Before Starting the Special CoC Application

You must submit both of the following parts in order for us to consider your Special NOFO Consolidated Application complete:
  1. the CoC Application, and
 2. the CoC Priority Listing.

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  As the Collaborative Applicant, you are responsible for reviewing the following:
  1. The Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (Special NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
 2. The Special NOFO Continuum of Care (CoC) Application Detailed Instructions for Collaborative Applicants which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
 3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
 4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
 5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

  CoC Approval is Required before You Submit Your CoC's Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on behalf of your CoC.
  - 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

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

  Attachments
 Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You must upload the [Specific Attachment Name] attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.
- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with–if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.
 - We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: DC-500 - District of Columbia CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: The Community Partnership for the Prevention of

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

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

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1B-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project application submission for your CoC's local competition.	08/02/2022

1B-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected new project applications during your CoC's local competition:	
1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes

1B-3.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC inform the applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	Yes
3.	If you selected yes, for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/04/2022

1B-3a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/04/2022

1B-4.	Web Posting of the CoC-Approved Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC posted its Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or affiliate's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application, and 2. Priority Listings.	10/17/2022

2A. System Performance

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2A-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors.	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.b.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;
2.	how your CoC addresses individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time or to end homelessness for individuals and families.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The District of Columbia CoC has conducted several recent analyses to determine which risk factors lead to persons experiencing homelessness for the first time. Through these the CoC learned that most households newly experiencing homelessness – even those living with multiple factors impacting their housing stability – point to a lack of employment opportunities and affordable housing as the primary cause of their homelessness. Moreover, the District of Columbia Office of Planning estimates that over 56,000 households (12 percent of the population) pay more than 50 percent of their income for housing. The Collaborative Applicant/HMIS Lead is partnering with The Urban Institute to provide an up-to-date estimate on this figure and other housing instability indicators in Fall 2022. 2. The CoC works to at-risk households through its continued investment in prevention and diversion programming for unaccompanied youth and adults and families with children. The District Dept. of Human Services (DHS) offers several options for prevention and diversion which, through a combination of locally and federally funded sources, assisted 23,000 households facing housing instability in FY21 alone. DHS's programs provide residents in housing crises with assistance with arrearages, eviction-related fees, security deposits, and first month's rent. Prevention/diversion resources targeting persons exiting justice, foster care, and behavioral health systems are also available as are diversion resources for those newly presenting to shelter system, those returning to shelter after extended periods of time, or those who wish to be reconnected with family or friends. The DC Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) offers a Tenant Based Rental Assistance program using HOME funds that prevents homelessness and provides stability in maintaining housing, and DCHD uses local and federal funding to create, preserve, and protect affordable housing through the District's Housing Production Trust Fund. 3. DHS, DHCD, the District's Interagency Council on Homelessness (the CoC Board), the Collaborative Applicant/HMIS Lead work collectively to oversee and implement the CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time or to end homelessness for these households. Progress on this indicator is monitored through HMIS data and is determined following HUD System Performance Metrics guidelines.

2A-2.	Length of Time Homeless–Strategy to Reduce. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.c.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

To identify and support unaccompanied youth and adults and families with children experiencing homelessness the longest, and to quickly identify those newly experiencing homelessness, the CoC developed a multi-pronged strategy involving the coordinated entry system, prevention/diversion programs, housing interventions, and the housing authority. In FY22, the CoC's coordinated entry system for unaccompanied individuals put those with the longest length of time experiencing homelessness in the top priority group. The date of client ID was used as a prioritization criterion, and those with more than 3 years of homelessness were matched first. Increasing prevention and diversion resources has expanded the CoC's ability to identify those at-risk and respond. The CoC has also continued its plan to expand its use of Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and DC DHS has engaged technical assistance to strengthen providers' services in line with national best practices. The DC Housing Authority has established a system allowing voucher applicants to "self-certify" for vital documents to fast-track their applications and allow them to lease up sooner. This promises to reduce wait times and administrative burden for providers and applicants. A new shelter for the LGBT community as well as expanded work program beds at a new shelter facility are ensuring the CoC is able to meaningfully engage special populations and stratify responses based on client needs. 2. HMIS is the primary data source for tracking a family's or individual's length of time in the CoC. This is done by aggregating the days of all outreach, supportive service and coordinated entry engagements along with shelter and transitional housing stays. This information identifies which individuals and families have the longest lengths of time homeless and is used to match individuals to the appropriate housing intervention. In FY22, the CoC allowed outreach workers to support clients to attest to their length of time homeless using a variety of documentation sources, including health records, to augment the information recorded in HMIS for those receiving services from non HMIS participating agencies. To track the impact of this strategy, the CoC reviews this metric on the system and program levels quarterly. 3. The DC Dept. of Human Services (DHS), the DC Interagency Council on Homelessness, and the CoC's Collaborative Applicant/HMIS Lead oversee the CoC's strategy for reducing the length of time homeless in the CoC.

