tables and text boxes have been given names. Extraneous rows and columns outside printed ranges have been hidden. Formulas may include references to hidden rows and columns or data tables. For ease of use, these referenced sources have been hidden but can be unhidden by any user at any time. Raw data sources contained in this workbook are named according to the module and fiscal year from which they originate - e.g. "HIC\_2024" is the Housing Inventory Count raw data from Fiscal Year 2024.

### **For Questions:**

If you have questions, please reach out to HUD via the "Ask a Question" page, <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/> and choose "HDX" as the topic.

# 2024 HDX Competition Report

## 2024 Competition Report - Summary

MO-603 - St. Joseph/Andrew, Buchanan, DeKalb Counties CoC

### HDX Data Submission Participation Information

| Government FY and HDX Module Abbreviation | Met Module Deadline* | Data From  | Data Collection Period in HDX 2.0 |
|---|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 2023 LSA                                  | Yes                  | Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).  | November 2023 to January of 2024  |
| 2023 SPM                                  | Yes                  | Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).**  | February 2024 to March 2024       |
| 2024 HIC                                  | Yes                  | Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024. | March 2024 to May 2024            |
| 2024 PIT                                  | Yes                  | Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024. | March 2024 to May 2024            |

1) FY = Fiscal Year

2) \*This considers all extensions where they were provided.

2) \*\*"Met Deadline" in this context refers to FY23 SPM submissions. Resubmissions from FY 2022 (10/1/21 - 9/30/22) were also accepted during the data collection period, but these previous year's submissions are voluntarily and are not required.

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### 2024 Competition Report - LSA Summary & Usability Status

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#### LSA Usability Status 2023

| Category         | EST AO                              | EST AC                              | EST CO                              | RRH AO                              | RRH AC                              | RRH CO                              | PSH AO                              | PSH AC                              | PSH CO                              |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fully Usable     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Partially Usable |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| Not Usable       |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |

#### EST

| Category              | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|
| Total Sheltered Count | 558  | 449  | 429  |
| AO                    | 349  | 295  | 209  |
| AC                    | 211  | 153  | 214  |
| CO                    | 3    | 2    | 6    |

#### RRH

| Category              | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|
| Total Sheltered Count | 166  | 189  | 277  |
| AO                    | 74   | 66   | 114  |
| AC                    | 92   | 123  | 163  |
| CO                    | 0    | 0    | 0    |

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### PSH

| Category              | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|
| Total Sheltered Count | 169  | 179  | 202  |
| AO                    | 98   | 86   | 109  |
| AC                    | 71   | 93   | 93   |
| CO                    | 0    | 0    | 0    |

- 1) Glossary: EST = Emergency Shelter, Save Haven, & Transitional Housing; RRH = Rapid Re-housing; PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing; AO = Persons in Households without Children; AC = Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child; CO=Persons in Households with only Children
- 2) Because people have multiple stays in shelter over the course of a year and stay in different household configurations, a single person can be counted in more than one household type. Therefore, the sum of the number of people by household type may be greater than the unique count of people.
- 3) Total Sheltered count only includes those served in HMIS participating projects reported by your CoC.
- 4) For CoCs that experienced mergers during any of these reporting periods, historical data will include only the original CoCs.

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## 2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

MO-603 - St. Joseph/Andrew, Buchanan, DeKalb Counties CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

### Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than the look back stop date or client's date of birth, whichever is later.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.

Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

a. This measure is of the client's entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in the HMIS system.

| Metric                                   | Universe (Persons) | Average LOT Homeless (bed nights) | Median LOT Homeless (bed nights) |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, and SH     | 338                | 72.8                              | 28.0                             |
| 1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and TH | 417                | 84.5                              | 45.0                             |

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b. This measure is based on data element 3.917

This measure includes data from each client’s Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added to the client’s entry date, effectively extending the client’s entry date backward in time. This “adjusted entry date” is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client’s actual entry date.

| Metric  | Universe (Persons) | Average LOT Homeless (bed nights) | Median LOT Homeless (bed nights) |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and PH (prior to “housing move in”)     | 518                | 547.0                             | 226.0                            |
| 1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH, and PH (prior to “housing move in”) | 596                | 505.7                             | 211.0                            |

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### 2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

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#### Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness for Persons who Exit to Permanent Housing (PH) Destinations

This measures clients who exited SO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range. Of those clients, the measure reports on how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.

