

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: NJ-500 - Atlantic City & County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Atlantic County

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	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)	Yes	Yes	Yes
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	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)			
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By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Atlantic CoC membership was open to all individuals & organizations interested in ending homelessness for the community. Requests for membership was posted annually but also announced at all CoC general & subcommittee meetings & are encouraged throughout the year. New organizations were routinely invited to participate in CoC meetings. To become a voting member, interested parties submitted a request to the CoC Lead Staff on a rolling basis and the new membership took effect immediately.

General Body and Executive Board meetings were held virtually & are accessible by video & phone. Virtual meetings were equipped with closed caption and chat features for any participants that needed support with their communication style. All members in the CoC & community were encouraged to join. Meeting minutes, agendas, agency notices & committee updates presented were available electronically in PDF accessible format & hard copies were readily accessible to those who need access to that information. Word documents & video recordings were available upon request.

The CoC worked with non-profit providers serving homeless or formerly homeless individuals to identify & encourage participation in the CoC planning process from those persons who may be able to provide greater insight on the needs of those experiencing homelessness. The CoC had active participation from culturally specific groups on the Executive Board & the subcommittee meetings throughout the year. The CoC hosted focus groups from persons with lived experience of homelessness during the year. The participants represented a wide range of demographics in age, gender, race, & sexual identity & subpopulations including DV, Veterans, & Youths. The Atlantic County Lived Experience Advisory Board was created by the focus groups participants & formally added as a CoC subcommittee in August 2023.

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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The CoC held public quarterly membership meetings & monthly subcommittee meetings which brought together a variety of stakeholders to discuss new programs, client engagement, as well as data collection & system outcomes. The CoC Executive Board met bimonthly & engaged community stakeholders in the CoC planning process to understand the community need from a variety of perspectives. These meetings were advertised in the local newspaper as well.

General Body and Executive Board meetings held virtually were accessible by video & phone. Virtual meetings were equipped with closed caption and chat features for any participants that needed support with their communication style. At times, subcommittees convened in-person & offered a hybrid format to increase accessibility. Meeting minutes, agendas, agency notices, presentations, & committee updates provided were available electronically in PDF accessible format & hard copies are readily accessible to those who need access to that information. Word documents & video recordings were available upon request.

The CoC regularly engaged with members & made to developed recommendations in specific areas when needs were identified. For example, the CoC held several meetings with County & City partners that were administering the HOME-ARP program. Information was collected from the CoC agencies to identify community priorities & recommendations for which project types should be funded. Based on the feedback from various stakeholders, the County developed a plan to expand funding supportive services & affordable housing in the community.

Inspired by the Unsheltered NOFO, Atlantic County & City government, & other community members also joined together and began creating a strategic plan for addressing unsheltered homelessness in the community. This meeting sparked a conversation to consider having another emergency shelter which would aimed at connecting unsheltered households to shelter & housing & services using a low barrier approach.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The request for new & renewal applications for the FY2023 competition was posted on the CoC website & sent out an email via the CoC listserv on May 30, 2023. The CoC lead hosted a technical assistance (TA) session on June 5, 2023, for new & renewal agencies interested in applying for funding. The CoC lead & staff were available to answer questions from agencies interested in applying. The meeting was recorded & the recording, along with the presentation of the session were available to the community. Non-CoC funded agencies were encouraged to attend the meeting & apply for funding. There were 3 new agencies which applied for funds in the 2023 local selection process.

During the TA session, new & renewal agencies interested in applying for funds were informed about the CoC funding priorities, eligible activities, target populations, application process, priorities & scoring criteria. The application was due on June 21, 2023. Applications were accepted electronically through the Survey Monkey Apply Portal.

The CoC & 2022 HUD priorities were reviewed with the attendees. Local priorities included increasing local RRH projects & 10 points were awarded for this project type on new applications. Scoring & ranking was also discussed with interested agencies during the TA session & the CoC & staff. This information was also made also public on the CoC website. In the project review process both new & renewal applicants submitted a proposal which detailed the project, services, & budget. New projects were scored on a scale of maximum of 100 points while renewal projects were scored on a scale of maximum of 200 points (proposal, monitoring, program performance, housing first). All project scores were reflected as a percentage of the total points for the project type (new or renewal). In this way, new projects & renewal projects had equal opportunity for funding.

Funding priorities, project applications, & scoring tools were available as accessible pdf attachments via CoC listserv, electronically on the CoC website & hard copies were available to those who needed access to that information.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC received ESG funding from the statewide program operated by New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA). NJDCA (a member of the CoC and funded agency), administered the ESG program for programs in Atlantic County. The State offered several opportunities for feedback on proposed uses of ESG funds sending out funding priorities via email to CoC Leads, accepting public comment by email, & hosting conference calls & meetings to discuss the ESG & ESG-CV programs. Members of the Executive Board & the CoC Lead participated in CoC specific comment meetings to discuss NJDCA's proposed funding priorities for the ESG program & ways to increase coordination between the state & CoC lead agencies.

NJDCA & Jewish Family Services (the CoC funded the coordinated entry agency) collaborated to implement the rapid rehousing program for homeless households using ESG-CV funds. From this partnership 82 households from our community were approved for a voucher through this housing initiative & 50 housed.

All projects operating in the region were evaluated according to the local CoC performance standards. Both CoC & ESG funded projects had to demonstrate high levels of performance including adhering to housing first models & goals to reduce homelessness in the region in their written plans. The CoC Lead and staff met with recipients when performance issues were identified in the attempt to maintain CoC standards.

CoC provided Point-in-Time (PIT) & Housing Inventory Count (HIC) to DCA, the Statewide ESG recipient, to address homelessness within the County. CoC priorities, strategies, & data were shared upon request with the con-plan jurisdictions in the region.

The CoC provided letters of support to projects requesting funding through NJDCA ESG. The CoC Executive Board reviewed all letters of support to ensure projects are in line with local homeless priorities before issuing letters of support. Through this process, the CoC supported many programs such as the Homelessness Prevention Program administered through Catholic Charities of Camden & Jewish Family Services. Also, the Atlantic County Community Development Dept. utilized PIT & HIC data for their HOME-ARP plan.

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	No
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers.	No

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC Executive Board members attend local educational meetings to inform them of the services available through the CoC, how to access the process, & to encourage their participation in the planning process.

The homeless programs serving youth in the region connect with the homeless liaison representatives in the school's youth to inform them of the current needs of those youth & ensure they have access to educational services. The Children's Interagency Coordinating Council (CIACC) is a partnership between school, local leaders, state officials, service providers & families to address the needs of children who require specialized support, including homeless resources. Resources are shared at the CIACC meetings and are distributed to CoC members that participate actively in CIACC. Additionally, the CoC members connects to the Regional McKinney-Vento homeless liaisons to share housing & education services for homeless youth.

The CoC reviews program policies during project monitoring for all CoC funded programs to ensure they are addressing the needs of youth in their programs. Atlantic County also partners with Center for Family Services in their Head Start Program located in Egg Harbor Township. In this program, Atlantic County youth &/or families that identify as experiencing homeless or at risk for homelessness are referred to the SPOE or welfare office for housing & service assistance. Another partner in the community is Stockton University which provides higher education to the community. They have also partnered with several CoC agencies such as AtlanticCare and Jewish Family Services to host discussions and conduct research on homelessness.

The CoC continues to develop formalized planning arrangements that will include regular meetings & cross-trainings to ensure programs & schools can adequately address the needs of school aged youth experiencing homelessness. As some CoC partners such as AtlantiCare and AVANZAR have developed formal agreements with education providers, they will be key players to strengthen those connections between the CoC and other education agencies.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has adopted a policy requiring any agency providing services to households with school aged children to address the educational needs of the children in the household. Community agencies may fulfill this requirement by ensuring agency case managers are trained in the educational responsibilities & entitlements provided through the McKinney Vento legislation, or they connect students to community providers equipped to address their educational needs. All sheltering programs serving school aged youth are required to reach out to the school to inform them of the change in the household housing status & ensure the school district accommodates the student if they choose to continue their education there.

The Youth provider, Covenant House New Jersey (CHNJ), assists with the immediate needs of youth experiencing homelessness and linking them to critical services. CHNJ also connects with youth by presenting at committee meetings, community centers, events, and schools. The team visits schools and attends community events several times a year to hand out flyers and postcards (in English and Spanish) with information on CHNJ programs and to receive information about educational opportunities for their clients. Additionally, the CoC is working on developing a partnership between NJ211 & local McKinney-Vento homeless liaisons to expedite homeless families for assistance & connect them to the single point of entry & social services.

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

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated in Question 1C-5 to:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Atlantic County Human Trafficking (ACHT) subcommittee began with a focus to help households experiencing human trafficking but has expanded to include partners serving other VAWA defined households. The committee regularly provides input to the Executive Board and the CoC full board. The CoC body provided feedback to the ACHT subcommittee on victim center services in the community. The Executive Board has used feedback from the CoC to endorse the ACHT networking & resources guide. The guide includes information on the types of populations agencies serve such as DV, HT, or both, evidence-based approach(es) utilized by the agencies, data collection programs utilized & resources for temporary & permanent housing.

The ACHT committee, which includes AVANZAR the state funded Domestic Violence agency for the region and New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking, use this resource guide to standardize the approach for survivors accessing the Atlantic County homeless system. This guide is available to all CoC members, Victim Service Providers, housing agencies & clients in need of specialized services.

ACHT provides semi-annual trainings to CoC members & other attendees, on understanding the needs of households that are defined by VAWA & the impact of trauma & safety planning. They also share quarterly updates with the CoC members at meetings.

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

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

1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and
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2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).
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AVANZAR, the designated state funded Domestic Violence program for the region, is a member of the CoC Executive Board & a funded CoC agency. In this role, AVANZAR assists the CoC in understanding & addressing the needs of survivors of domestic violence & other households under the VAWA definition. AVANZAR conducts trainings on working with DV survivors, safety planning, trauma informed care, cultural awareness, & anti-racism trainings for agencies on a regular basis working in both small sessions as well as larger community meetings.

To further bolster evidence-based practices, the CoC has supported the creation of the Atlantic County Human Trafficking (ACHT) subcommittee. This group includes funded agencies like Jewish Family Services (JFS), AVANZAR, HR Recovery, & Covenant House & other members like AtlantiCare, & Atlantic County. This group provides semi-annual trainings to CoC members & other attendees, on understanding the needs of survivors of human trafficking, VAWA households & the impact of trauma & safety planning. This committee continues to work to standardize the approach for survivors & providers utilizing services & in need of housing.

