

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 2022 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2022 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 2022 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: NY-513 - Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, Yates Counties CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Finger Lakes Addictions Counseling & Referral Agency (FLACRA)

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Finger Lakes Area Counseling & Recovery 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 VII.B.1.a.(1), VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.p., and VII.B.1.r.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

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

17.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Nonexistent	No	No
18.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Nonexistent	No	No
19.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Nonexistent	No	No
21.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	No	Yes
23.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	No	No	No
24.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	No
25.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	No	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	Landlord Association	Yes	Yes	No
35.	Fatih Based Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC does not have a specific membership campaign, its membership enrollment is year-round. Membership is non-restrictive and open to anyone having an interest in eradicating homelessness in our community. We welcome people from various backgrounds such as businesses, secular/non-secular organizations, law enforcement, persons with disabilities and various cultural backgrounds. All communication concerning membership is emailed to current members and more than 60 other community-based organizations throughout the four counties of the CoC.Our executive committee reviews membership semi-annually to ensure that all geographic areas are represented as well as maintaining a wide base of expertise and systems knowledge. There is a CoC page on the FLACRA website. All CoC information is shared on this page.

2.The CoC is able to effectively communicate with individuals with disabilities via email, phone, and TTY. Documents are shared via email and most key documents can be found on the CoC website. All documents are posted in PDF format.

3. As a rural CoC whose geographic area spans four counties, we don't have organizations dedicated to serving one particular group. Instead organizations focus on hiring a diverse staff who are culturally diverse and attuned to the specific needs of marginalized groups. Some organizations have programs that serve a specific marginalized group, e.g. Family Counseling Center of the Finger Lakes is an active member of our CoC. The Family Counseling Center has brought their experience in working with LGBTQ+ individuals and families and offer their unique perspective on strategic planning, training, etc.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.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; and	
3.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.CoC membership is open to anyone within the CoC geographic area who has an interest in eradicating homelessness in our community. The CoC Board proactively recruits members who have expertise in specific subpopulations/related fields such as law enforcement, mainstream benefits, medical, housing and persons with lived experience. The executive board reviews membership semi-annually to ensure adequate & fair representation of the all four counties within the CoC. Agendas are sent with the meeting announcements. Meeting facilitators frame topics and will typically solicit an expert in the field to further the discussion. Benefits and risks are discussed & input is encouraged. Input of members is considered for all decisions made.

2. There are 4 Housing Consortiums representing the four counties within the CoC. Each consortium sends at least one representative to the CoC membership meetings. They are actively involved in the planning process to end homelessness in the CoC and each brings their unique perspective and housing expertise to the table, e.g. discussed the need for more eviction prevention & extending rapid rehousing assistance. Agendas & minutes of CoC meetings are widely distributed via the CoC ListServ which includes both member and non-member agencies. Standard agenda items include update reports from community groups and CoC committees.

3.CoC Board members and stakeholders participate in many task forces, community forums, committees, etc. that are outside of the CoC. These are systems intimately related to homelessness such as chemical dependency & mental health which ensure that the needs of the homeless are brought to the attention of all sectors of the community. This has led to partnerships that have pursued funding opportunities outside the CoC. This has been particularly successful in the creation of new affordable and permanent housing units which are creating units set aside for the homeless special needs populations.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
NOFO Section VII.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.	how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The local application process is shared at the Four County Housing Consortium meetings whose membership includes organizations that have not received CoC funding. The CoC email listserv also goes to non-funded CoC organizations. Organizations are urged to submit applications regardless of their direct experience with CoC funding. This approach is focused on finding and funding solutions to end homelessness, to simplify the application process itself, and offering technical assistance and support throughout the process.
2. Funding opportunity announcements were sent via email on 8-25-22 and discussed during our monthly CoC meeting, which was held via video conference (due to Covid-19). It was explained in the announcements that all local applications and attachments must be submitted via email in a PDF format by September 7th by 5:00 PM. All materials needed for the local application process were posted to the CoC website with instructions.
3. All components of the application process are widely distributed throughout the community to both CoC member and non-member agencies on how to submit a successful application. The tools that the committee uses to review applications include the scoring matrix, community priorities, and the additional application materials. Once applications are submitted, each individual on the Review & Ranking committee reviews every application and assigns a score using the scoring matrix, scores are averaged and ranked among all project applications. After the notification process, the highest scoring applications are submitted to HUD.
4. The CoC is able to effectively communicate with individuals with disabilities via email, phone, and TTY. Documents are shared via email and most key documents can be found on the CoC website. All documents are posted in PDF format.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section VII.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)	Nonexistent
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Nonexistent
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	Nonexistent
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 VII.B.1.b.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG and ESG-CV 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 within your CoC's geographic area so it could be addressed in Consolidated Plan update.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. There is no entitlement community in the CoC NY-513 geographic area, therefore access to ESG-CV funds was through NYS Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA), the ESG-CV recipient for NYS. The Finger Lakes Housing Consortium (FLHC), the CoC Lead Agency, coordinated with the four County Commissioners of DSS and community-based organizations to determine where the highest needs were in each County. Applications for ESG-CV funding were submitted. OTDA would not allow a single application for the entire CoC geographic area; an application from each of the four counties had to be submitted. The vast majority of the ESG funding was requested for Eviction Prevention and Housing Assistance, specifically Rapid Re-Housing programs.
2. FLACRA as the lead contractor for ESG-CV funding in three of the four counties, conducts regular monitoring of sub-contractors. OTDA has completed monitoring of FLACRA and sub-contractors. ESG-CV providers participate in HMIS as required. CAPER reports on demographics and performance are submitted quarterly to OTDA.
3. The CoC provides PIT and HIC data to NYS Housing and Community Renewal for the consolidated plan and is updated for the annual action plans. NYS STEHP funded projects submit their Annual CAPER report to OTDA which OTDA compiles to include in the Consolidated Plans and annual Con Plan updates.
4. All four counties that comprise the CoC fall under the NYS Consolidated Plan. Each County in the CoC has a Housing Task Force that provides information and input to their County Community Development on the needs for affordable housing and supportive housing in their respective counties. Each county provides information to NYS HCR annually to update both the action plan and consolidated plan.