2A-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:
1.	emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and
2.	permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. By using the Housing First model through the coordinated entry system, the CoC increases permanent exit for clients in emergency shelter, safe haven, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing. Matching appropriately and respecting client choice promise to improve rates of move in and retention. Prevention/diversion, employment assistance, and PSH and affordable housing supply are also central to the CoC's strategy. Through the Project Reconnect diversion initiative, unstably housed or homeless DC residents are provided financial support and light case management to resolve their homelessness and retain housing. Additionally, In FY22, the DC budget funded more PSH resources than ever, providing housing for over 1900 individuals. All DC families entering shelter are eligible for rapid rehousing and exit assistance through the Family Rehousing and Stabilization Program (FRSP). This helps families move from shelter to scattered site housing through case management and rental support, with "step ups" to PSH or Targeted Affordable Housing (TAH) available. This allows families to remain housed if FRSP is not enough support.
2. The CoC uses funds to prevent eviction due to non-payment of rent and to alleviate landlord hesitancy as a retention strategy. Emergency rental assistance programs help households stay housed when financially pinched; landlord repair and incentive funds encourage property owners to work with those receiving housing subsidies. Additionally, the CoC has worked to glean insights from people with lived experience about what works best for the community. Members of the Consumer Engagement Workgroup of the DC Interagency Council attend policy and planning meetings across the system to inform program design and monitoring. The CoC has proposed a Deeply Affordable Housing pilot utilizing federal recovery funds for permanent housing. This includes site-based affordable housing dedicated to homeless services where tenants would pay 30% of their income. This pilot, modeled from lessons learned in locally funded TAH, offers the opportunity to test shared housing models, support clients with fixed incomes, and facilitate those pursuing education and building income while living in affordable housing.