| Metric                               | Total # of Persons Exited to a PH Destination (2 Yrs Prior) | Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months (0 - 180 days) |              | Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months (181 - 365 days) |                           | Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366 - 730 days) |                           | Number of Returns in 2 Years |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------------|--|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                      | Count   | Count  | % of Returns | Count  | % of Returns <sup>4</sup> | Count   | % of Returns <sup>6</sup> | Count                        | % of Returns <sup>8</sup> |
| Exit was from SO                     | 29  | 3  | 10.3%        | 2  | 6.9%                      | 1   | 3.5%                      | 6                            | 20.7%                     |
| Exit was from ES                     | 101   | 13   | 12.9%        | 2  | 2.0%                      | 16  | 15.8%                     | 31                           | 30.7%                     |
| Exit was from TH                     | 29  | 1  | 3.5%         | 0  | 0.0%                      | 0   | 0.0%                      | 1                            | 3.5%                      |
| Exit was from SH                     | 4   | 0  | 0.0%         | 0  | 0.0%                      | 0   | 0.0%                      | 0                            | 0.0%                      |
| Exit was from PH                     | 127   | 2  | 1.6%         | 13   | 10.2%                     | 14  | 11.0%                     | 29                           | 22.8%                     |
| <b>TOTAL Returns to Homelessness</b> | <b>290</b>  | <b>19</b>  | <b>6.6%</b>  | <b>17</b>  | <b>5.9%</b>               | <b>31</b>   | <b>10.7%</b>              | <b>67</b>                    | <b>23.1%</b>              |

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### Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

#### Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

Please refer to PIT section for relevant data.

#### Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

This measures the change in annual counts of sheltered homeless persons in HMIS.

| Metric  | Value |
|---|-------|
| Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons | 434   |
| Emergency Shelter Total                                 | 318   |
| Safe Haven Total  | 52    |
| Transitional Housing Total                              | 93    |

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#### Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects

This measure is divided into six tables capturing employment and non-employment income changes for system leavers and stayers. The project types reported in these metrics are the same for each metric, but the type of income and universe of clients differs. In addition, the projects reported within these tables are limited to CoC-funded projects.

##### Metric 4.1 – Change in earned income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

| Metric   | Value |
|--|-------|
| Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)      | 78    |
| Number of adults with increased earned income    | 7     |
| Percentage of adults who increased earned income | 9.0%  |

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### Metric 4.2 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

| Metric  | Value |
|---|-------|
| Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)                   | 78    |
| Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income    | 26    |
| Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income | 33.3% |

### Metric 4.3 – Change in total income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

| Metric  | Value |
|---|-------|
| Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)     | 78    |
| Number of adults with increased total income    | 33    |
| Percentage of adults who increased total income | 42.3% |

### Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

| Metric   | Value |
|--|-------|
| Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)   | 39    |
| Number of adults who exited with increased earned income | 7     |
| Percentage of adults who increased earned income         | 18.0% |

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#### Metric 4.5 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers

| Metric  | Value |
|---|-------|
| Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)                | 39    |
| Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income | 16    |
| Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income         | 41.0% |

#### Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

| Metric  | Value |
|---|-------|
| Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)  | 39    |
| Number of adults who exited with increased total income | 21    |
| Percentage of adults who increased total income         | 53.9% |

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### 2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

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#### Measure 5: Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time

This measures the number of people entering the homeless system through ES, SH, or TH (Metric 5.1) or ES, SH, TH, or PH (Metric 5.2) and determines whether they have any prior enrollments in the HMIS over the past two years. Those with no prior enrollments are considered to be experiencing homelessness for the first time.

##### Metric 5.1 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

| Metric   | Value |
|--|-------|
| Universe: Person with entries into ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH or TH during the reporting period.  | 373   |
| Of persons above, count those who were in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.   | 38    |
| Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time) | 335   |

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**Metric 5.2 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, TH, and PH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS**

| Metric   | Value |
|--|-------|
| Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.   | 684   |
| Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.  | 123   |
| Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.) | 561   |

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

Measure 6 is not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.

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

This measures positive movement out of the homeless system and is divided into three tables: movement off the streets from Street Outreach (Metric 7a.1); movement into permanent housing situations from ES, SH, TH, and RRH (Metric 7b.1); and retention or exits to permanent housing situations from PH (other than PH-RRH).