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	No
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting AAQs or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance of service providers.	No
6.	Other. (limit 150 characters)	

1C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 VII.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 collaboration with youth education providers entails the full coordination of educational services for children experiencing homelessness, complete assessment of child’s education needs, and development of action plan in order to minimize the disruption of education caused by homelessness. All programs involved in housing search for households with school age children make every effort to find safe, affordable housing in the same school district to ensure educational continuity. Homeless service providers encourage the parents to take an active role in their child’s education and assist them in getting whatever supplies, materials, clothing, etc. that the child may need either through the school district homeless liaison or through other community resources. The CoC continues to encourage school districts to participate in CoC activities by participating in membership meetings and attending the individual County Housing Consortium meetings.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC written standards require that any CoC funded project that serves unaccompanied youth and/or families with children to identify a staff position, who is responsible to inform program participants of their eligibility for education services. This includes assisting with coordination of transportation, ensuring that there is no disruption in any school services or activities that the child was involved in prior to becoming homeless and that all school supplies are available to the child. The goal is to ensure that child is prepared for school and will miss no or few days of school due to homelessness. Information is also provided to families with pre-school age children concerning Headstart and PreK programs available and assist with securing childcare or other services if there are special needs identified. When working with unaccompanied youth and families on housing search there is discussion to ensure that the housing is located in the current school district if that is what the family/youth want to try and maintain continuity for the student as much as possible.

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

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	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	No
6.	Head Start	No	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	Yes
8.	Public Pre-K	No	Yes
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors—Collaborating with Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:	
1.	update CoC-wide policies; and	
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC collaborates with DV providers to ensure that housing and service needs of DV survivors are met. DV providers are active members on the CoC, The Four County Housing Consortium and the CoC Board. Based on the feedback of DV providers regarding DV issues the CoC policies and procedures may be revised and updated as needed. Based on input from DV providers the CoC has provided support letters for the development of a new DV transitional housing program in Seneca County which is due to open in the next few months. DV providers participate in the CoC Coordinated Entry (CE) system which ensures that DV survivors have access to the full-range of housing and services provided in the CoC.

2. DV providers and CE staff are all trained in trauma informed care. The Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, Inc. (VRC) provides regular training opportunities throughout the year (minimum semi-annually) to providers keeping them well-informed of best practices concerning safety and planning for both domestic violence and human trafficking issues. The comprehensive training ranges from proactive listening to crisis management with trauma-informed care as the general method of communication. This effective client-centered approach offers workers perhaps unfamiliar with this population the tools necessary to assist the person fleeing from domestic violence. Planning protocols such as planning an emergency exit from domestic violence to future safety planning once escaped are also components of the training. While the training surrounding planning is provided, VRC would be involved in any crisis. This training is also valuable to all workers since homeless women suffer more sexual assault or past domestic violence than the general population.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, Inc. (VRC) provides regular training opportunities throughout the year (minimum semi-annually) to providers keeping them well-informed of best practices concerning safety and planning for both domestic violence and human trafficking issues. The comprehensive training ranges from proactive listening to crisis management with trauma-informed care as the general method of communication. This effective client-centered approach offers workers perhaps unfamiliar with this population the tools necessary to assist the person fleeing from domestic violence. Planning protocols such as planning an emergency exit from domestic violence to future safety planning once escaped are also components of the training. While the training surrounding planning is provided, VRC would be involved in any crisis. This training is also valuable to all workers since homeless women suffer more sexual assault or past domestic violence than the general population. For example, a person may be seeking substance abuse counseling but that person may also have a history of severe sexual trauma. This training helps workers identify behavioral indicators that may be a sign of past abuse.