2A-4.	Returns to Homelessness–CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC uses HMIS to monitor to identify individuals and families that have returned to the CoC. Quarterly, the CoC reviews program-level and system-wide data on persons returning to shelter after an exit to permanent housing destinations, and on a monthly basis, it reviews newly entering households' service histories. Additionally, the coordinated entry system creates a monthly by-name-list of all individuals and families engaging in services which is also used to determine who has re-entered the CoC, and allows the coordinated team to better identify the most appropriate intervention when a previous resource match ultimately resulted in a return to the CoC. 2. The CoC works to reduce returns to homelessness by using both population-based approaches and individualized reviews. Through quarterly data reviews, the CoC identifies and assesses housing providers with higher return rates and works with these providers to address internal processes that might cause high rates of return after exit. The CoC also reviews returns among subpopulations targeted for placement in specific housing resources that were ultimately unsuccessful for them. This allows the CoC the opportunity to improve service delivery at the provider-level for specific populations. Additionally, the HMIS Lead has assessed inflow patterns and surveyed participants to more fully understand causal factors for returns to homelessness to continue to inform the CoC's response. Finally, the CoC has invested in diversified affordable housing options and emergency rental assistance programs for those needing additional support after short-term financial support has ended. On an individual household level, the coordinated entry system utilizes case conferences to ensure clients who have returned are matched with a more appropriate resource for their unique needs, rather than applying a one-size-fits-all approach. Taken together, these processes have produced year-to-year reductions in rates of returns to homelessness. 3. The DC Depts. of Human Services and Housing and Community Development, the DC Interagency Council on Homelessness, and the CoC's Collaborative Applicant/HMIS Lead oversee the CoC's strategy for reducing the rate of returns to homelessness.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC uses city-wide approaches as a part of its strategy to increase employment among persons experiencing homelessness in the District. This includes leveraging public-private partnerships to increase employment opportunities and training for employment services staff to improve their ability to support participants to access and maintain employment. Key activities include: co-location of employment services at shelters and day centers; periodic cross-training between workforce and homeless services staff and partners to ensure
they understand available programs, services, and protocols of the other system; expansion of work bed programs at shelters; and providing targeted employment training and placement assistance for households matched to Rapid Rehousing programs (resources are also available to all participants in the CoC). Providers coordinate with clients to ensure they are able to work on housing and employment simultaneously, and services are designed to support those with employment barriers, such as a history of job cycling, a lack of secondary education credentials, documented history of substance abuse, a felony conviction, or basic skills deficiency. If funded the CoC will use CoC Planning resources to establish fellowships with the CoC and provider agencies for persons with lived experience of homelessness. 2. Through a partnership between Rapid Rehousing (RRH) providers and the Department of Employment Services (DOES), RRH participants are fast-tracked to training programs and open jobs from an array of private employers in DOES's network. DOES's Project Empowerment is designed to support individuals experiencing homelessness to find employment, gain skills, and increase their income. RRH providers have also added employment specialists on staff to build relationships with employers and match participants with roles that support them to retain their housing upon the end of the RRH subsidy. Additionally, the public library has a job seekers program to provide support with resume writing, conducting job searches, and completing applications online. 3. Leading these efforts are the District Depts. of Employment Services (DOES), Human Services (DHS), Behavioral Health (DBH), and Housing and Community Development (DHCD), as well as the District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness, and the Collaborative Applicant/HMIS. Other entities involved include: the DC Public Library, the University of the District of Columbia, and other mainstream employment agencies.

2A-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase non-employment cash income;	
2.	your CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and	

	3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Homeward DC 2.0, the CoC's strategic plan to end homelessness, is clear: regardless of employment status, all participants in the CoC deserve increased economic security. Quarterly, the CoC reviews providers' performance on increasing non-employment cash income as well as maintenance of that income for participants in PSH programs. The CoC ensures all providers have the requisite information for determining resource eligibility, shortening intake processes, and reinforcing early and consistent access to benefits for participants. 2. The expansion of SOAR teams has been central to expanding access to non-employment income across the District. These specially trained staff help participants navigate the SSI/SSDI application process. Locally funded programs are contractually required to have SOAR specialists integrated into their services ensuring access for all clients across the CoC. Additionally, any family household not connected to TANF resources are assisted at intake to connect with those benefits. The District, led by DHS and DC Dept. of Health Care Finance, are working to launch the Housing Supportive Services (HSS) Medicaid benefit approved to begin in 2022. This will enable DC to use Medicaid monies, instead of local funding, to pay for permanent supportive housing (PSH) services. For families and individuals not eligible for Medicaid, PSH services for non-HUD funded programming will continue to be covered under the local funding. This will enable the District to redirect local savings into additional programming for consumers. The District is exploring additional incentives for families and individuals to increase successful permanent housing exits, case management goals and lease up.

2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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2B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Sections VII.B.3.a.(1)	