##### **Metric 7a.1 – Change in SO exits to temp. destinations, some institutional destinations, and permanent housing destinations**

| Metric  | Value |
|---|-------|
| Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach  | 42    |
| Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations | 9     |
| Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations          | 19    |
| % Successful exits  | 66.7% |

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#### Metric 7b.1 – Change in ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH exits to permanent housing destinations

| Metric   | Value |
|--|-------|
| Universe: Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing | 448   |
| Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations   | 189   |
| % Successful exits   | 42.2% |

#### Metric 7b.2 – Change in PH exits to permanent housing destinations or retention of permanent housing

| Metric  | Value |
|---|-------|
| Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH who exited after moving into housing, or who moved into housing and remained in the PH project | 285   |
| Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations                             | 280   |
| % Successful exits/retention  | 98.3% |

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### 2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

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#### System Performance Measures Data Quality

Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your SPM submissions.

| Metric  | All ES, SH | All TH | All PSH,<br>OPH | All RRH | All Street<br>Outreach |
|---|------------|--------|-----------------|---------|------------------------|
| Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)                    | 354        | 93     | 305             | 285     | 90                     |
| Total Leavers (HMIS)                                  | 328        | 66     | 64              | 187     | 37                     |
| Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS) | 0          | 6      | 3               | 21      | 0                      |
| Destination Error Rate (Calculated)                   | 0.0%       | 9.1%   | 4.7%            | 11.2%   | 0.0%                   |

# 2024 HDX Competition Report

## 2024 Competition Report - SPM Notes

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### Notes For Each SPM Measure

Note: Cells may need to be resized to accomodate notes with lots of text.

| Measure      | Notes  |
|--------------|--|
| Measure 1    | No notes.  |
| Measure 2    | No notes.  |
| Measure 3    | No notes.  |
| Measure 4    | No notes.  |
| Measure 5    | No notes.  |
| Measure 6    | No Notes. Measure 6 was not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period. |
| Measure 7    | No notes.  |
| Data Quality | No notes.  |

## 2024 HDX Competition Report

### 2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

MO-603 - St. Joseph/Andrew, Buchanan, DeKalb Counties CoC

For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

#### HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

| Project Type | Total Year-Round, Current Beds | Total Year-Round, Current Beds in HMIS or Comparable Database | Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds | Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV <sup>†</sup> Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster* | Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds | Adjusted HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round, Current Beds |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| ES           | 74                             | 29  | 29                                      | 0   | 29   | 100.0%   |
| SH           | 18                             | 18  | 18                                      | 0   | 18   | 100.0%   |
| TH           | 86                             | 63  | 63                                      | 0   | 63   | 100.0%   |
| RRH          | 107                            | 67  | 67                                      | 0   | 67   | 100.0%   |
| PSH          | 205                            | 140   | 188                                     | 0   | 188  | 74.5%  |
| OPH          | 82                             | 82  | 82                                      | 0   | 82   | 100.0%   |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>572</b>                     | <b>399</b>  | <b>447</b>                              | <b>0</b>  | <b>447</b>                                       | <b>89.3%</b>   |

## 2024 HDX Competition Report

### 2024 Competition Report

MO-603 - St. Joseph/Andrew, B

For HIC conducted in January/I

### HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

| Project Type | Total Year-Round, Current Beds | Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database | Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds | Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV <sup>†</sup> Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster** | Adjusted Total Year-Round Current, VSP Beds | HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| ES           | 74                             | 45   | 45                                  | 0  | 45  | 100.00%  |
| SH           | 18                             | 0  | 0                                   | 0  | 0   | NA   |
| TH           | 86                             | 23   | 23                                  | 0  | 23  | 100.00%  |
| RRH          | 107                            | 36   | 40                                  | 0  | 40  | 90.00%   |
| PSH          | 205                            | 0  | 17                                  | 0  | 17  | 0.00%  |
| OPH          | 82                             | 0  | 0                                   | 0  | 0   | NA   |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>572</b>                     | <b>104</b>   | <b>125</b>                          | <b>0</b>   | <b>125</b>                                  | <b>83.20%</b>                                  |

## 2024 HDX Competition Report

### 2024 Competition Report

MO-603 - St. Joseph/Andrew, B

For HIC conducted in January/I

#### HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

| Project Type | Total Year-Round, Current Beds | Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database | Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP and VSP Beds | HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| ES           | 74                             | 74   | 74   | 100.00%                                    |
| SH           | 18                             | 18   | 18   | 100.00%                                    |
| TH           | 86                             | 86   | 86   | 100.00%                                    |
| RRH          | 107                            | 103  | 107  | 96.26%                                     |
| PSH          | 205                            | 140  | 205  | 68.29%                                     |
| OPH          | 82                             | 82   | 82   | 100.00%                                    |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>572</b>                     | <b>503</b>   | <b>572</b>   | <b>87.94%</b>                              |

# 2024 HDX Competition Report

## 2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

MO-603 - St. Joseph/Andrew, Buchanan, DeKalb Counties CoC

For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

### Rapid Re-housing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

| Metric   | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| RRH beds available to serve all pops. on the HIC | 27   | 112  | 108  | 117  | 107  |

1) † EHV = Emergency Housing Voucher

2) \*This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds not associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

3) \*\*This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating or HMIS-comparable database participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

4) Data included in these tables reflect what was entered into HDX 2.0.