2. VRC provides consultation to providers who conduct the VI-SPDAT on how to administer this lengthy questionnaire through the lens of trauma informed care on request. This involves instruction on the language used, location of the interview, responses of the interviewer and when to "take a break" - all critical elements so as not to re-traumatize survivors. Additionally, the CoC shares information on training resources such as the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the National Domestic Violence Hotline and other training on Trauma Informed Care (TIC), client centered practices, Motivational Interviewing and other best practices when serving DV survivors, homeless and other vulnerable sub-populations.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VRC does not enter data into HMIS for their 9 bed Safe Dwelling (emergency shelter), however they do provide annual de-identified, aggregate data to the CoC and participate in the annual PIT count. At this time, there is no comparable databases since domestic violence service providers are not receiving CoC funding. That said, annual de-identified data provided by VRC along with HMIS data concerning persons who have experienced domestic violence in the past allows us to better understand the overall housing needs and services of survivors of domestic violence. VRC is one of the original members of the CoC and actively participates.

2. Though there is no comparable database utilized, DV providers provide de-identified data for the annual PIT. DV providers are active members of the county housing consortiums, CoC, and CoC Board and provide annual de-identified data to assist the CoC in evaluating how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness. Based on the data DV providers have successfully applied for ESG-CV funding for Rapid Re-housing that has proven to be successful in assisting those with specialized needs relating to domestic violence and homelessness. Data also supported the need for a DV transitional housing program in Seneca County that is due to open in the next couple months.

1C-5c.	Communicating Emergency Transfer Plan to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:	
	1. the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures; and	
	2. the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. An emergency transfer plan has been adopted that identifies participants who, due to domestic violence, are no longer safe in their current CoC funded unit and are thus eligible for an emergency transfer.

2. When the safety of a participant is at risk by staying in their current unit, they will be immediately transferred to another unit within the program if available, transferred to another CoC program or another CoC.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

While there are no CoC funded DV programs, DV providers make referrals regularly to Coordinated Entry. The DV provider completed the VI-SPDAT, the vulnerability assessment tool used by the CoC, and refers the client to coordinated entry anonymously for prioritization. When an opening becomes available, CE staff works with DV provider to set up an intake with the client and DV provider. The DV survivor has the option to remain anonymous in HMIS once they have been placed in a CoC funded housing program through the use of a unique ID number.

1C-5e.	Including Safety, Planning, and Confidentiality Protocols in Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

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

1.	safety protocols,
2.	planning protocols, and
3.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC provides households fleeing DV access to housing/services that prioritize safety & is flexible to respond to unique circumstances throughout the CE process. If the client feels unsafe to participate in a full assessment, they are immediately directed to the 24-hour domestic violence hot-line(s) serving the region. The Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, Inc.(VRC) is a DV shelter and service provider in the CoC. Additionally, VRC is the primary agency within the CoC that addresses issues of human trafficking. If shelter in CoC is not available, referrals can be made to emergency shelters in surrounding counties.

2.An emergency transfer plan has been adopted that identifies participants who, due to domestic violence, are no longer safe in their current CoC funded unit and are thus eligible for an emergency transfer. When the safety of a participant is at risk by staying in their current unit, they will be immediately transferred to another unit within the program if available, transfer to another CoC program or another CoC.

3.Individuals who are fleeing domestic violence are referred to Coordinated Entry via a paper application. The process is explained to the client and if agreed, a signed consent form is acquired. The referral source case manager's name is used on the application itself and all communication is between the case manager and CE Coordinator. The case manager alone communicates with the client. This paper application is taken by the CE coordinator and ranked accordingly giving preference due to domestic violence. Applications are stored in a locked file cabinet in a locked office. Once a spot opens for the client, the CE coordinator contacts the case manager.

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

	Describe in the field below:
1.	whether your CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback;
2.	how your CoC assisted providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination;
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 in partnership with Legal Services provides Fair Housing training which addresses anti-discrimination. The CoC lead agency staff participate in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) training.
- Program providers have policies and procedures that address and include anti-discrimination practices. The CoC upon request will assist programs in developing their anti-discrimination policies and procedures. The CoC encourages programs to have staff participate in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) training.
- CoC staff monitor CoC and ESG programs annually. During the monitoring visit Policy and Procedures are reviewed to ensure they contain anti-discrimination policies.
- If the CoC should find a program is not compliant with the CoC's anti-discrimination policies, a corrective action plan will be developed. If there are continued violations the program's funding could be in jeopardy.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area—New Admissions—General/Limited Preference—Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 FY 2021 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 2021 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?
Geneva Housing Authority		No	No
Newark Hosuing Authority		No	No

You must enter information for at least 1 row in question 1C-7.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. While the Geneva Housing Authority (GHA) does not have a homeless preference in their administrative plan, it is one of the original members of the CoC. Currently, GHA staff is co-chairperson of the CoC Board. GHA representatives are very active in both the CoC and in the Ontario County Housing consortium. GHA is the developer for a 48 unit affordable housing project for veterans that has a set aside of 25 units for homeless veterans. GHA notifies CoC programs and members of openings that are available in any of their public housing units or other sites they have developed so program participants can get on the waiting lists. The Newark Housing Authority is a member for the Wayne County Housing Consortium and though it does not have a preference for homeless, it does have a preference for survivors of domestic violence. Another CoC member is the Seneca Housing Council which is an administrator of Housing Choice Vouchers. They have no homeless preference but they do have a preference for victims of domestic violence.