	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:
1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted–including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The DC Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) is the CoC board and includes the Mayor's cabinet, providers, advocates, and persons with lived experience of homelessness. Voting members serve 3-year terms, but all meetings are open to the public. The Office of Boards & Commissions works to fill vacancies by posting electronically and communication read in ICH meetings. ICH reviews applications and selects candidates for appointment by the Mayor. Co-chairs for each ICH committee include a local government representative and one community stakeholder. 2. To ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities, the Office of Disability Rights provides sign language interpretation and ICH staff ensures that written meeting materials are in accessible formats and are available online. 3. The CoC includes persons with lived experience of homelessness in CoC activities and, by law, has seats on the CoC board for unhoused or formerly homeless persons. ICH does outreach through its public invitation and nomination to identify individuals who are interested in serving as CoC members. Beyond the official voting membership, persons with lived experience are involved in the CoC's consumer-specific workgroups and in all other ICH committees which are open to the public at large. 4. ICH's work around equity and inclusion includes the Race Equity and Inclusion Work Group (REWG) which prioritizes these objectives: a) Convene an expert task force to review homeless services system operations through a race equity lens, focusing on issues such as leadership, decision-making, access to services, and quality of care to identify and address systemic inequities; b) Develop and implement a race equity impact assessment tool to promote system- and provider-level examination of how different racial and ethnic groups may be affected by policies and programming; and c) Develop an affordable housing policy statement that quantifies the District's scope of need for housing assistance and an equitable process for allocating a finite number of resources. The REWG is co-chaired by a representative from the Mayor's Office on Race Equity to align ICH priorities with the District's broader equity plan. To ensure that meetings and materials are accessible to persons with no or limited English proficiency, ICH provides interpretation services and translated material. Moreover, the ICH targets organizations serving culturally specific communities when filling vacancies.

2B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(3)	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information; and
3.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The DC Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) is the CoC governance board and was established in 2005. As noted in 2B-2., membership includes the Mayor's cabinet, non-profits, advocates, providers, and persons with lived experience. The ICH consists of five standing committees and numerous subcommittees and workgroups. Each committee has voting members, but all open to the public which ensures that opinions from a broad array of stakeholders and perspectives are included and considered as a part of the ICH's work. Workgroups include sessions focused on consumer engagement, shelter conditions, race equity, youth, veterans, and families, and topical issues that change over time. Committees are co-chaired by a government representative and community member furthering the diversity of voices in both committee membership and leadership around the table. 2. ICH Committee and Workgroup meetings are virtual (video or phone call) and meeting materials, including discussions and decisions made during the meeting, are sent out electronically and posted online. When soliciting feedback the ICH uses its existing meetings, schedules special sessions, or solicits information through electronic surveys. For instance, during its strategic planning efforts, ICH held over 40 public community meetings to ensure community feedback and input for the plan was as comprehensive as possible. 3. The Committee and Workgroup structure and associated slate of meetings provide forums for noting system improvement needs or to brainstorm on new approaches. The regular nature of these meetings also helps incorporate a feedback loop into the process as co-chairs are tasked with follow up on issues raised until they are resolved or with establishing workgroups to delve deeper into issues that will need to be addressed over time. Most existing subcommittees and workgroups originated this way and have resulted in positive changes such as improved food options at shelter, moving from overnight only to 24-hour shelter services, and interventions like Bridge Housing (which provides a place for individuals to stay once they are matched to a housing resource but are waiting to physically move into the unit space associated with their RRH or PSH placement), all of which originated as feedback made through ICH meetings.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Upon HUD's release of the CoC and Supplemental NOFOs, the Collaborative Applicant (CA) publicly announced it was seeking proposals from providers in response to the opportunities. Communication was sent via email, posted on social media, and announced in August CoC meetings. 2. To ensure that applications are received from a variety of entities, the Collaborative Applicant (CA) announces funding opportunities to currently funded homeless services providers, non-funded providers, newly formed entities, and to stakeholders from the District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), which serves as the CoC Board. The CA also advertises funding opportunities to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Mid-Atlantic Regional HMIS Group to solicit project applications. 3. All providers notified that proposals for the Supplemental NOFO must be received by September 20, 2022, and ultimately submitted to the CA electronically via SmartSheet for review by the ICH's Ranking Committee. The CA & ICH held informational sessions on the NOFO as well as trainings on completing application materials in a recorded, virtual setting to ensure that organizations could review materials at any time. 4. Applications received were given to the ICH's Ranking Committee for review, approval, and ranking. The CoC established a Ranking Committee of non-conflicted proposal reviewers who are not affiliated with any entity applying for funding in the Competition. The Ranking Committee considers proposals' congruency with the solicitation's requirements, HUD's threshold criteria, the project's budget, the provider's expertise and the project's alignment with local & federal priorities when making a selection. Following the FY 2021 CoC NOFO debrief, the CA solicited feedback from the community and CoC about the kinds of programs the CoC should fund using future opportunities for new funding as they arise. The CoC's Family System Work Group, Consumer Engagement Work Group, the DC Collaborative on Human Services & Domestic Violence, and the Youth Action Board all provided feedback as a part of this effort. 5. During these sessions the CA provided American Sign Language interpretation and prepared meeting and follow up materials in accessible formats such as providing documents written in larger fonts.