5) In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").

6) In the HIC, "Current" beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

7) For historical data: Aggregated data from CoCs that merged are not displayed if HIC data were created separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

## 2024 HDX Competition Report

### 2024 Competition Report - PIT Summary

MO-603 - St. Joseph/Andrew, Buchanan, DeKalb Counties CoC

For PIT conducted in January/February of 2024

#### Submission Information

| Date of PIT Count | Received HUD Waiver |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1/24/24           | Not Applicable      |

#### Total Population PIT Count Data

| Category                               | 2019                            | 2020                            | 2021                                 | 2022                            | 2023                            | 2024                            |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| PIT Count Type                         | Sheltered and Unsheltered Count | Sheltered and Unsheltered Count | Sheltered and full unsheltered count | Sheltered and Unsheltered Count | Sheltered and Unsheltered Count | Sheltered and Unsheltered Count |
| Emergency Shelter Total                | 134                             | 122                             | 67                                   | 89                              | 87                              | 128                             |
| Safe Haven Total                       | 16                              | 16                              | 8                                    | 10                              | 15                              | 16                              |
| Transitional Housing Total             | 68                              | 61                              | 43                                   | 28                              | 32                              | 43                              |
| Total Sheltered Count                  | 218                             | 199                             | 118                                  | 127                             | 134                             | 187                             |
| Total Unsheltered Count                | 37                              | 42                              | 32                                   | 21                              | 41                              | 81                              |
| Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count* | 255                             | 241                             | 150                                  | 148                             | 175                             | 268                             |

1) \*Data included in this table reflect what was entered into HDX 1.0 and 2.0. This may differ from what was included in federal reports if the PIT count type was either sheltered only or partial unsheltered count.

2) Aggregated data from CoCs that merged is not displayed if PIT data were entered separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

3) In 2021, for CoCs that conducted a "Sheltered and partial unsheltered count", only aggregate and not demographic data were collected.

FY2024-FY2025 COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION  
ATTACHMENT: HOUSING LEVERAGING  
COMMITMENTS  
(Question 3A-1a)

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| N/A – Neither of the new projects in the CoC Local Competition this year had housing leveraging commitments. | N/A         |

# FY2024-FY2025 COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION ATTACHMENT: HEALTHCARE FORMAL AGREEMENTS (Question 3A-2)

## BACKGROUND

The attached Healthcare Formal Agreements include:

- Project name
- Value of the commitment
- Dates that healthcare resources will be provided
- Statement that project eligibility will be based on CoC fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the healthcare service provider

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U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development  
Office of Community Planning and Development  
400 State Ave  
Room 200  
Kansas City, KS 66101

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Project Name: Anchors  
Grant Term: 01/01/2025-12/31/2025

To Whom it May Concern:

Stuber Health Center will provide healthcare services in the amount of \$28,800.00 to Young Women's Christian Association of St Joseph. This amount is equivalent to 9.8% of the total project budget of \$294,092. Our healthcare resources will be available beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Healthcare services will include:

- 4 annual visits per year per adult program participant
- 1 annual dental visit per adult program participant

Stuber Health Center acknowledges project eligibility is determined and will comply with HUD CoC program fair housing requirements. Stuber Health Center will not restrict or impose any eligibility requirements.

Young Women's Christian Association of St Joseph will keep and make available, for inspection, records documenting this contribution as required by HUD.

Sincerely,



Latha Varghese MSN, RN, NP-C  
Executive Director



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Office of Community Planning and Development  
400 State Ave  
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Kansas City, KS 66101

October 17, 2024

Project Name: Anchors

Grant Term: 01/01/2025-12/31/2025

To Whom it May Concern:

Northwest Health will provide healthcare services in the amount of \$47,500 to Young Women's Christian Association of St Joseph. This amount is equivalent to 16.2% of the total project budget of \$294,092. Our healthcare resources will be available beginning January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Healthcare services will include:

- 4 annual visits per year program participant - \$2,000 per year per participant
- 1 annual dental visit per adult program participant - \$500 per year per participant

Northwest Health acknowledges project eligibility is determined and will comply with HUD CoC program fair housing requirements. Northwest Health will not restrict or impose any eligibility requirements.

Young Women's Christian Association of St Joseph will keep and make available, for inspection, records documenting this contribution as required by HUD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Younger" with a small "se" below it.

Matt Younger, CEO

FY2024-FY2025 COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION  
ATTACHMENT: PROJECT LIST FOR OTHER  
FEDERAL STATUTES  
(Question 3C-2)

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| N/A – St. Joseph CoC is not requesting to designate one or more projects to serve families with children/youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal Statutes. | N/A         |