The Single Point of Entry (SPOE) operated by JFS, implements the coordinated entry program for households experiencing DV & other populations under VAWA. Clients' needs are met with a focused trauma informed & victim-centered approach. This process is ensuring confidentiality, safety, & respect for those fleeing violence. SPOE DV staff work closely with AVANZAR & other agencies serving populations under VAWA. The SPOE DV staff have mandatory & ongoing trainings for evidence-based practices related to victim services. The staff consists of clinical Supervisors who are certified in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. JFS has expertise in trauma informed & victim-centered approaches & are the area's largest counseling providers. SPOE DV staff are therapists trained in evidence-based models of trauma treatment, including Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Prolonged Exposure Therapy (PE), & EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing). The specialized Coordinated Entry approach emphasizes strengths, & this is central to all interactions, assessments, & goal planning with participants.

1C-5c.	Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
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NOFO Section V.B.1.e.

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

1.	safety planning protocols; and
2.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Persons seeking assistance are encouraged to begin their access through the SPOE administered by Jewish Family Services (JFS). Potential clients can access the SPOE in-person, through the hotline, or through a referring agency. DV or VAWA defined households identified as experiencing homelessness or having a housing crisis via SPOE are immediately referred to the SPOE DV program staff & assessed for safety risk. To ensure a warm transfer, the staff will call AVANZAR & other victim service providers (VSP) once verbal consent from the client is given. Clients are offered a secured line to speak with the VSP. If they present to the SPOE in person, there are private booths for the clients to use when discussing their needs. All known rental options will be offered to client & ultimate choice will be client centered.

JFS & AVANZAR offer trauma-informed services centered around empowerment & client choice. DV clients are provided with the option to engage in the services they feel most comfortable with. For instance, high risk households may choose to connect with VSPs for specialized services while those with low risk are connected to other providers for shelter. DV families have access to other services provided by AVANZAR which include advocacy, counseling, safety planning & other services. VSP that connect with clients typically work to create a safety plan will be created with the survivor to ensure safety of the survivor & volunteers. The safety plan typically includes identifying events or behaviors that may lead to an unsafe scenario, identifying safety alerts &/or protocols to follow which are customized for the individual needs & abilities should any of the unsafe issues occur.

The CoC has a separate streamlined process where DV survivors can provide de-identified data to be added to the CoC's housing prioritization list. The SPOE DV project in HMIS is locked & cannot be viewed by any outside entities & other participating HMIS agencies. The supervisor monitors access internally to operationalize the Minimum Necessary Standard. This is an internal step to see that the client's personal information is only accessed by the minimum staff necessary to complete the needed task. Coordinated Assessment data is key for the CoC to understand whether the system resources are addressing survivor household needs timely & safely in real-time. This enables continued client confidentiality & safety while still linking the client to PH.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

AVANZAR, the state designated DV provider in the region and CoC funded agency, utilizes a HMIS comparable data collection software as recommended by the NJDV Collaborative. Data from this software is securely managed with all reports provided in aggregate with de-identified client information. HR Recovery uses Foothold Technology & obtains consent from the client & manages information in a secure databased. Any data with the intent to share for purposes of improvement of product, services & delivery is de-identified. The SPOE DV agency Jewish Family Services, (JFS) follows the funding requirements for using Foothold Technology to collect data. To ensure confidentiality, the project in HMIS is locked & cannot be viewed by any outside entities & other participating HMIS agencies. The supervisor monitors access internally to operationalize the Minimum Necessary Standard. This is an internal step to see that the clients, personal information is only accessed by the minimum staff necessary to complete the needed task.

AVANZAR regularly evaluates data from the programming to identify any obstacles to service delivery & safety as well as successes. This continuous evaluation assists in providing successful client centered, trauma responsive services. They evaluate quarterly statistics, client evaluations of programming, client service summaries & any other data pertinent to get a full picture of trends in service, whether positive or negative. A yearly SWOT analysis is completed in each program & then agency wide to identify successes & challenges & plans for change.

AVANZAR, JFS, & HR Recovery along with other related provider (such as Covenant House, Salvation Army, & Atlantic County Board of Social Services) participate in the annual PIT count helping to ensure all households experiencing homelessness due to DV are included in the count & subsequent analysis of homelessness in the region.

The PIT report includes a section on the DV population experiencing homelessness & examines household composition, demographics such as gender, age, race, ethnicity, disabling conditions, income sources, length of time homeless & episodes of homelessness. The CoC evaluates PIT & HMIS data to better understand trends in the DV population experiencing homelessness & their needs.

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1C-5e.	Implemented Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:

1.	whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and
3.	the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.

(limit 2,500 characters)

With the guidance of victim service providers in the community, the CoC adopted an Emergency Plan. This CoC policy advises housing providers to “work with the SPOE to provide reasonable accommodations” if a household is in crisis.

To request an emergency transfer, the client notifies the CoC funded agency’s management office & submits a written or verbal request for a transfer. The CoC funded agency will connect with the SPOE DV to provide reasonable accommodations to this policy clients. The CoC-funded agency will act as quickly as possible to move a client who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to another unit, subject to availability & safety of a unit within the agency’s portfolio, to another housing provider within or connected to the CoC.

The CoC funded agency may connect the client to services offered by JFS & AVANZAR offer trauma-informed services centered around empowerment & client choice. While the CoC is responding to the transfer request, DV clients are provided with the option to engage in the services they feel most comfortable with. For instance, high risk households may choose to connect with AVANZAR for specialized services while those with low risk are connected other providers for shelter. All families with a DV need, have access to services provided by AVANZAR which includes advocacy, counseling, safety planning & other services. SPOE DV & AVANZAR work with households to identify housing that best fits their needs & addresses their safety concerns. With a housing navigator on staff with the SPOE program, DV households & the CoC funded agency can work with the housing navigator to be rehoused quickly and safely.

The CoC will continue work with SPOE & other victim service providers to effectively implement the adopted Emergency Transfer plan.

1C-5f.	Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC’s geographic area; and
2.	proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Atlantic County Human Trafficking (ACHT) subcommittee created the ACHT networking & resources guide. The guide includes information on the types of populations agencies serve such as DV, HT, or both, resources for temporary & permanent housing, & legal services that clients might need to access. This guide is available to all CoC members, Victim Service Providers, local law enforcement agencies, housing agencies & clients in need of services. Community partners use the guide to identify housing opportunities and resources for VAWA defined clients.

DV survivors have an opportunity to connect with the DV specific single point of entry program being operated by Jewish Family Services. JFS has expertise in trauma informed & victim-centered approaches. These trained staff work with clients to assess their needs & add clients to the CoC's housing prioritization list. De-identified data is provided to CoC Lead staff to be included in the CoC's Housing Prioritization List.

The CoC and members of the Data committee identify barriers to housing and the length of homeless by reviewing HMIS data and engaging with CoC client. In response, the single point of entry program now includes a housing navigator. This new role will fill a gap & will quickly move individuals & families into permanent housing & will reduce the time it takes persons in crisis to obtain housing. Assisting clients to find the right housing match will promote stability & allow for the use of new voucher opportunities coming through COVID pandemic recovery efforts. The housing navigator will also assist in supporting survivors in obtaining safe housing. This enables continued client confidentiality & safety while still linking the client to PH.

1C-5g.	Ensuring Survivors With a Range of Lived Expertise Participate in Developing CoC-Wide Policy and Programs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	ensured survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your CoC-wide policy and programs; and	
2.	accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC recently established the Atlantic County Lived Experience Advisory Board (ACLEAB) which is inclusive of persons with varied experiences of homelessness and also subpopulations such as domestic violence and human trafficking. The Advisory Board met monthly, and members attended both full CoC meeting and are voting members of the Executive Board. This members of the ACLEAB collaborated with CoC members to review CoC policies, processes, and programs to determine improvements and ensure they accounted for the needs of all DV households experiencing homelessness.

The CoC acknowledged that the ACLEAB members have unique experiences and provided trainings on specific topics such as intersectionality, committee work, and creating safe spaces. These trainings were offered to assist the members of the ACLEAB while they participated in developing CoC policies and are integrated in the CoC planning process. In addition to the CoC AVANZAR, HR Recovery, and Covenant House, created a space for VAWA defined households to have direct input in the services they receive and how projects are operated. These agencies were part of the CoC planning conversations and committees. They provided insight on the needs and necessary services for VAWA defined households, this included input in CoC wide policies, such as the emergency transfer plan policy.

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC reviews CoC policies annually & makes updates as needed. The CoC solicits feedback from stakeholders through general body & subcommittee meetings. Also, CoC agencies are members of other community boards & present feedback from those groups as it relates to anti-discrimination practices.

CoC members have access to attend fair housing rules in New Jersey including the state’s new fair chance in housing act prohibiting the use of criminal background checks in tenancy reviews & the state’s anti-discrimination law as it relates to housing. These trainings are held by the NJ Dept of Consumer Affairs. Also, AtlantiCare, an essential partner, is familiar with providing equitable services through healthcare & has done internal trainings on Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (JEDI). The CoC has a goal to partner with AtlantiCare to adopt their JEDI model in the homeless system for a more equitable system for all populations.

The CoC conducts on site programs program monitoring for funded agencies. During this process, the CoC reviews agency’s policy & procedures, admission process, intake forms, & grievances policy to ensure they are aligned with the CoC’s anti-discrimination policies. If gaps are identified, the CoC provides recommendations to the agency. The CoC aims to have agencies not only aligned with the housing first model but also have compliance with regulations including anti-discrimination & Equal Access policies.

To address non-compliance with the CoC’s policies, the CoC provides the agency with assistance to develop the appropriate processes for serving the targeted population homelessness. The CoC will strengthen their anti-discrimination policies by reviewing current policies with the Atlantic County Lived Experience Advisory Board and revise the policies based on their recommendations.

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

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs	7%	Yes-Both	Yes
Pleasantville Housing Authority	11%	Yes-HCV	No

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC continues to maintain a strong partnership with NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) & Pleasantville Housing Authorities. Both NJDCA & Pleasantville Housing Authority have preferences for households experiencing domestic violence & Pleasantville also includes a Veterans preference.

Most recently the CoC has partnered with the NJDCA, to provide permanent housing to Atlantic County residents experiencing homelessness using Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV). The housing authorities readily worked with the CoC to accept the referrals that were prioritized through the SPOE which were primarily comprised of literally homeless households. 27 homeless households in Atlantic County received vouchers through the EHV partnership. Additionally, to assist households receiving housing vouchers, the NJDCA housing authority partnered with Jewish Family Services (a CoC & SPOE partner) to implement the Document Access & Support for Housing (DASH) program. DASH has helped to reduce length of time homeless by providing documentation assistance, housing preparation case management for DCA administered Housing Choice Voucher lottery selectees that indicated homelessness their pre-application.

The Pleasantville Housing Authority is an active CoC partner & supports its mission to end homelessness in the region. The CoC has supported the housing authority in its expansion for mainstream vouchers & its participation in the Move to Work Demonstration Program. The SPOE has referred eligible households to mainstream vouchers made available through the Pleasantville Housing Authority. The CoC continues to be in discussion with Atlantic City & Pleasantville Housing Authorities to have a homeless preference & to collaborate in the Moving On Initiative.