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

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2C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

	In the chart below:
1.	select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with Planning or Operations of Projects
1.	Funding Collaboratives	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.	DV Housing providers, consumer and youth boards, outreach/drop-in centers, and advocates	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The District of Columbia Department of Human Services (DHS) is the CoC's ESG recipient. DHS is the primary local funder of services for persons experiencing homelessness and is a voting member of the DC Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), which is the CoC's Board. ICH is responsible for the coordination of federal homeless assistance resources allocated to the District. DHS consults with the CoC on the ESG allocation including evaluating sub-recipients with support from the CoC's HMIS Lead. ESG funds support local prevention and rapid rehousing activities, an allocation structure based on CoC decisions about the most strategic use of the funds. 2. The CoC's ESG allocation primarily funds family rapid rehousing and the CoC has engaged in system-wide modeling exercises, using data from the CoC's HMIS and HMIS comparable databases (for DV programs), to evaluate grant-funded activities and performance of subrecipients. This evaluation of the grant and its sub recipients include quarterly reviews of whether households receiving ESG assistance remained housed after the assistance ended to determine the effectiveness of the grant in targeting households for assistance. ESG subrecipients receive a quarterly report from the HMIS Lead outlining their performance; these reports are also shared with DHS for internal evaluation as well. 3. ESG-funded providers are all required to use the HMIS to capture data about clients served in ESG-funded programs. This data is used to incorporate ESG data in the CoC's PIT count and Housing Inventory Count. This information is shared with the District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the entity which prepares the Consolidated Plan for the CoC. 4. The CoC, the HMIS Lead and DHS also provide program and system-level performance information and information on the scope of homelessness in the jurisdiction to DHCD to inform updates to the Consolidated Plan and broader system planning. DHCD, in return, has confirmed that CoC NOFO Project Listing is consistent with the CoC's Consolidated Plan.

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

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

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

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

	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the entities your CoC collaborates with:	
1.	Youth Education Provider	Yes
2.	State Education Agency (SEA)	Yes
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Yes
4.	School Districts	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The State Education Agency (SEA) for the CoC, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), is a voting member of the CoC Board and participates in the CoC's Youth Committee. An MOU between OSSE and the Collaborative Applicant/HMIS Lead allows for bi-directional data sharing between the SEA and the CoC; which, by extension, facilitates coordination with the 60+ LEAs, also known locally as school districts, comprising the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and each charter school. Collaboration exists at different points throughout both the education system and the CoC. This agreement: 1) assists McKinney-Vento Liaisons at each charter or DCPS school with identifying students whose families are receiving services through CoC programs but are unknown to schools; 2) provides the CoC with data on students experiencing homelessness, resulting in improved estimates on service need; and 3) facilitates ongoing coordination between the school system and the CoC with a goal of improving educational outcomes for students experiencing homelessness. The Department of Human Services (DHS), a voting member of the CoC Board, also has a standing MOU with the SEA which allows them to work closely with DCPS' Families and Youth in Transition Program which provides coordination and support to all the Homeless Liaisons across the DC Public School System. DHS provides DC LEA's annual training to inform Liaisons about resources for youth experiencing homelessness including emergency shelter for youth under 18 and a variety of housing programs for youth 18-24. For homeless youth interested in college, DHS partners with the LEA and the DC Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) to identify college opportunities and to pursue financial assistance. Proof of Homeless letters can be obtained from the Homeless Liaisons to assist youth in identifying funding to support their college education.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Office of the State Superintendent for Education (OSSE) is the State Education Agency (SEA) for the DC and the home of DC's Homeless Education Program (HEP). The HEP ensures that every child and youth experiencing homelessness receives free, appropriate, public educational opportunities; provides training and support to schools, shelters and the community; and increases awareness about the issues experienced by children, youth and families experiencing homelessness. The DC Dept. of Human Services (DHS) is the primary local funder of homeless services, including services for minors and youth. Both agencies are voting members of the CoC Board and have coordinated on educational policies and procedures for staff at the CoC's central family intake facility operated by DHS. Case managers at family shelters track students' attendance through a secure OSSE system and assist families in transportation and other supports, as needed. DHS's policy is that when households present at central intake, staff must ensure that children are enrolled in school and/or with the McKinney-Vento program and facilitate warm handoffs to OSSE, as necessary. Additionally, OSSE and the Collaborative Applicant/HMIS Lead have a bi-directional MOU which is used to match the CoC's record of students experiencing homelessness (via HMIS) with OSSE's list of students who are receiving McKinney-Vento educational services. Through a secured database set up by OSSE that includes monthly updates from the CoC, liaisons at each school within DCPS and the charter system have access to the list of students enrolled in their school and currently residing in a CoC program, assisting them to identify any student eligible, but not yet enrolled, in educational supports. OSSE has trained liaisons on procedures for targeting families who have been identified by the CoC and on coordinating with CoC case managers for additional support. OSSE also operates the DC ReEngagement Center (REC), which is a "single door" through which youth ages 16-24 who are not enrolled in school can reconnect to educational options and other critical services to support their attainment of a high school diploma or GED. The DC REC, through their case management team, creates educational plans for youth that support the reenrollment process (e.g., collecting required documents and connecting to resources that will address reconnection barriers); and provides ongoing support for at least one year once re-enrolled.