2. While preference has not been adopted, aside from domestic violence preference, the CoC and the PHA's are strong partners.

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.	State funded affordable housing programs	Yes

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry. NOFO Section VII.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)	No
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	No
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
7.	Public Housing	No
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness. NOFO Section VII.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)?	No
		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.	NA

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

PHA
This list contains no items

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

1D-1.	Discharge Planning Coordination.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 VII.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 2022 CoC Program Competition.	4
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 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	4
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 2022 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 VII.B.1.i.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC evaluates every recipient—that checks Housing First on their Project Application—to determine if they are actually 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 the competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC monitors projects each year. As part of the monitoring process, we verify that the project’s Policies and Procedures are consistent with Housing First principles and that those principles are translated into practice. These P&P’s should (1) reflect an admissions policy that does not demand prerequisites to housing such as an income, sobriety, etc. (2) include a client-driven process where self-determination is underscored and gradual social integration is encouraged, (3) focus on wellness and allow recovery to follow, (4) provide/offer all the wrap-around services for which the client is entitled, (5) termination policies and procedures ensure that measures are taken to avoid termination, that there are not discharges to homelessness and the participant is given due process throughout. We also examine the admission of the clients to confirm that they were next on the Coordinated Entry list, e.g. those with the highest needs/most vulnerable, and that any denials were justified and the occurrence of such denials are rare. The time period from engagement to date housed for all admissions is examined to ensure that clients are being housed rapidly thus minimizing the time spent homeless and that barriers are being eliminated and not reinforced. Case notes are reviewed to ensure that, once housed, clients are receiving services and they are not being forced to participate or services are conditional based on client’s action or inaction. Individual Service Plans (ISPs) are also reviewed to ensure that goals are client based and not program based, with the exception of programs that specialize in the provision of a particular service such as a substance abuse program, etc. The goals in the ISPs are tested for variety of goals and how those goals contribute to housing stabilization, a client growth and well-being.

1D-3.	Street Outreach–Scope.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.j.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.VA Homeless Outreach workers go to known places and community organizations to identify veterans who are homeless, complete assessments and link them to VA services for housing and medical care. There is no funded Street Outreach program in the CoC that is specifically for the homeless population. Finger Lakes Area Counseling & Recovery Agency (FLACRA) has a 24 hour Center of Treatment Innovation (COTI) team which is a mobile clinic bus. The COTI is equipped with the technology so that doctors, nurses, counselors, etc. may speak with clients via video conference in cases of substance abuse and mental health crisis. Peer advocates operate the mobile unit and go out to meet with clients wherever they are. The peers go to the hotels and motels where homeless individuals and families are placed by DSS. This unit covers all four counties that are part of the CoC geographic area. In addition to meeting homeless individuals at hotels/motels, there is now a Housing Peer Advocate engaging homeless individuals at each of the four county DSS offices weekly.

2.The network of service providers – both CoC funded and non-CoC funded agencies - are present throughout the CoC’s four county geographic area.

3.We do not do traditional street outreach due to the rural nature and wide geographic area of our CoC. There is a network of workers – those serving the homeless directly and those serving them indirectly, such as a soup kitchen, food pantry, faith-based organization, etc. In the event an unsheltered homeless person presents at any of our partner agencies, that person would be referred to a homeless service agency or call "211" or the police if immediate shelter is needed.

4.Unsheltered homeless are most likely in an encampment, sleeping in their car or an abandoned structure of some sort. Our outreach is primarily a communication network of trained personnel/volunteers who know how to respond to a person presenting as homeless whether they are have been living unsheltered for a period of time, are newly homeless, or perhaps fleeing from domestic violence. Depending on the severity of need, an immediate referral can be made to the COTI team.

1D-4.	Strategies to Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.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:

		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	No	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.	