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

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

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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In the chart below, indicate if your CoC includes units from the following PHA programs in your CoC's coordinated entry process:

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

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness. 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
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	Mainstream

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

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

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

Name of PHA: New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs

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

Name of PHA: Atlantic City Housing Authority

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	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 2023 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 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC evaluates new & renewal projects to ensure they commit to the Housing First (HF) approach. During the CoC local selection process all applicants (new & renewal) are asked about their HF approaches. For new & renewal applicants, they must describe the strategies they will use to move clients quickly into PH, reduce returns to homelessness, & increase stability & retention in PH. These questions also align with the CoC mission to use system performance measures for planning purposes. The new applicants must describe their housing admission & eviction criteria. Applicants with renewal & new projects are requested to provide information as to whether they will screen out potential referrals for the following: having too little or no income, active or history or substance abuse, criminal record with exception for state-mandated restrictions, & history of DV. They are also asked to identify if they have the following criteria are reasons for termination: failure to participate in supportive services, failure to make a service plan, loss of income or failure to improve income, being a victim of DV, or any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project’s geographic area.

Outside of the local selection competition, CoC funded agencies are monitored and the Monitoring and Review Committee evaluates the program policies & procedures to ensure they align with the HF Model. Onsite monitoring also consists of reviewing the program’s access and connection to coordinated entry, services promoting client choice, housing provision, and lease arrangements through a housing first lens.

Additionally, the CoC collects & analyzes HMIS data during monitoring to determine if participants are being discharged to temporary housing situations or back to homelessness to ensure termination from the project is contradictory to the HF Model. Moving forward, the Data committee and new CoC data analyst will evaluate program for quickly moving households into PH from the housing prioritization list & tracking the number of admissions & denials across the operating period. This will allow the CoC to identify agencies adhering to HF guidelines and those that may be at risk of non-compliance.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC street outreach includes the police (ACPD), Volunteers of America (VOA), Hope One, & Jewish Family Services (JFS). The CoC also works with agencies from the transit police (NJTPD), the county courts, hospitals, drop-in centers, & volunteer outreach teams (OT)s organized by citizens for expanding street outreach. The CoC's street outreach teams cover 100% of the CoC's geographic area & provide outreach services 24/7. OTs consisting of persons with lived experience & bilingual service providers reach the most vulnerable households across Atlantic County.

The local courts tell the OT when known homeless persons are incarcerated & work with providers to help connect them to services. AtlantiCare, identifies homeless persons entering the ER or accessing crisis mental health (MH) /substance abuse (SA) services & promptly contacts the single point of entry via JFS to connect them to community services & housing. The ACPD & NJTPD have expanded the number of community Homeless Outreach Officers that connects homeless persons to service providers & works to reduce criminalization of homelessness.

All outreach teams complete trainings to learn effective engagement techniques including trauma informed care & motivational interviewing. The variety of outreach partners enable teams to engage with persons least likely to request assistance (such as those with SA) in a variety of settings & from a variety of locations to help increase access & success of engagement. VOA's IMPACT (Immediate Mobilization of Police Assisted Crisis Teams) Initiative aims to connect with individuals where they are (i.e., services events, home, on the street). IMPACT specialist partner with local police departments to provide social services to those in need, & at times, divert people from criminal justice system involvement.

Coordinated efforts to actively seek out unsheltered households & those least likely to ask for assistance (such as persons dealing with SA & MH disabilities) are carried out by CoC partners. They make attempts to provide immediate assistance based on the client's needs with resources such as housing, food, clothing, detox treatments, transportation, job placement & securing legal ID. The Hope One mobile OTs travel across the county to connect to those in crisis to treatment by providing direct referrals to SA treatment/MH services. Outreach to the most vulnerable also occurs in other hotspots such by local stores, hospitals, shelters.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	No
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	No
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	No

4. Implemented community wide plans	Yes	No
5. Other:(limit 500 characters)		

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) or Longitudinal Data from HMIS.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.I.	

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	105	112

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

County Social Service (ACDFCD) staff attend all CoC full membership & subcommittee meetings as well as executive board meetings. These meetings also have representation from agencies implementing state funded & locally funded benefits programs. Within each meeting, ACDFCD & other agencies implementing benefits programs provide updates regarding how to access mainstream benefits, changes in programs & other relevant information to help ensure clients are connected to entitled benefits. The CoC disseminates information regarding mainstream resources & updates through the CoC website, emails via the CoC listserv, & through hardcopies made available at the meetings (i.e., flyers).

Certified permanent housing (PH) providers can bill Medicaid for certain PH supportive services which allow clients to connect to programs addressing mental health, substance abuse & medical issues. Clients can be referred to AtlantiCare the largest provider of mental health, substance use/addiction recovery services in the region. AtlantiCare also offers in-patient & outpatient behavioral health services to the community including services at the John Brooks Recovery Center for substance abuse treatment. Jewish Family Services operates the local PATH program serving those with mental health and experiencing homelessness.

The Single Point of Entry (SPOE) is in the County Administrative building in the same office as the ACDFCD, the county welfare agency. This arrangement allows ACDFCD staff to work side by side with the SPOE team when completing mainstream benefit eligibility checks for all persons accessing SPOE for prevention & homeless services. In addition to the work through the SPOE, all agencies in the community refer clients to the ACDFCD for eligibility assessments to ensure they access all the benefits for which they are eligible such as public & private insurance. ACDFCD & SPOE staff are trained in SOAR & assist clients in completing the applications for SSI/SSDI. The CoC encourages all agencies to have SOAR certified staff and disseminates training information as it become available. NJ Helps is another accessible statewide tool that providers can use to conduct a quick online screening tool to determine basic eligibility for mainstream benefits. This is a tool the CoC case managers utilize when trying to apply for benefits for clients with very limited or no income at the time of program entry. Agencies help clients to utilize mainstream resources such as SNAP

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Through a collaboration between Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties (JFS), AtlantiCare, & other partners in the Continuum, a plan has developed to ensure the provision of services which include temporary housing via secured motel rooms; medical care; & social service support during the time when vulnerable individuals need a location to safely isolate themselves from the public either due to infection, exposure, or elevated risk of infection. Services are mutually shared with roles clearly defined by each party to build upon existing resources, & to ensure their efficient use.

Through this partnership, individuals with infectious disease symptoms can call 211 & or be redirected from the emergency shelter for alternative placement. Clients/Patients identified from the medical center, outreach services, or direct referrals from other community agencies who are determined to be positive for infectious diseases are directed to a single point of contact to initiate housing supports. This single point of entry is operated by the Atlantic Homeless Alliance (AHA), via Jewish Family Services the coordinated entry funded agency. AHA has worked to place the impacted individual in an available hotel based on medical need, food, case management & other necessary services are also provided to the individual during this time via safe mechanisms (i.e., Virtual visits, telephonic check-ins, etc.). Though the focus is on permanent housing, the CoC and its partners continue to explore other funding sources and seek partnerships to expand non-congregate shelter spaces in the community.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Atlantic County Government in partnership with the Atlantic County CoC, NJ State Department of Health (NJDOH), & AtlantiCare Healthplex (the regional healthcare provider) continues to ensure services & resources are provided for its most vulnerable of residents as part of its COVID-19 Pandemic Response & other infectious diseases procedures.

The CoC has expanded on the policies created by CoC partner, Covenant House NJ, who developed an emergency response manual for infectious diseases. They also have created the blueprint for an agency-wide task force to respond to policies/procedures & rapidly changing events. These protocols are in place and agencies are able to quickly mobilize to develop & execute on plans to care for impacted households

Using County & State resources, agencies continue to adhere to basic public health protocols and educate their staff & clients on the importance of good hygiene & reasoning behind wearing masks if needed & getting vaccinated (if possible) as way to reduce the spread of communicable diseases. AtlantiCare continues to support the CoC with onsite education & vaccination clinics. The local Health Department provides ongoing support to shelters, treatment centers, & also the hotel placement programs by providing guidance, testing & resources to ensure the safety of all households in the community. CoC agencies continue to participate in HUD office hours & receive newsletters from NJDOH for the latest protocols & resources. NJDOH continues to offer the CoC leadership guidance on quarantining, vaccination, & other prevention recommendations.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	shared information related to public health measures and homelessness, and	
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

As a designated state mega site for COVID-19 testing & vaccines, Atlantic County was positioned in the community to disseminate the latest information on COVID-19 safety precautions & the constantly changing mandates & other public health information. The CoC Lead & County Dept of Health (DOH) communicated safety measures & local restrictions through the CoC listserv, flyers, county website postings, & social media alerts. Agencies were also able to receive information directly from other non-profits, Local Health Department, Local Health Care System, Emergency Planning Department, & Center for Disease Control. The Local Task Force continues to meet to review federal, state & local guidance across various domains. The Task Force passed these alerts, best practices, websites onto staff & residents & fellow agencies.

Atlantic County Government in partnership with the Atlantic County CoC ensured services & resources were provided for its most vulnerable of residents as part of its COVID-19 Pandemic Response. Outreach providers provided PPE, hand sanitizers, health information & assisted with the coordination for accessing non-congregate shelter. Congregate emergency shelters & transitional housing agencies in the CoC adhered to the protocols set by the New Jersey Dept. of Health (NJDOH). Shelter providers requested clients & staff to frequently wash/sanitize their hands, wear masks, & conducted temperature checks. Some shelter agencies operated with a reduce number of beds/units to promote proper social distancing. They also implemented sanitizing schedules & distributing PPE to all residents to minimize the spread of infectious diseases. Agencies also continued to implement frequent testing & provide opportunities for vaccination to staff & residents.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Process. NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;	
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and	
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Jewish Family Services (JFS) administers the coordinated entry system through the Single Point of Entry (SPOE) in collaboration with Atlantic County Board of Social Services (ACBOSS). Households needing assistance can call the SPOE directly or the homeless hotline through NJ211. The outreach teams cover the entire geographic region & the network of law enforcement connected to the process ensures all persons experiencing homelessness in the region are connected to SPOE. Households experiencing domestic violence or other issues related to VAWA have access to a separate SPOE program tailored to their needs. JFS implemented the SPOE dv program & offers trauma informed care services & connections to housing.

The SPOE & ACBOSS staff use the VI-SPDAT to assess household vulnerability. SPOE staff also works with the Atlantic City Rescue Mission, & other partners previously mentioned to identify & connect persons unable to access the SPOE physical location. The housing prioritization list, managed by JFS, arranges households by their chronic homelessness status, vulnerability score & length of homelessness. Those at the top of the list receive coordinated community case management & are assisted with connecting to permanent housing opportunities as well as community services.