2C-5.	Mainstream Resources–CoC Training of Project Staff. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

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

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

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

		Describe in the field below how your CoC:
	1.	systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
	2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance;
	3.	provides assistance to project staff with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits; and
	4.	works with projects to promote SOAR certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Dept. of Human Services (DHS) the ESG recipient & its Economic Security Administration (ESA) runs the CoC's employment assistance programs, including SNAP Employment/Training & TANF Employment Program. It manages TANF, Medical Assistance, SNAP, Child Care Subsidy, Burial Assistance, Interim Disability Assistance (IDA), Parent & Adolescent Support Services (PASS) & Refugee Cash Assistance. ESA's Food Stamp Employment & Training Program (FSET) provides employment & training services to adults who receive SNAP. Providers are required to attend a quarterly case management training which includes information on local & federal mainstream benefits programs & the application & recertification process. DHS worked with the Calling All Sectors Initiative (CASI) to coordinate & provide health care services & homeless services for pregnant individuals within the first & second trimester. CASI is a project supported by a grant from the Health Impact Project, a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation & The Pew Charitable Trusts. CASI collaborating partners include the PHA & public health agency. The initiative is coordinating homeless services between shelters & health providers. DHS collaborates with the Dept of Behavioral Health (DBH) to ensure residents being served by the CoC have access to appropriate behavioral health services & substance use treatment as needed. Regular training is provided for staff in CoC programs on how to access DBH services, which is centralized through the Access HelpLine, which is a 24-hour telephone line staffed by behavioral health professionals. The Access Helpline can activate immediate help or ensure connection to ongoing care. Additionally, DHS contracted street outreach teams work closely with the DBH outreach teams to ensure unsheltered residents are accessing behavioral health services. DHS teams with DBH & other agencies, such as the child welfare agency, to coordinate services for residents in permanent housing programs. The CoC implemented SOAR Works, an initiative designed to increase access to SSI/SSDI for eligible adults who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness & have a mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder. Provider staff attend SOAR training to ensure that clients are connected with these resources. SOAR-trained providers are connected with SOAR TA Center Liaisons & Local SOAR Leads if they need assistance in making connections to SSA & DDS offices.

3A. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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3A-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects. (Rural Set Aside Only).	
	Special NOFO Section VII.A.	

If the answer to the question below is yes, you must upload the CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project(s) under the Rural Set Aside for housing rehabilitation or new construction costs?	No

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

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

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

3B-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	
	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below:	
1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and	
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.	

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Not applicable.

Attachment Details

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Submission Summary

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