		2021	2022
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC—only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of "Current."	1	4

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits–CoC Annual Training of Project Staff.	
	NOFO Section VII.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:

	Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

1D-6a.	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance.	
	NOFO Section VII.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, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services; and
3.	works with projects to promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Program staff are kept up-to-date regarding mainstream resources at bi-monthly CoC meetings and bi-monthly county housing consortium meetings. Local DSS districts and Legal Assistance of WNY conduct presentations when there are changes in processes or regulations.
2. Program staff are kept up to date on substance use treatment options as well as mental health treatment options in order to assist participants with receiving these as well as several other vital healthcare services.
3. Case managers and Health Home Care Managers throughout the CoC are SOAR trained to assist participants who are eligible for SSI/SSD. LAWNY provides legal assistance for persons who have been unfairly denied benefits through fair hearings or the SSI/SSD appeals process.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

There are no congregate shelters in the CoC geographic area. Emergency shelter is provided in all four counties through the use of hotel/motel placement by local DSS. The number of hotel/motel placements has increased during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. Wayne County DSS did develop a 12-unit SRO program for homeless singles. Each participant has their own bedroom; however, the kitchen and bathroom are shared.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section VII.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)

Due to the rural nature of the CoC and having no Congregate Shelters, the counties Department of Health provides guidance to programs on how to educate participants on practices that prevent the spread of infectious diseases and the encouragement of vaccinations when available. The Department of Health communicates to program providers information on vaccination and booster clinic times and sites, as well as other community vaccination sites such as pharmacies. The Department of Health also provides program providers with access to personal protective equipment (PPE) for distribution to their participants.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively equipped providers to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants by:
1.	sharing information related to public health measures and homelessness, and
2.	facilitating 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)

1. In 2020 the CoC developed a new partnership with each of the four County Public health departments due to the Covid pandemic. This partnership has remained strong and will prepare providers to deal with any future infectious disease outbreaks. Information learned from Public health departments is shared with program providers at housing consortium and CoC meetings. Information that needs to be conveyed immediately is relayed through the CoC email list serve.

2. The CoC does not have any congregant shelters. Emergency housing is provided through hotel/motel placements in all four counties. Outreach workers go to hotels/motels to provide support to homeless households and are able to share information on infectious disease with each household member. Outreach workers are also able to provide PPE when available through the Public Health departments to mitigate infectious diseases.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has fully implemented a CE system throughout the entire CoC geographic area. Access to emergency shelter and transitional housing takes place through the Wayne, Ontario, Seneca and Yates County DSS or Finger Lakes Region "211". FLACRA manages the Prioritization list for TH, RRH and PSH. CE is discussed at each county at the Housing Consortium meetings as well as the CoC. FLACRA monitors referring agencies to ensure that referrals are being submitted from each county.

2. CE currently utilizes the VI-SPDAT as a standardized assessment tool for the prioritization list. Both CE staff and providers administer the VI-SPDAT. The VI-SPDAT score is calculated and based on score the individual is placed on the prioritization list.

3. CE is a standard agenda item for each of the housing consortium meetings and the bi-monthly CoC meeting. At that time, providers are able to provide feedback on challenges of the CE system should they experience any. Providers are also able to make suggestions to needed revisions to CE policies and procedures. Potential solutions to any issues are determined and brought to the CE lead agency to make any changes/revisions needed.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Outreach to organizations that serve high needs populations, e.g. people with severe & persistent mental illness, chemical addiction, co-occurring disabilities, etc. is conducted to keep them informed of CE policies and procedures. These organizations refer people who have multiple disabilities & who are frequent users of ERs and hospitals, that generally result in a high VI-SPDAT score.
2. The CE process is monitored regularly to ensure that those with the highest VI-SPDAT score, the vulnerability tool being used by the CoC are prioritized. The VI-SPDAT scoring factors include: disability(ies), engaged in treatment or not, length of time homeless, frequency of homeless episodes, numbers of hospitalizations, ER visits, calls for ambulances or fleeing domestic violence. These factors produce a score; the person with the highest score is served first, then second, etc.
3. The CE Lead maintains and monitors the Prioritization list which is a compilation of all referrals ranked by the level of need, i.e. those most vulnerable are served first. The CoC measures 1) time between date of referral to referral to an agency, 2) the time it takes the agency to make initial contact with the client, 3) date from initial referral to housing placement and 4) number of agency denials. If a pattern of slow response is detected, the CoC will place a call to the receiving agency to see if further assistance is needed.
4. Our CE process is designed to create little burden on program providers. Program providers and others making referrals to CE only need to complete the VI-SPDAT. Program providers call or email CE staff to provide basic information on client program choice and type. Additional information is collected when individuals name is reached on the list.

1D-10.	Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section VII.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.	12/20/2021

1D-10a.	Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities—Identifying Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance. NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. your CoC's process for analyzing whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
	2. what racial disparities your CoC identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. HMIS data is used to analyze whether there are any racial disparities present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance. The CoC ensures that marginalized groups, groups over-represented in the homeless population are served with respect and dignity. Service providers receive training to be culturally aware and to understand the causes of homelessness through the lens of racial disparities.
2. There were no racial disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

1D-10b.	Strategies to Address Racial Disparities. NOFO Section VII.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.	No
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	No
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.	Actions Taken to Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

There were no disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

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

Describe in the field below the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Finger Lakes Housing Consortium (FLHC) tracks progress on preventing or eliminating disparities through the analysis of HMIS and CE data. The FLHC will analyze data of homeless housing programs for any disparities in outcomes among racial and ethnic groups. The FLHC will report back any disparities found to the CoC Board. The CoC Board will make recommendations for any needed changes to policies and procedures necessary to address disparities. Analysis will continue on an ongoing basis.