JFS convenes a consumer & family advisory board that meets quarterly. This board includes persons who are experiencing homelessness or who are formerly homeless. The recommendations made by this board are conveyed to the organizations board of directions resulting in direct input into the agency's strategic plan. Additionally, a consumer satisfaction survey is issued to a sample of consumers served, and upon receiving the results of the survey, the data is analyzed & reviewed in the agency's Quality Assurance committee to inform practices.

1D-9a.	Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and	
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Jewish Family Services (JFS) administers the coordinated entry system through a Single Point of Entry (SPOE) in collaboration with Atlantic County Board of Social Services (ACDFCD). The ACDFCD & SPOE also coordinate with several partners to identify & engage homeless individuals that may otherwise not participate in services & connect them to the SPOE via phone or in person. The SPOE participates in monthly case conferencing meetings through the HART committee that coordinate efforts between a variety of doors of engagement to identify ways of encouraging people to participate in services.

Persons accessing the SPOE are quickly assessed for eligibility in mainstream benefits & EA in addition to completing the intake & assessment process to be included in the CoC housing prioritization list. The SPOE staff use the VI-SPDAT to assess household vulnerability. SPOE staff also works with the Atlantic City Rescue Mission, & other partners previously mentioned to identify & connect persons unable to access the SPOE physical location.

The housing prioritization list, managed by JFS, arranges households by their chronic homelessness status, vulnerability score & length of homelessness. These prioritized households receive coordinated community case management & are assisted with connecting to PH opportunities & community services. The housing navigator (HN) increases the amount of permanent housing available for people experiencing homelessness. By creating new landlord connections, the HN increases the housing stock for consumers so they can be housed quickly and have a variety of choices.

To reduce the burden of accessing services the SPOE is located in the same building where consumers can access mainstream benefits & receive an assessment for housing & other services. The collaboration between the ACDFCD & SPOE make it easier for clients to work with both agencies in one visit. JFS has many partners who collaborate to implement best practices & maximize resources for those experiencing homelessness. The SPOE staff follows a referral & follow up process that ensures individuals are linked & served by agencies where they are referred. The CE at AHA utilizes a “universal release” which allows for a broad scope of referrals & the ability to freely communicate. The HN also assists to support every step of clients’ transition from homeless to housed, including assistance gaining a lease and connections to wrap-around services.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Households experiencing homelessness can access services and housing opportunities through the single point of entry (SPOE) programs or by calling NJ 211 for a rereferral to a local agency. Information about housing opportunities and supportive services is circulated to CoC partners, outreach groups, local housing authorities and to community groups. Households in search of housing and services can also connect to the local welfare office in person, via phone or online. As a new partner, the Atlantic County Lived Experience Advisory Board also participates in sharing information with their peers during the meetings and other households currently experiencing homelessness.

Permanent Housing providers are encouraged to provide their clients with the most recent guide to the rights and responsibilities of residential tenants and landlords in New Jersey called “The Truth in Renting. All agencies throughout the CoC have attended trainings provided by local legal services agencies as well as the NJ Division of Civil Rights. Trainings focuses on NJ Law Against Discrimination, the Fair Chance Housing Act and understanding how to file a complaint as a tenant. Lawmakers in New Jersey are working on a policy that would also allow a service provider, to report a claim of discrimination. Agencies are encouraged to file complaints of housing discrimination through both the State of NJ and HUD.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	09/15/2023

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Executive Board reviews annual Point in Time count reports to compare disparities in the homeless population with the previous year. This The Data chair has reviewed STELLA reports and HMIS reports with the Executive Board. After collecting data on the system level, the CoC has committed to evaluate equity on the project level with renewal projects in the most recent monitoring. Agencies are asked information about providing services to various cultural groups, involving persons with lived experience, & diversity of program staff.

During a 1 year reporting period it was found that Persons identifying as Black or African American non-Hispanic are overrepresented in the population experiencing chronic homelessness compared to their White non-Hispanic counterparts. This group accounted for 17.2% of the general population but represented 45.7% of people experiencing chronic homelessness. Out of Persons who identified as having a mental health illness, 47.44% identified as White non-Hispanic, 30.5% as Black or African American non-Hispanic, and 29.8% as Hispanic/Latino. 91 households fleeing DV identified as Black or African American non-Hispanic, 68 identified as White non-Hispanic, and 12 households as Hispanic/Latino. There were 253 homeless children between ages 1-17 years old identifying as Black or African American non-Hispanic and Hispanic/Latinos had the highest average household size (1.8). In a separate HMIS report analyzing data collected in a month, was noted that Persons identifying as Hispanic/Latino made up 71% of homeless families.

The CoC also identified that service provision can vary from agency to agency based on feedback from focus groups held in June 2023 with people with lived expertise from across the county. The CoC will work with their new data analyst to identify other racial disparity trends and to create standards for all CoC agencies.

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

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes

9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC analyzes HMIS & PIT data to determine if any racial disparities existed within the CoC’s geographic region. The CoC acknowledges the value in collecting and analyzing data and received a grant from the New Jersey Office of Homeless Prevention to hire a full time data analyst to work with the CoC. This role is key to allow the CoC to conduct further research in racial disparity trends and outcomes of programs.

From the areas identified the CoC will work with funding agencies such as community development, to fund projects that support reducing barriers for over-represented groups. The CoC will also continue to host workshops & trainings that aim to examine different aspect of the homeless system (PH, coordinated entry, resources for DV etc....) with an equity lens & provide participants the opportunity to share solutions. The CoC is collaborating with their partners that work with families, youths, and children under 17 and younger to improve the process of connecting homeless households with school age children to community resources.

The CoC is working to establish a racial equity committee that will incorporate CoC partners, data analyst, community advocates & the Atlantic County Lived Experience Advisory Board to understand the disparities & provide strategies to create an equitable system.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

During monitoring process & local selection applications, the CoC requests information about agencies' plans to promote diversity, inclusion, and equity in the programs. Agencies report on the demographics of agency's staff compared to the populations that are served by the agency, current plans to include persons with lived expertise, providing services in a manner that is culturally and linguistically competent.

There are several agencies addressing disparities on the program level which are models for the entire CoC. Covenant House has created a Diversity Taskforce, focused on the following 4 internal approaches to identify, & address barriers to equity in our service delivery including youth engagement, organizational improvement, staff training, & advocacy. AVANZAR's Dismantling Racism Initiative includes internal & external activities, trainings & events reflecting their goal to eliminate discrimination by becoming change agents in the workplace & in the community. The CoC utilizes HMIS data, focus group and client feedback to track progress with addressing racial disparities existing within the CoC's geographic region.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC recently revised their bylaws and increased the number of voting members with lived experience to be a part of the Executive Board. They are actively involved in the planning process, funding decisions, & program evaluations. The CoC member agencies have PWLE included in leadership roles & decision-making process. The CoC held several focus groups in November of 2022 and June of 2023 to solicit feedback from PWLE. The CoC targeted outreach partners, shelter providers, service providers and the local hospital to publicize the meetings and used flyers, emails, and phone calls to announce the meeting location and details.

From these successful focus groups, many PWLE decided to continue partnering with the CoC and form the Atlantic County Lived Experience Advisory Board (ACLEAB) which is now a subcommittee of the CoC. Through the partnership of the New Jersey Office of Homelessness, the ACLEAB members are compensated for all LEAB, CoC, CoC Executive and community planning meetings that they participate in. The CoC aims to provide a space for the persons with lived experience to come together, exchange ideas, & integrate with the CoC committees on all levels.

Also, the CoC partners actively outreach to PWLE to receive feedback about their programs, and they incorporate these recommendations into their program evaluation and service delivery. Covenant House New Jersey has staff with lived experience & are aiming to add new board members who are from the BIPOC community as way to reflect diversity on all management levels. Collaborative Support Program of NJ provides PSH to homeless individuals & Community Enterprise Corporation (a public housing authority) both have staff that are diverse & reflect the communities they serve and are part of the decision making process. All staff in these agencies identify as people with lived experience.

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

You must upload the Letter Signed by Working Group attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	8	8
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	8	8
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	3	3
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	3	3

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC actively partners with employment organizations to promote access to employment opportunities for homeless households they serve. To increase employment opportunities the CoC has local One Stop administrators that participate within CoC activities along with the Board of Social Services. These agencies partner with the CoC to provide education, job- readiness workshops, job-training, & employment opportunities for households in permanent supportive housing & those who are homeless. The local One Stops hosts job fairs each year as well promotes & supports job fairs for multiple local & regional companies. The CoC lead advertises upcoming educational & employment opportunities to its partnering agencies.

There are several CoC agencies that employ staff & directors with lived experience in homelessness or can identify with other subpopulations such as LGBTQ+, Youths, Human Trafficking, & Domestic Violence . Covenant House New Jersey has employed several PWLE as members of their agency board and in various departments throughout their organization including the executive staff, development team and direct care staff. Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey, Inc. (CSPNJ) is a not-for-profit, Peer directed statewide mental health agency that practices Housing First and promote wellness and recovery with the guidance of Peers, people with the lived experience of mental illness and/or homelessness and substance use disorders. Sharing these common experiences with clients can lead to better service outcomes over time.

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

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
2.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG Programs; and
3.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC agencies have client satisfaction feedback surveys that are completed in all programs & places where clients can confidently submit their comments, complaints, or suggestions. Senior staff review & discuss issues & suggestions with the staff, clients, & boards.

Two CoC agencies have developed project level advisory boards comprised of persons who are experiencing homelessness or who are formerly homeless to regularly solicit consumer information. Jewish Family Services hosts a quarterly meeting with their consumer & family advisory board. The recommendations made by this board are relayed to the organizations board of directors resulting in direct input into the agency’s strategic plan. Career Opportunity Development (CODI) collects consumer input weekly & also runs a monthly group where consumers can share ideas & feedback about services. Consumer feedback/input is reviewed with CODI’s Leadership Team & used to examine trends, review potential issues, & service delivery.

The CoC held several focus groups in November of 2022 & June of 2023 to solicit feedback from people experiencing homelessness. The participants in the focus groups, were asked information about receiving services, successful connections, barriers to housing & other related topics. The information was used to identify potential gaps but also highlights in the system.

The feedback from agency consumer meetings & community focus groups has been provided to the CoC Executive board & subcommittee meetings. One challenge identified was the need for more housing opportunities for households not chronically homeless (especially for youths). Based on this feedback, the CoC has supported two new PH housing projects during this funding cycle (one for youths & another for DV households) to provide more RRH opportunities.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The State of NJ monitors municipalities to ensure that they are providing their 'fair share' of the region's need for affordable housing for moderate- & low-income people. The Mount Laurel Doctrine prohibits discrimination against the poor by the state & municipalities in the exercise of their land use powers. In response to the Mount Laurel Doctrine the NJ Legislature passed the Fair Housing Act which created the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) to assess statewide needs for affordable housing & allocate that need on a municipal fair share basis. COAH evaluated each municipality & ensured that they review & approve housing plans that meet their affordable housing obligations.

Two strategies the CoC are taking to ensure the CoC geographic area has met their affordable housing development supply are:

- (1) Identifying projects that are stalled due to issues with finances, zoning, or town ordinances. The CoC Executive Board continues to collaborate with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority (ACIA), & members of the AC Chamber of Commerce to meet with low-income housing developers, to get information about housing development projects that have stalled due to these issues.
- (2) The CoC members and advisory board have met with local governments & to advocate for more low-income housing development in the community. If necessary, the CoC is prepared to report municipalities that do not meet their 'fair share' housing requirements to COAH.

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:

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

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g. You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1.	Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	06/05/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	06/21/2023

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

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

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	200
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	10
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC Monitoring & Review (M&R) committee evaluated PH programs using HMIS & APR data. Projects were evaluated for several factors including project utilization, clients remaining in PH or exiting to PH during the operating year & increasing client’s access to income & benefits sources. The CoC committee also evaluated projects that served chronically homeless persons & implemented housing first program models that are low barrier. They also reviewed how the program utilized service provision models that have proven effective in engaging & obtaining client feedback. The CoC local selection process included a prioritization for projects targeting the aforementioned factors.

Agencies were awarded up to 36 points on the local application in the area of addressing system performance measures. This information was obtained using HMIS data during monitoring & responses on the application. The CoC M&R Committee also requested information from PH agencies describing their strategies for reducing length of time homeless

For new projects, 6 points were awarded to programs serving the Chronically Homeless, DV, & Veterans households. 7 points were awarded to projects that demonstrated the capacity to serve persons with the most severe needs, & 10 points were awarded to projects using the housing first model. There was also a total of 15 points awarded to projects that demonstrated the ability to promote diversity & equity & included the input of people with lived experience.

For Renewal projects, 35 points were awarded for program impact which served chronically homeless persons, used evidence-based service practices, & implemented realistic program goals. During on site program monitoring, 20 points were awarded for housing first which included an assessment of program access, program retention policies, use of best practices for services, & staff training opportunities.

For renewal programs, the performance review was adjusted based on the project type & level of need of participants in the program. In reviewing client connection to employment income, the universe of clients to which this measure applied was adjusted so that it did not include persons with SSI/SSDI. Certain performance measures were adjusted to the coordinated entry projects & those serving the VAWA population as well to avoid disadvantaging them.

1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC used the input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;	
2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and	

3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.
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The Full CoC membership is comprised of diverse multi-agency groups that included over-represented populations & provided input to the CoC Executive Board & subcommittees. Input from this diverse group was provided in the format of community assessments, public forums, PIT surveys, & client feedback forms from various agencies. The CoC also solicited information from persons with lived experience by hosting focus groups prior to finalizing the ranking process.

During the monitoring for renewal programs, the CoC included questions on consumer input & cultural competency. These questions allowed the CoC to evaluate agencies on their ability to provide equitable & culturally appropriate services & involve persons with lived experience. Gathering this information also allowed the Monitoring & Review Committee to identify areas where the agencies may require additional training & strategies to improve equity in their program.

Persons with lived experience were a part of the Monitoring & Review Committee & elected to the Executive Board as well. It is the responsibility of the Executive Board to review & approve all CoC policies, procedures, rank & review project selections, & overall funding decisions. Feedback from PWELE focus groups about access to agency programs, service provision, & community impact were also taken into consideration during the review process.

The CoC combined on-site monitoring scores & application responses for a final renewal project score. Projects who prioritized the most vulnerable such CH households, have longer retention rates, or discharges to PH, & clear Housing First approaches were recognized as promoting racial equity for housing.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC’s Monitoring & Review Committee adhered to the reallocation process outlined in the local selection polices. It stated that the Monitoring & Review Committee may allocate funding at a level equal to or less than the program budget in the most recent HUD approved GIW. The Monitoring & Review Committee may reduce the amount of funds awarded to renewal projects based on several factors including poor performance, a history of unexpended grant funds, issues with agency capacity, low project utilization rates, program structure/model incongruent with established funding priorities, or other reasons related to program compliance, capacity & or ability to fit in with established funding priorities. Upon completion of the process, the Monitoring & Review Committee submitted their recommendations for project scoring, ranking & funding to the Executive Board for approval.

During the annual performance review, the CoC identified a few renewal projects that demonstrated a pattern of unexpended funds over the course of several funding cycles & low vacancy rates using HUD spending reports, financial records provided by the agencies, & HMIS data. The committee also conducted on site program monitoring & reviewed HMIS data to identify low performing projects.

During monitoring process, Catholic Charities Diocese of Camden, was identified as a project to be reduced from its original annual renewal demand due to low expenditures & high vacancy rates. The CoC Lead & SPOE partners also met with Catholic Charities several times to discuss strategies to improve expenditures & increase project utilization prior to the reallocation period. Ultimately, the agency decided to reallocate 100% of their program funds & informed the committee on July 25, 2023. Catholic Charities was informed about the Monitoring & Review Committee’s approval of the reallocation on September 6, 2022.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	Yes
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes

	<p>4. If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.</p>	09/06/2023
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1E-5a.	<p>Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.</p>	
	<p>NOFO Section V.B.2.g.</p>	
	<p>You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.</p>	

	<p>Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.</p>	08/17/2023
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1E-5b.	<p>Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.</p>	
	<p>NOFO Section V.B.2.g.</p>	
	<p>You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.</p>	

	<p>Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project accepted or rejected status; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Requested Funding Amounts; and 6. Reallocated funds.</p>	Yes
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1E-5c.	<p>Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.</p>	
	<p>NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.</p>	
	<p>You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.</p>	

	<p>Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.</p>	09/26/2023
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1E-5d.	<p>Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.</p>	
	<p>NOFO Section V.B.2.g.</p>	
	<p>You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.</p>	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	09/26/2023
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC funds AVANZAR to provide Joint TH-RRH & supportive services for Domestic Violence households in the CoC geographic area. The CoC also funds HR Recovery to provide RRH for households in the VAWA defined population. These CoC victim service providers collect data using comparable HMIS databases. As a CoC funded agency, AVANZAR utilizes Apricot for data entry & HR Recovery utilizes Foothold Technology; both are HMIS comparable databases. Additionally, Jewish Family Services (JFS) is the CoC funded agency for the DV Coordinated Entry project. JFS generates secure reports using Foothold Technology which also has a comparable database. All providers work in conjunction with the CoC & HMIS leads to ensure all reporting requirements are met.

AVANZAR submits de-identified system performance reports to the CoC lead & Data Quality subcommittee when requested. JFS as the lead agency for CE, regularly attends Data Quality meetings & track DV specific data through the CE using Foothold software.

The CoC is compliant with 2022 HMIS Data Standards. Updated HMIS Data Standards have been shared with the agencies during CoC Data Quality subcommittee & statewide data meetings. NJHMFA the lead HMIS agency, has frequent HMIS trainings about the most recent data standards for CoC members & Victim Service Providers.

The CoC was awarded a grant by NJDCA to fund a data analyst. This position will be key in tracking de-identified information for VAWA households & reporting to the data committee & participating agencies (such as the Atlantic County Human Trafficking subcommittee) for strategic planning. The data analyst will also be familiar with HMIS Data Standards & can provide support to the agencies using comparable databases.

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

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	104	10	94	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	77	12	65	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	112	0	112	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	189	0	116	61.38%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	27	0	0	0.00%

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c.	
	For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:	
1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and	
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Compared to 2021, there is an increase in bed coverage for transitional housing. The bed coverage for emergency shelters & rapid rehousing remains at 100%. All CoC funded PH programs input their beds & data into the Atlantic CoC HMIS or a comparable database. Currently, the PSH beds not currently in HMIS are those beds included in the HUD VASH program & the Statewide Emergency Housing Voucher program. Without these two programs, the HMIS bed coverage would be at 100%. Since HUD VASH is operated by a VA system outside of New Jersey, there continues to be challenges with getting data entry into the CoC's HMIS.

The CoC's Data Quality subcommittee continues to have monthly meetings to review accurate & timely HMIS data entry. In collaboration with the lead HMIS agency (NJHMFA), the data subcommittee chair will be arranging meetings to address barriers identifies by community agencies & coordinate the 1-1 HMIS trainings for staff. The CoC Lead & Data Analyst will also connect to state agencies & tax credit programs that offer OPH units for homeless households to discuss strategies to increase bed coverage in HMIS.

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/25/2023
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC actively engaged with stakeholders to expand participation in the annual PIT Count to ensure full & accurate coverage of the region. Homeless liaisons in the school district along with youth service providers were included in the CoC PIT meetings & they were informed on how to complete the surveys, access services, & are encouraged to participate on the day of the PIT count. Volunteers from the primary youth service provider, Covenant House, participated in the count & in connect events around the community during the PIT count.

During the PIT planning process Covenant House, actively participated by providing insight on locations to identify homeless youth, engagement strategies & provides volunteers to assist with the PIT data collection on the night/day of the count. In Atlantic City, these “hot spots” include the boardwalk by the beach, the casino hotels, and the bus terminal. Atlantic CoC has recently formed a lived experience advisory board that includes a few youth members.

During this year’s count, Persons with lived experience collaborated with agencies to identified known locations of youths experiencing homelessness stay. The CoC intends to continue efforts to expand participation in the planning process to capture information more accurately about the youth population experiencing homelessness. By coordinating with youths on the lived experience advisory board, the CoC can expand participation & capture information more accurately about the youth population experiencing homelessness in future counts.

For next year’s PIT count, these individuals will be key in the planning process for updating the survey, identifying known locations, & providing strategies for the CoC to engage with homeless youths while completing the survey.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The PIT survey to count unsheltered & sheltered persons was modified by members of the Statewide Advisory Board (SAB) which is comprised of persons with lived experience (PWLE). The PIT survey was updated to identify barriers to housing & needs of the participants before responding to questions on their homeless history. The updates were designed to be less tautological & more person-centered using a motivational interview approach to improve data collection of all the characteristics of homeless history. The efforts of the SAB provided invaluable insight & reshaped the survey to gather required data while respecting the humanity of respondents.

In conjunction with the survey updates, virtual trainings for the PIT Count & outreach were organized by the CoC & co-facilitation by the SAB for improved & expanded coverage during the PIT count. These targeted trainings allowed volunteers & agencies completing the survey to ensure full understanding of the changes to the data collection, CH definition & the distinctions related to counting episodes of homelessness & length of time for those episodes. The trainings also emphasized the data collection requirements for all data elements associated with the PIT analysis including homeless history & disabling condition. Agencies also had access to trainings & reviewed the survey protocols with participating staff prior to the count.