1D-11.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC’s Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 is working to develop a homeless advisory committee. Outreach is being conducted to providers and community based organizations to recruit potential members with recent lived experience of homelessness. 100% of the members of the group are to be individuals with lived experience of homelessness. The role of the homeless advisory committee will be to review CoC policies and procedure, including CE, to identify any disparities, and make recommendation of any revisions and solutions. The CoC hopes to recruit one to two committee members to report to the CoC meeting and at least one member to join the CoC board. The intent is also to have the advisory committee review project applications to ensure that the services proposed will meet the needs of the homeless population from the perspective of persons with lived experience.

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

Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the five 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 and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.	2	0
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	5	0
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	2	0
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	5	0
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	0	0

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

Throughout the community, Persons with Lived Experience (PLE) have opportunities for education, training and employment within homeless housing programs. Recent experience has shown that programs that employ peer supports (who are often PLE or who are in recovery from substance use disorder) have more success with building relationships and remaining engaged with their participants. New York State offers a professional certification in Peer Recovery Advocacy (CRPA). There are staff in CoC-funded programs who have earned their CRPA which allows them to draw on their personal experience with substance use and recovery to provide non-clinical support services to their program participants.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	how your CoC routinely gathered feedback from people experiencing homelessness and people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG program on their experience receiving assistance; and
2.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Persons with Lived Experience (PLE) participate in the Four County Housing Consortium, the Finger Lakes Housing Consortium, CoC committees, and various community workgroups. The CoC uses their input garnered from the groups to inform application review and rating processes, to revise as needed CoC written standards and modify individual program's policies and procedures as needed.
2. Feedback from PLE has been utilized to make changes in CE policies and procedures by utilizing peers to stay in contact with homeless households while they are waiting for their housing placement. PLE also shared the difficulties encountered in accessing public benefits. PLE are now located in the Four County DSS offices on a weekly basis to assist homeless households through the application process for public assistance.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC and the Four County governments have ongoing discussions on the challenges and barriers to the development of affordable housing. In addition, NIMBY issues the biggest challenge to reforming zoning ordinances is that there is no countywide zoning ordinance. Each individual town and village have their own zoning codes. There has been some success with affordable housing development using Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative and other capital funding.
2. The CoC is an active member of the Supportive Housing Network of New York (SHNNY) that does statewide advocacy to increase the resources for the development of affordable housing. There have been discussions with NYS Homes and Community Renewal to gain flexibility in regulations for the LIHTC program that increase the cost of developing affordable housing.

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) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 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 VII.B.2.a. and 2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC's local competition.	08/25/2022
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1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	

1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes
5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	No

1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
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You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:
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1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	54
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	3
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 VII.B.2.d.	
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Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC collected and analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC monitors CoC funded programs annually. HMIS data is used to determine whether programs are successfully moving participants to permanent housing. Destination is the data standard used to measure the outcome - percentage of individuals and households with children who move to permanent housing.
2. Coordinated Entry data is used to track how long it takes programs to move participants to permanent housing. CE data tracks average number of days from placement on list to program referral, average number of days from referral to program entry date and average number of days from program entry date to the housing move-in date.
3. HMIS data is used to determine sub=populations served by each program, i.e. - chronic homeless, substance use, mental health, DV, etc. Due to the prioritization process used by Coordinated Entry, those persons with the most severe service needs are who gets housed in our CoC programs so there is not a big difference between programs in the types and severity of needs of the participants. This did not have to be considered in the ranking process; all of the programs are successfully moving participants to permanent housing.
4. hMIS data is used to track project level outcomes for exits to permanent housing, retention in permanent housing, increasing employment and non-employment cash income, receipt of non-cash benefits . Outcomes are similar from program to program and all are meeting or exceeding outcome benchmarks.

1E-3.	Promoting Racial Equity in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC obtained input and included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population;	
2.	how the input from persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, affected how your CoC determined the rating factors used to review project applications;	
3.	how your CoC included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, in the review, selection, and ranking process; and	
4.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The composition of the local Ranking and Review Committee matches the composition of the population of the geographic area served by the CoC. The CoC continues to work on recruiting Persons with Lived Experience on this committee.
2. Rating factors are reviewed and revised as needed annually based on the input of the the local Ranking and Review Committee.
3. The Ranking and Review Committe is representative of the racial makeup of the CoC geographic area.
4. The CoC's most recent disparity analysis shows no disparity in access of housing programs. The CoC Renewal Application asks applicants if participants have barriers to entering program and no programs answered affirmatively.