This year the CoC expanded the involvement of the Atlantic City Police Department to identify locations where unsheltered persons stay & to improve engagement of the community to secure participation in the PIT & on-going services in the community. The outreach effort was strengthened this year with participation for PWLE participating in the count. PWLE collaborated with agencies to identify known locations, encourage unsheltered persons to complete the survey, & connect unsheltered persons to service providers. This strategy allowed for complete & efficient coverage in the community.

28% of the PIT data was collected through HMIS & the remaining data was collected through client surveys. As a result of these changes, the CoC saw an increase in volunteer engagement, a decrease in errors for submitted surveys & a reduction in the number of potentially duplicate surveys. The sheltered PIT count decreased in 2023 & there was an increase in the unsheltered numbers.

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC Data Quality committee & single point of entry (SPOE) team reviewed HMIS & PIT data to identify risk factors such as loss of earned income or benefits & frequent requests for assistance through the state homeless hotline. The CoC partnered with local judicial agencies to identify households with pending evictions. The CoC was recently awarded funding to hire a Data Analyst . This position will be essential in tracking trends & risk factors for those who are at-risk for homelessness. The Data Analyst will work with the CoC Data Quality committee & single point of entry (SPOE) team to identify risk factors & trends in the system.

At-risk households have the opportunity to connect to Homelessness Eviction Prevention & Diversion Programs implemented by Jewish Family Services (JFS). These programs assist households at imminent risk to maintain housing & avoid becoming homeless. These programs aim to work with households to avoid the trauma of homelessness by providing various services such as supportive services, rehousing, relocation, landlord-tenant court & tenancy litigation. In 2022, there were 82 families diverted from the homeless system through these programs.

Additionally, the CoC addresses first time homelessness by connecting all persons at risk of homelessness that present at the SPOE with prevention programs & mainstream benefits for which they may be eligible. The SPOE (operated by JFS) is in the County Administration building where consumers are immediately screened to determine eligibility for preventative services such as Emergency Assistance which is provided by the County. This “in-house” collaboration allows households to receive assistance quickly. The CoC continues to work with community agencies to develop agreements between agencies offering prevention services like financial assistance/management, childcare family reunification, & legal services & the Coordinated Entry/SPOE.

The Executive Board is responsible for overseeing implementation of strategies to reduce first time homelessness.

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> 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: </div>	
	1. natural disasters?	Yes
	2. having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area?	Yes

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC reviewed HMIS data collected by the single point of entry (SPOE) for new households assessed during the year. Out of 573 new admissions, 14 households were displaced due to fires and notably most of them were undocumented. Additionally, there were 18 from households that recently arrived in the Atlantic County region from other states.

In the community, there are several agencies with programs to work with displaced households. Catholic Charities has bi-lingual case managers working with clients in the Atlantic City office. They also have our Refugee Resettlement & immigration program in the office a couple days a week. HR Recovery has seen an increase in immigrant clients from south America, Europe & Caribbean countries being targeted for human trafficking. Their staff connects with these clients at the local food bank & works to connect them to specialized services like those offered by Catholic Charities. The CoC will continue to advocate for state and federal funds to address the needs of displaced households and those currently homeless in the community.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Several programs have been implemented with key partners to reduce LOT homeless in Atlantic County. Jewish Family Services (JFS) implements the state funded Homelessness Diversion Program. This program assists households who are currently homeless obtain safe stable living situation & quickly exit homelessness. Another state funded program implemented by JFS is the Document Access & Support for Housing (DASH) program. DASH helps to reduce length of time homeless by providing documentation assistance, housing preparation case management for DCA administered Housing Choice Voucher lottery selectees that indicated homelessness their pre-application.

Agencies in the CoC frequently connect with the Single Point of Entry (SPOE) for referral & placement of households in permanent housing. CoC agencies & community partners work together to identify affordable housing options in the community for clients with vouchers. In addition, all CoC funded agencies subscribe to the Housing First Model & coordinate with landlords to reduce housing barriers clients may face. With the recent coordinated entry expansion, a housing navigator will help locate affordable housing, assist with housing documentation & be a liaison for the landlords. This is key to reducing the barriers & time it takes for clients experiencing homelessness to being permanently housed. The Atlantic County Div. of Family & Community Development (ACDFCD), the local welfare agency, is a key player in this is process as well. ACDFCD uses emergency assistance funds to immediately house eligible households & provide necessary resources.

The HART committee works with providers & the SPOE to identify persons with the longest histories of homelessness. HART committee members work throughout the community to connect homeless households to the SPOE for an assessment. The SPOE assesses all households using the VI- SPDAT & maintains a housing prioritization list organized by chronic homeless status, vulnerability score & length of time homeless. Households at the top of the list are prioritized for housing vouchers immediately. Additionally, SPOE staff reviews HMIS & their EHR reports across all indicators on at least a quarterly basis to identify households with the longest lengths of time homeless. The HART committee & SPOE are responsible for implementing strategies & the Executive Board oversees implementation.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has connected 205 households to permanent housing (PH) opportunities through the SPOE. The SPOE identifies PH resources in the county including COVID rapid rehousing vouchers, County RRH vouchers through emergency assistance, & EHV units connected to the Department of Consumer Affairs & local housing authorities. SPOE also connects with local PHA & refers clients for mainstream & housing choice vouchers that become available.

The SPOE works with CoC agencies through the HART team to identify & engage homeless persons in the community & assesses the most appropriate interventions based on their individual needs. This allows them to be prioritized & move quickly into PH. There are CoC agencies that have a dedicated Housing Specialist that assists the person with searching & to applying for housing. The CoC has expanded SPOE with a Housing Navigator to increase opportunities for all clients to find the right housing placements, promote stability, & allow for the immediate use of new voucher opportunities coming into the community.

CoC members assist clients (formerly homeless & at-risk) with maintaining stable housing by offering a variety of client-centered supportive services. Agencies offer connections to financial advocacy & employment placement to increase their income. Retention in PH can be further strengthened by additional important support services including mental health counseling/treatment, life skills training, childcare, legal assistance services & substance abuse treatment offer by community agencies. These services would reduce their return to homelessness & increase their economic & housing stability & overall self-sufficiency. Clients also have access to homeless eviction prevention services if they are experiencing a crisis. The CoC’s housing retention rate is 99% for 2022.

The Monitoring & Review Committee evaluates all PH projects funded through the CoC for their adherence to housing first principles & the CoC is working to connect PH providers to trainings on best practices for service implementation. CoC PH projects must have at least 80% of households remain in PH or exit to PH to receive maximum prioritization score during project ranking process. The Executive Board oversees the CoC’s strategy to increase exits to PH.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC identifies households who return to homelessness & those at risk with detailed system performance measure reports in its HMIS system. The CoC also collaborates with the local judicial system to identify households with recent eviction cases.

The CoC continues to decrease the rate of return through the following strategies:

The HART committee holds monthly case conferencing meetings where they work on connecting the most vulnerable persons to housing & services as quickly as possible. As a result of the wide variety of stakeholders participating in the meetings (law enforcement, courts, hospitals, shelters, outreach providers, drop-in centers, & mental health/substance abuse treatment service) members can identify high need cases of persons currently housed & work through the network of providers to intervene & increase the level of support when interactions with different systems demonstrate a potential risk to housing stability.

The single point of entry (SPOE), CoC funded agencies & the county welfare office collaborate by completing eligibility checks for mainstream resources & locally funded prevention programs. Once households exit to permanent housing, they can continue to access the SPOE if they are experiencing housing instability. Jewish Family Services (JFS) implements the state funded Homelessness Diversion Program which assists households who are currently housed maintain stable living situation. Agencies also refer eligible households to the county emergency rental assistance program which assist families with rental arrears & utility payments. Agencies also provide clients with intensive case management to address their needs & reduce recidivism.

To hold agencies accountable, the Monitoring & Review Committee evaluates all PH projects funded through the CoC for adherence to housing first principles & works to connect PH providers to trainings on best practices for service implementation. Also, CoC PSH projects must have at least 80% of households remain in PH or exit to PH to receive maximum prioritization score during project ranking process. The HART Committee & SPOE are responsible for implementing strategies around reducing returns to homelessness.

The Executive Board oversees implementation of this strategy.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC regularly reviews HMIS to monitor if PH projects & clients' access to cash sources. Renewal project must demonstrate that at least 20% of program clients (not receiving SSI/SSDI) are connected to earned income & at least 20% increase income to receive maximum prioritization score during the project ranking process. Having standards is an additional motivator for agencies to be diligent with connecting clients to employment.

The single point of entry (SPOE) completes a comprehensive assessment to identify all areas of need & connects individuals with employment needs to the local employment services of the Workforce Investment Board & the Atlantic City Employment Services & Assistance Program. In addition, CoC funded projects work with clients to develop individualized plans & have successfully assisted participants in connecting with employment services & jobs through the local One-Stop Career Center. CoC funded agencies also refer clients who have incomes (such as SSI/SSDI) to the America Works Program where they can receive individualized assistance for employment opportunities.

CoC member, Catholic Charities, offers employment services & assistance program to assist the citizens (including the homeless) of Atlantic City find employment through referrals, job readiness training, workshops, & job placement through the network of employers in Atlantic City & Atlantic County the program has established. AVANZAR (the County's DV provider) helps DV household access job training & education programs to support financial stability through the Displaced Homemaker program. Covenant House provides job readiness & job placement services, education support, including basic education, GED preparation & college application assistance to youths. Other agencies offer connections to financial advocacy & budget training services, housing counseling, employment readiness & placements through One-Stop & match savings (IDA) along with other essential financial programs.

Atlantic County is a region heavily dependent on tourism which is a sector that had significant decline due to the pandemic. As it slowly recovers, CoC agencies continue to assist informing clients on how to access additional government funding (such tax credits & unemployment). The ACDFCD & SPOE are responsible for coordinating with CoC funded projects & the Executive Board oversees implementation.

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)

The CoC evaluates funded agencies to ensure they are continuing to connect clients to agencies & institutions that provide non-cash benefits. The CoC regularly reviews HMIS to monitor if PH projects have at least 60% receiving non-cash benefits & 60% of participants maintaining/increasing non-cash benefits overall during the CoC's performance review process. Renewal projects must meet this criterion to receive maximum prioritization score during project ranking process.

Agencies connect consumers to cash benefits in various ways. Catholic Charities Diocese of Camden offer services for Veterans including reinstatement assistance & benefits assessment allowing those who are homeless or at risk of being homeless to access non-earned cash benefits. Pleasantville hosts community resources events to connect the community to service agencies.

Agencies in the community utilize NJ HELPS an online screening tool, assistance from SOAR certified staff at Jewish Family Services (the Single Point of Entry agency) & refer clients to Work First NJ benefits. The Atlantic County Div. of Family & Community Development (ACDFCD), the local welfare agency, is an integral part of the Single Point of Entry (SPOE).