1E-4.	Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 projects through this process during your local competition this year;	
3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and	
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Reallocation is a process that is used by the Continuum of Care (CoC) to ensure that the projects submitted to HUD for funding are those that provide quality housing and services and meet a need in the CoC geographic area. The decision to reallocate funds is made by the CoC Review and Ranking Committee as follows:

- Project does not expend all of its HUD funds and can't provide sufficient reason for the underspending – excess funds will be reallocated
- Project has history of not meeting performance measures and has not followed through with a performance improvement plan
- A project can volunteer to have its project's funds reallocated to create a new project that meets a need in the CoC. In this case, the new project (assuming it meets threshold requirements) will be prioritized and placed in Tier 1

2. There were no projects identified for reallocation this year.

3. There were no projects identified for reallocation this year.

4. All programs met or exceeded their program outcomes and all programs continue to meet community priority.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2017 and FY 2022.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	No
2.	Did your CoC inform applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	No
3.	If you selected Yes for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/12/2022

1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	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 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/12/2022
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results—Scores for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Final Project Scores for All Projects attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Applicant Names; 2. Project Names; 3. Project Scores; 4. Project Rank—if accepted; 5. Award amounts; and 6. Projects accepted or rejected status.	Yes
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1E-5c.	1E-5c. Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/27/2022
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the CoC’s website or partner’s website.	09/27/2022
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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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- 24 CFR part 578;
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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX.	04/25/2022
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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 VII.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 databases that meet HUD’s comparable database requirements; and	
2.	state whether your CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. There are no CoC funded DV programs in the CoC. The two DV providers have databases but they are not HUD comparable. DV providers do provide unduplicated Point-In-Time data annually. DV providers also provide annual data but it is not deduplicated.
2. CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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

Enter 2022 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Beds 2022 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	286	14	255	93.75%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	123	0	118	95.93%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	4	0	4	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	163	0	163	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	0	0	0	

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

N/A coverage exceeded the 84.99 for all components available in the CoC

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

Did your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 15, 2022, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count.	01/26/2022
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX.	04/25/2022
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

Describe in the field below how during the planning process for the 2022 PIT count your CoC:

1.	engaged stakeholders that serve homeless youth;
2.	involved homeless youth in the actual count; and
3.	worked with stakeholders to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Youth providers were included on the point-in-time planning committee. A PIT county was conducted in each of the four counties that are part of our geographic region. The committees recruited and trained volunteers for the actual count and identified specific locations to search for unsheltered homeless.
2. No homeless youth participated in the count.
3. Youth providers provided a list of locations and times that homeless youth would most likely be found.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.a and VII.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 2021 and 2022, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, 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 2022.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC examines HMIS data regularly in order to identify situations people experience just prior to becoming homeless. We have found that the most significant risk factor for first time homeless is the lack of affordable housing which leads many households to double up with friends or family. This may occur as a result of eviction due to rental arrears, a choice to move in together to share costs & childcare, family/friend offers temporary accommodations in an attempt to prevent the individual from becoming homeless. While some families doubling up is advantageous, other situations devolve due to overcrowded conditions, behavioral issues due to stress, substance abuse, mental illness, insufficient income to support the temporary guest(s) – resulting in homelessness – often for the first time. A barrier to housing is often the lack of security deposit and first/last month rent.

2. Providers throughout the CoC are pursuing increased resources for homelessness prevention. Currently the Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds available through the United Way in each County; are insufficient to satisfy the community need. The EFSP funds are received annually and are expended very quickly. Eligible households may seek assistance from the DSS for rent arrears, security deposits and utility arrears; ineligible households may seek assistance from faith-based organizations. Diversion techniques are also employed by advocates, the local DSS offices and 211 in an attempt to divert as many households as possible from the homeless system. This process may include re-negotiating with landlords to remain-in/re-enter apartment, provide short term financial and food assistance to family/friend who are agreeable to provide temporary housing until permanent housing is secured. The CoC now receives ESG-CV funding that also has provided additional prevention resources for the CoC.

3. Each County's DSS district office is responsible for prevention and diversion strategies and ensuring providers in their respective communities are aware of what resources are available. FLACRA, the lead agency for the ESG-CV funds is responsible for the oversight and strategies that are utilized for prevention activities.

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section VII.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)

1.Strategies that reduce the length of time homeless (LOT) include a) outreach and relationship building with landlords in the community to increase the stock of affordable, safe housing; b) focusing on developing a housing plan immediately upon contact with homeless household including administering the VI-SPDAT to get people directed to the prioritization list or other community resources as quickly as possible; c) removing barriers to housing by encouraging housing first and harm reduction principles; d) the development of RRH programs – a program model that provides short-medium term assistance for households to access and stabilize in PH; e) Coordinated Entry assessment collects info on length of time homeless and frequency of homeless episodes; households who have been homeless the longest and most often are prioritized for housing resources and f) the CoC supports activities to create new resources for affordable and supportive housing. The LOT increased from 2020 to 2021 largely due to the inadequate supply of safe affordable housing due to the eviction moratorium in NYS. Also, rents are increasing drastically making many units unaffordable to homeless households.

2.HMIS and self-reported data is used to determine the LOT homeless and number of homeless episodes. The Coordinated Entry process uses this information in conjunction with the VI-SPDAT scores to prioritize people for housing. When VI-SPDAT scores are the same – those with the longest LOT homeless are prioritized.

3.Finger Lakes Housing Consortium is responsible for oversight of these strategies.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The number of successful exits to permanent housing in 2021 decreased slightly from 2020. Our primary strategies to increase exits to permanent housing are: to increase landlord engagement and increase the supply of affordable housing units. The CoC received ESG-CV funds to increase resources for rapid rehousing.

2. The percentage of persons who remained in PH increased from 2020 to 2021. We believe this trend in improvement is due to a shift over the years from program focused case management to client focused case management where the primary objective is to stabilize housing by improving the quality of life for our clients. We do this by ensuring that their income and benefits are stable, access to a full range of community supports such as soup kitchens, food pantries, etc. and encouraging clients program as opposed to perhaps punitive measures in the distant past. These housing first principles being embraced by service providers have resulted in rare program terminations.

3. The Finger Lakes Housing Consortium is responsible to oversee these strategies and monitor HMIS data reports throughout the year to ensure continued progress.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HMIS data and information collected through the Coordinated Entry process allows the CoC to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness. Those who return to homelessness are more likely to exited programs to market rate unsubsidized units in the CoC with little to no case management support. We also know through HMIS data that persons who have shorter lengths of stay in PSH programs or have been terminated from a program for behavioral issues are more likely to return to homelessness. Prior episodes of homelessness are also an indicator of returns to homelessness, until the participant is fully engaging with case management and support services.

2.Our strategy is to increase RRH and affordable housing units within our CoC. Over the past few years we have added a NYS-STEHP RRH grant. Each of the four counties applied and were awarded RRH funding utilizing ESG-CV funding. The CoC is active in advocating and facilitating partnerships for increased production of affordable housing units throughout the CoC; affordability is crucial for stabilizing housing for our clients. Another strategy is by educating clients on how to divert themselves from a housing crisis, e.g. what proactive steps they can take to avoid an impending crisis or to resolve the crisis without jeopardizing their housing. The CoC encourages partnerships and provides support letters annually for organizations that are partnering with housing developers to develop affordable housing with set asides for homeless households and other special needs populations utilizing NYS ESSHI funding, NYS HHAP funding, NYS HTF, HOME and tax credit

3.The four County Housing Consortiums and STEHP collaborative are the organizations that are responsible for oversight of these strategies. A priority will be to explore resources for continuation of the ESG-CV funded RRH programs that will end 9/30/2023.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 cash income; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC encourages providers to include employment goals in participant's independent living plans. Case Managers discuss past employment experience and the client's desire to return to that type of work or would they prefer to acquire new skills for another career path. Clients who express an interest are linked with employment services, they may attend employment readiness classes and training. Additionally case managers in the past have engaged with employers to educate them on homelessness and dispel any negative myths to encourage employment of program participants.

For recipients of SSI/SSD benefits, SOAR trained case/care managers can educate the recipients on work incentives that allow benefits to be retained while gradually transitioning to substantive employment. Through the program monitoring process, the CoC evaluates employment income. This measure is also a factor examined during the reviewing and scoring the local application process for CoC funding.

2.The CoC will facilitate conversations with employers, Workforce Investment Boards, community college and employment/training programs to build partnerships that improve access to employment for homeless persons. The CoC will educate providers on resources for soft employment skill development and will encourage providers to provide opportunities for employment for persons with lived experience.

3.The CoC Board will facilitate the conversations with employers, employment services, etc.to build the partnerships needed to increase access to employment and increased income.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income is to educate providers on the requirements for participants to access public assistance, SNAP, Medicaid and SSI/SSDI. Local DSS districts provide the training to the providers. There are now peer advocates in local DSS district offices to assist homeless households in applying for benefits. The CoC encourages all programs to have SOAR trained program staff to assist participants with applying for SSI/SSDI.

2. The local DSS districts are responsible for oversight of the strategies to increase non-employment cash income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 VII.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:

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

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

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

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) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
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4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applications.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

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

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

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| 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. |
| 7. | After you upload each attachment, use the Download feature to access and check the attachment to ensure it matches the required Document Type and to ensure it contains all pages you intend to include. |

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1E-1. Local Competition Deadline	Yes		
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes		
1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application	Yes		
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes		
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes		
1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects	Yes		
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		

3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		

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Submission Summary

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

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