Every person seeking assistance in the homeless service system is assessed for eligibility in mainstream benefits programs due to the co-location of the SPOE in the ACDFCD offices. Having these two systems connected, increases access to non-earned cash income for the households. In addition, to increase earned income, job fairs (virtual & in-person) are held in the CoC region year by local organizations which offer educational assistance, job training, & job placement for those who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

The ACDFCD & SPOE are responsible for coordinating with CoC funded projects & the Executive Board oversee implementation.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
Safe Home Expansion	Joint TH-RRH	13	Both
Atlantic City You...	PH-RRH	11	Housing
Atlantic CTY Jewi...	PH-PSH	12	Housing

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Safe Home Expansion
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): EJSRKJGQLVU1
3. Select the new project type: Joint TH-RRH
4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 13
5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Atlantic City Youth Housing Project Expansion
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): LEKRHKLAUPD8
3. Select the new project type: PH-RRH
4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 11
5. Select the type of leverage: Housing

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Atlantic CTY Jewish Family Services (CSP) expansion

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): WSTQGPVL1UY5

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 12

5. Select the type of leverage: Housing

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:

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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 2023 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.

4A-3.	Assessing Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	472
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	231
3.	Unmet Need:	241

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(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)

The CoC collected and analyzed de-identified aggregate data over a 1-year period from AVANZAR and the DV single pointed entry program, Jewish Family Services, for DV households. HMIS data for persons accessing ES, TH, the DV single point of entry & SO was reviewed for total persons served in the system. Housing & service need was determined from persons with disability & those not able to resolve homelessness on their own or were unable to be served due to lack of resources. The DV data used was collected from the HMIS for non-DV projects that had clients who identified as DV, the DV-SPOE provider Jewish Family Services (JFS) who utilizes Foothold Technology & by the state funded DV service provider, AVANZAR, who utilizes Apricot (a HMIS comparable database).

There is a shortage of affordable & available rentals for the extremely low income renter households in Atlantic County resulting in a critical need for safe housing for DV survivors. The unprecedented health & economic crisis created in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic has increased the need for housing for survivors- both short-term emergency placements & permanent, stable housing. Also, for DV survivors from marginalized communities, the struggle to find safe, affordable housing is even greater.

Many survivors of DV, have to suffered different forms of abuse including economic which has caused many barriers in obtaining permanent housing. Barriers that were identified by the community include lack of housing assistance for security deposits and monthly rental payments; available resources to assist with housing needs (such as furniture), credit restoration, and support systems to co-sign leases.

With domestic violence safe homes struggling to meet the needs of survivors while maintaining safe, communal living spaces, the need for permanent housing placements & for opportunities for survivors to move quickly to safe, stable housing has dramatically increased. Funding the Safe Home Project Expansion is crucial to addressing the needs of DV households in the community.

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(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.

Applicant Name
AVANZAR

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

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant applying for one or more New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects included on your CoC's FY 2023 Priority Listing for New Projects:

1.	Applicant Name	AVANZAR
2.	Project Name	Safe Home Expansion
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	13
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	EJSRKJGQLVU1
5.	Amount Requested	\$94,215
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors—Percentage	50%
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors—Percentage	73%

4A-3b.1.	Applicant Experience in Housing Placement and Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(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:

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

(limit 1,500 characters)

The CoC collected and analyzed de-identified aggregate data over a 1-year period from AVANZAR. Data for persons accessing ES, TH, the DV single point of entry & SO and placed in housing.

Due to confidentiality, most of the DV households' assessments did not report a discharge destination. Out of the 231 clients served & did provide information, 158 were connected to PH opportunities including own rentals, rentals with housing vouchers & staying with family & friends. Out of this number 116 of the households retain their housing at least 6 months after; this is how the rate of housing placement & retention was calculated.

The de-identified DV data used was provided by AVANZAR, who utilizes Apricot and from the HMIS from the DV Coordinated Entry Program; both data systems are HMIS comparable databases.

4A-3c.	Applicant Experience in Providing Housing to DV Survivor for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects. NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	
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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, etc.;
3.	determined which supportive services survivors needed;
4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and
5.	moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.

(limit 2,500 characters)

AVANZAR (AVR) used their experience in RRH to work with survivors & their families to safely locate housing in the communities of their choice. Coupling trauma-informed approaches with a housing first approach remained a crucial step to quickly secure affordable housing & which leads to long-term security.

AVR identified DV households by receiving referrals from the CoC DV single point of entry (DV-SPOE) program & through their own hotline. Other service providers connected DV households to the DV-SPOE so they can be prioritized for housing and services. Having a CE program for DV clients allowed these households to have a process that addressed their unique safety, confidentiality, & trauma-related needs. Also, with the adaptation of the Emergency Plan, PH providers were able to “work with the SPOE to provide reasonable accommodations” if the plan was activated.

SPOE DV & AVR worked with households to identify housing that best fits their needs & addressed their safety concerns. Once DV households were connected to AVR’s temporary housing program, their length of time homeless reduced through the availability & access to TH & designated rental assistance for PH. These families moved into an independent living situation for their family in AVR’s condominium apartments or into a separate rental apartment through RRH.

AVR assisted clients with obtaining the supportive services they need to be housed safely & quickly. They were equipped with advocates who had strategies & skills to administer assessments, provide advocacy & follow up with survivors. In addition to client-centered case management, they provided access to flexible funding that can be used for expenses such as moving costs & utilities, transportation, childcare or even changing locks. Also, AVR identified culturally specific community organizations & established referral & service provision partnerships to serve historically marginalized & underserved communities. Through these partnerships AVR served survivors with few resources & high needs.

AVR offered survivor-driven housing advocacy & safety planning throughout their initiatives. AVR staff worked with the families to assess their readiness for moving into PH. They established strong relationships with several landlords/housing developers/housing developments in & outside the county. These partnerships led to a reduction in length of time a survivor of DV has to spend homeless.

4A-3d.	Applicant Experience in Ensuring DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

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 information and locations confidential;
4.	training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and

5.	taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

AVANZAR (AVR) offered clients access to private offices & conference rooms to provide privacy without interruption. In addition to in-person assistance, the project applicant also offered services to be provided through Telehealth services using secured technology. This allowed clients to be assisted wherever they were in the region.

AVR interviewed clients in a safe, confidential location which was a needed protection for clients to have the ability to speak freely, openly & with confidence that their conversations were private. AVR completed assessments with each survivor that determined their danger threat & developed a safety plan with each to address same. When the clients sought housing, the plan was reviewed to ensure they were prepared to respond to a threat to their safety. Planning included but was not limited to keeping windows & doors locked when home, taking all location services off cell phones & electronics, calling 911, calling AVR Hotline if the client felt unsafe.

All files were kept secured & information was never released without permission in writing from a client. While supporting clients in housing our policy is not to disclose information about our clients we serve. If a client is being served by more than one program within AVR a release must be given in writing from the client to staff in both programs before they confirmed or denied the programs involvement.

Staff members were trained to use utilize standardized tools & how to educate survivors, & how to develop & assist the survivor in implementing a safety plan. Staff participated in all updated training & are provided regular in-service training as needed. AVR helped to train staff & willing volunteers to become crisis advocates through their 40-hour training session. Trainees went out on sexual assault calls at local hospitals & accompanied survivors to the police stations to make a report on their assault. Having a trained advocate accompany the client strengthened the trust between the staff & clients while ensuring they were staying safe during their crisis.

All facilities had security measures in place including surveillance cameras & alarm systems to ensure staff & survivor safety & privacy. The emergency shelter program, clients were housed in an undisclosed location. Access was by appointment only & clients & staff must be buzzed into the office. Their TH units were in safe & quiet environment in the community & provided security systems in every unit.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant Experience in Evaluating Their Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the project has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement during the course of the proposed project.

(limit 2,500 characters)

AVANZAR regularly evaluated de-identified program data from their domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, & stalking cases. They identified obstacles to service delivery & safety as well as successes. This continuous evaluation assisted in providing the most client centered, trauma responsive successful services. Success was measured through clients securing independent living conditions that promote their safety, ability to heal from trauma & the individuals' or families' well-being. AVANZAR's Housing Victim Grant program collected data to determine the range of survivors & organizations served, as well as to measure outcomes for the project. AVANZAR collected demographics based on quarterly performance metrics.

Client feedback surveys were administered utilizing a model like that of the successful California Partnership to End Domestic Violence Housing First model. The survey measured the program's effectiveness through the Survivor's lens, rating areas of success & areas that needed improvement. Clients were asked to rate the quality of support received & measured any increase in knowledge of housing resources. The survey was completed at one month, three to six months & a follow up after completion of the program.

The Housing Coordinator was responsible for data collection & monthly reports will reflect the numbers/outputs collected, summaries of feedback from clients served, & summaries of analytics from public awareness efforts, including social media activities. The results of the narrative reports & statistical data were reviewed quarterly to get a full picture of trends in service, whether positive or negative. An early SWOT analysis was completed for each program & then agency wide to identify successes & challenges & plans for change.

4A-3e.	Applicant Experience in Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)		
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.	prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;	
2.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;	
3.	providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;	
4.	emphasizing program participants' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;	
5.	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;	
6.	providing a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and	
7.	offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.	

(limit 5,000 characters)

AVANZAR (AVR) currently owns condominiums that serve as TH for households experiencing DV. In addition to providing TH this program provides rental assistance through RRH for families who are ready to transition to PH. Case management & supportive services are offered to all clients to maximize housing stability & prevent returns to homelessness. AVR hired a housing navigator to assist client with quickly obtaining safe housing in an area of their choice.

Services are survivor-driven, trauma-informed, & voluntary – all of which are recommended best practices for this population. AVR utilizes approaches that minimize re-traumatization by focusing on the needs & concerns of survivors to foster the compassionate & professional delivery of services. Their main objective is to work with clients not to cause further trauma. Staff prioritizes each survivor & his or her family while providing trauma informed services. DV clients go through the SPOE, where trained staff prioritizes according to housing needs & connects clients with appropriate programming.

AVR & the Safe Home Project doesn't subscribe to punitive measures to increase certain outcomes & is prohibited from doing so. They don't create restrictive rules (i.e., force clients to go to counseling or to get a job) but rather they use non-judgmental approaches. AVR believes the client is the expert on themselves & it is AVR's job to provide support & safety to the client during the transitional time.

AVR offers specialized for all clients to further understanding & awareness of domestic violence & sexual assault issues. If the client wishes to participate, they will be provided with education on trauma, its impact, symptoms, & referrals to health providers if needed. Participation is encouraged to improve the client's overall health but not mandatory.

AVR offers the Peace: A Learned Solution (PALS) program which focuses on the client & family's strengths & healing from the violence experienced. Providers are equipped to empower clients with knowledge that can lead them to becoming independent & reduce re-victimization. Staff continually provides trauma informed knowledge, resources & services to provide the program participants access to information on trauma that is tailored to their situation & needs. The staff aims to assist all DV clients through competence & empowerment & provides a safe space for all that encourages recovery & self-care. Staff constantly work with clients & place emphasis on strengths over weakness when screening, assessing & collaboratively developing & implementing safety & treatment plans.

AVR is committed to equitable & inclusive treatment to the diverse community in Atlantic County with a fully integrated & educated staff. Staff promotes fair & equal access by offering services that are culturally sensitive & bilingual. AVR also offers racial equity training & language line used to communicate with bilingual clients. AVR created the Dismantling Racism Initiative & have a steering committee made up of staff members & the CEO. Also, AVR formed the program "Sacred Healing Spaces" to address DV in communities of color, recognizing that this population is often underserved & faces barriers to accessing services. By eliminating discrimination in the workplace & in the community, AVR can put forth an equitable project.

AVR offers ongoing support groups to survivors & can help connect survivors with other support groups within the community. Weekly group counseling is

available for adult survivors of DV & their children & provided by certified professionals. AVR's Displaced Homemaker program is also available for clients to increase or establish a new or improved career as well access job training & education programs to support financial stability. Participants will also have access to life skills education, computer training, resume preparation, college application assistance & scholarship search.

Clients also have access to legal services, childcare, transportation assistance, medical advocacy, GED classes & budgeting & financial seminars. AVR offers joint parent-child counseling sessions using the model, Peace: A Learned Solution (PALS). Staff provide a safe & supportive environment to express emotions & explore nonviolent ways of managing anger. Counselors employ proven therapeutic methods to help participants feel empowered to make choices, improve their own confidence, self-esteem, & heal from the trauma of DV.

AVR offers individual & group support to assist fathers in strengthening their role in the lives of their children through our Fathers Ending Abuse Program. This 26-session program includes:

- Conflict resolution skills Assistance reuniting with children
- Connecting fathers with community supports
- Improved communication with co-parents

Services are provided in a setting of physical & emotional safety, respect & comfort. All clients will participate on a voluntary basis.

4A-3f.	Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(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.

(limit 5,000 characters)

AVANZAR (AVR) has been the lead state funded DV agency for Atlantic County for 45years. Throughout the year, they provided a variety of free & confidential services to individuals & families in the Atlantic County region.

Families in crisis were connected to AVR through the single point of entry (55 households during the year) or through the hotline. Being a state funded agencies has led them to respond to 7,327 calls via their crisis hotline. The calls received were from families in need of shelter, housing , and/or supported services. AVR connected 809 households to counseling services and 636 to court support services during a 1-year period.

In addition to counseling and legal referrals for adults, AVAR offered family focus services to assist not only the survivor but the entire family during their path to healing. The PALS program (PEACE A LEARNED SOLUTION), focused on providing therapeutic services to families (children and non-offending parents or adults) who have witnessed or experienced DV. Through this program 252 children impacted by DV received crated arts therapy (such as art therapy, play therapy, music therapy, movement, or drama therapy) which set them on the path to heal from the trauma experienced. Another family program, Fathers Ending Abuse, offered individual and group support to assist fathers in strengthening their role in the lives of their children. 550 fathers took part and strengthened their role in the lives of their children through this program.

AVAR had a partnership with Grow New Jersey Kids (GNJK), a state-sponsored initiative to raise the quality of childcare and early learning throughout New Jersey. GNJK gave childcare and early learning programs resources to assess and improve their programs, while providing parents with information that allowed them to evaluate the quality of programs and make the best choices for their child. AVR collaborated with GNJK and supported 85 childcare centers to achieve high quality standards which in return assisted their clients that utilized these locations.

Through the Displaced Homemaker/Self Sufficiency Services program, AVR provided life skills education, career/vocational development, computer training, resume preparation, access to a professional clothing closet, internet job search assistance, college application assistance & scholarship search; education & referrals to additional community services. AVANZAR also offered GED classes, parenting classes & budgeting & financial seminars. In a 1-year period they were able to serve 89 households and connect 21 households to jobs.

Outreach services to the transitional housing & permanent housing clients were provided by a Self Sufficiency Coordinator for ongoing services to include family counseling, tenant education, household management, financial management, community integration & development of a safety housing plan.

Other AVR services that were beneficial for the client included case management, e.g., mental health services & substance abuse services, children's services/parenting services, childcare, transportation assistance, and medical advocacy.

All services offered were provided in a setting of physical & emotional safety, respect & comfort. All clients participated on a voluntary basis & were encouraged to guide their own self sufficiency plan.

4A-3g.	Plan for Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Practices for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(e)	

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

1.	prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;
2.	establish and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
3.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
4.	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;
5.	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;
6.	provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
7.	offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

Additional funding will allow AVANZAR (AVR) to serve more clients in TH/RRH program. AVR is providing case management & supportive services to all clients to maximize housing stability & prevent returns to homelessness. Services are survivor-driven, trauma-informed, & voluntary – all of which are recommended best practices for this client base. AVR will utilize approaches that minimize re-traumatization by focusing on the needs & concerns of survivors to foster the compassionate & professional delivery of services. Their main objective is to work with clients not to cause further trauma. Staff prioritizes each survivor & his or her family while providing trauma informed services. DV clients go through the SPOE, where trained staff prioritizes according to housing needs & connects clients with appropriate programming.

Safe Home Expansion Project (SHEP) doesn't subscribe to punitive measures to increase certain outcomes & is prohibited from doing so. They don't create restrictive rules (i.e., force clients to go to counseling or to get a job) but they use non-judgmental approaches. AVR believes the client is the expert on themselves & it is AVR's job to provide support & safety to the client during the transitional time.

SHEP will offer specialized for all clients to further understanding & awareness of domestic violence & sexual assault issues. If the client wishes to participate, they will be provided with education on trauma, its impact, symptoms, & referrals to health providers if needed.

SHEP will offer therapeutic services using the model, Peace: A Learned Solution (PALS). An important piece of PALS is focusing on the client & family's strengths & healing from the violence experienced. Providers are equipped to empower clients with knowledge that can lead them to becoming independent & reduce re-victimization. Staff will provide trauma informed knowledge, resources & services to provide the program participants access to information on trauma that is tailored to their situation & needs. The Staff will assist all DV clients through competence & empowerment & provides a safe space for all that encourages recovery & self-care. Staff constantly works with clients & place emphasis on strengths over weakness when screening, assessing & collaboratively developing & implementing safety & treatment plans.

AVR is committed to equitable & inclusive treatment to the diverse community in Atlantic County with a fully integrated & educated staff. Staff promotes fair & equal access by offering services that are culturally sensitive & bilingual. AVR offers racial equity training & language line used to communicate with bilingual clients.

AVR created the Dismantling Racism Initiative & have a steering committee made up of staff members & the CEO. Also in 2020, AVR formed a coalition to address domestic violence in communities of color, recognizing that this population is often underserved & faces barriers to accessing services. AVR created Sacred Healing Spaces, a program that targets women of the BIPOC community. It was specifically created to respond to feedback that that AVAR needed programs and services to address DV in underserved and marginalized communities.

SHEP will offer ongoing support groups to survivors & help connect survivors with other support groups within the community. Weekly group counseling is available for adult survivors of DV & their children & provided by certified professionals. AVR's Displaced Homemaker program will be available for

clients to increase or establish a new or improved career as well access job training & education programs to support financial stability. Participants will also have access to life skills education, computer training, resume preparation, college application assistance & scholarship search offered by AVR and community partners.

In addition to housing, clients will have access to legal services, childcare, transportation assistance, medical advocacy, GED classes & Budgeting & Financial Seminars. AVR offers joint parent-child counseling sessions using the model, Peace: A Learned Solution (PALS). Staff provide a safe & supportive environment to express emotions & explore nonviolent ways of managing anger. Counselors employ proven therapeutic methods to help participants feel empowered to make choices, improve their own confidence, self-esteem, & heal from the trauma of DV.

SHEP will offer individual & group support to assist fathers in strengthening their role in the lives of their children through our Fathers Ending Abuse Program. This 26-session program includes:

- Conflict resolution skills Assistance reuniting with children
- Connecting fathers with community supports
- Improved communication with co-parents

Services are provided in a setting of physical & emotional safety, respect & comfort. All clients will participate on a voluntary basis & will be encouraged to guide their own self sufficiency plan.

4A-3h.	Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation of New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(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)

AVANZAR (AVR) utilizes extensive trainings and input from staff with lived experiences to develop and improve all their programs and services. AVAR created a culturally and linguistically program called Sacred Healing Spaces due to feedback gathered by BIPOC Survivors who expressed that programs and services were needed to address domestic violence in underserved and marginalized communities. They also intend to employ a person from the community with survivor experience to be part of their new Safe Home Expansion program planning. AVR will continue to make program changes and incorporate feedback from survivors to improve their services.

AVR will also refer clients to be a part of the CoC's newly established Atlantic County Lived Experience Advisory Board (ACLEAB) which is inclusive of persons with varied experiences of homelessness and also subpopulations such as domestic violence and human trafficking. The Advisory Board meets monthly, and members attend both full CoC meeting and are voting members of the Executive Board. This group collaborate with CoC members to review CoC policies, processes, and programs to determine improvements and ensure they account for the needs of all DV households experiencing homelessness.

The AVR clients that join the ACLEAB will also be provided with trainings on specific topics such as intersectionality, committee work, and creating safe spaces. These trainings are meant assist the members of the ACLEAB as they participate in the CoC planning process and program development. Input from people with lived expertise will provide greater insight on the needs of those experiencing homelessness through a survivor lens and improve the implementation of not only the Safe Home Expansion program but also the overall homeless system.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1. You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
2. You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.
3. We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
4. Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
5. Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
6. If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
 - . 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).
 - . We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
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Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	1C-7. PHA Homeles...	09/26/2023
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	1C-7. PHA Moving ...	09/26/2023
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	1D-11a. Letter Si...	09/26/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	1D-2a. Housing Fi...	09/27/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	1E-1. Web Posting...	09/26/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	1E-2. Local Compe...	09/26/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	1E-2a. Scored For...	09/26/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5. Notificati...	09/26/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5a. Notificati...	09/26/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	1E-5b. Local Comp...	09/27/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	1E-5c. Web Postin...	09/26/2023

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	1E-5d. Notificati...	09/26/2023
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2A-6. HUD's Homel...	09/26/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	3A-1a. Housing Le...	09/26/2023
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	3A-2a. Healthcar...	09/26/2023
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No	Atlantic CoC Raci...	09/27/2023

Submission Summary

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

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