

Before Starting the Special CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: 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

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

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

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

You must enter a date in question 1B-1.

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| 1B-2. | Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.a. | |
| | You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen. | |
| | Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected new project applications during your CoC's local competition: | |
| | 1. Established total points available for each project application type. | |
| | 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). | |
| | 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). | |

You must select a response for elements 1 through 3 in question 1B-2.

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

You must select a response for elements 1 and 2 – if you select Yes for element 1, you must enter a date in element 3 in question 1B-3.

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

You must enter a date in question 1B-3a.

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

You must enter a date in question 1B-4.

2A. System Performance

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| 2A-1. | Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors. | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.b. | |
| | Describe in the field below: | |
| 1. | how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time; | |
| 2. | how your CoC addresses individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and | |
| 3. | provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time or to end homelessness for individuals and families. | |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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 Coe 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.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.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.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.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.

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

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

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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 Coe 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 Coe 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.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC 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 Coe 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.

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

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1. Currently a very significant number of homeless persons have no source of income when they enter the homeless system. Providers are trained to assist participants with navigating public benefit systems. Going from \$0 income to successfully linking the participant to a public benefit will increase the participant's income. TANF benefits are only increased when a new household member is added. When that does occur, providers are trained to update income to reflect the increased amount. SSI/SSDI benefits receive a cost of living increase annually. Providers are trained to record the increase in the annual update of the participant's income.

2. 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.

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

2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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| 2B-1. | Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Sections VII.B.3.a.(1) | |
| | In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022: | |
| | 1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or | |
| | 2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area: | |

| | Organization/Person | Participated in CoC Meetings | Voted, Including Electing of CoC Board Members | Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System |
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| 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. | CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers | Nonexistent | No | No |
| 5. | CoC-Funded Youth Homeless Organizations | Nonexistent | No | No |
| 6. | Disability Advocates | Nonexistent | No | No |
| 7. | Disability Service Organizations | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 8. | Domestic Violence Advocates | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 9. | EMS/Crisis Response Team(s) | No | No | No |
| 10. | Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 11. | Hospital(s) | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 12. | Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations) | Nonexistent | No | No |
| 13. | Law Enforcement | Yes | No | No |
| 14. | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Advocates | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 15. | LGBTQ+ Service Organizations | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 16. | Local Government Staff/Officials | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 17. | Local Jail(s) | Yes | No | No |
| 18. | Mental Health Service Organizations | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 19. | Mental Illness Advocates | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The two stakeholder groups that the CoC is comprised of are the Finger Lakes Housing Consortium (FLHC), and the CoC Board. In addition each of the four counties in the CoC geographic area have Housing Consortiums where CoC information and issues are shared as a standard agenda item. The FLHC 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. The FLHC nominates candidates to the CoC Board annually. Notice of nominations being open is announced at FLHC meeting, at each of the four county Housing Consortium meetings and an email is also sent out to all members. There is a CoC page on the FLACRA website. All Coe 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. Community based organizations that provide homeless housing and services are encouraged to have program participants who are currently or formerly homeless participate in all CoC activities. The CoC has created a Person with Lived Experience workgroup who has reviewed and approved this application. The CoC hopes to expand the functionality of this workgroup to all aspects of CoC activities.

4. The CoC does not have organizations dedicated to serving one particular group. Instead organizations focus on hiring a diverse staff who are attuned to the specific needs of marginalized groups. Family Counseling Center of the Finger Lakes has brought their experience in working with LGBTQ+ as one of the many services they provide.

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

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| 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.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC notified the general public that local application process was open and accepting applications by issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for new project applications. Notification of the release of the RFP was distributed via the CoC email ListServ that goes to 200+ organizations and individuals. The RFP is posted on the CoC page of the FLAGRA website. All application materials and instructions are found and accessed on the website.
2. 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 Coe organizations. Organizations are urged to submit applications regardless of their direct experience with Coe 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.
3. Funding opportunity announcements were sent via email on 8-25-22 and discussed during our monthly Coe 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.
4. All materials necessary for 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 requested for new projects.. 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.
5. 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.

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

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| 2C-1. | Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b. | |
| | In the chart below: | |
| | 1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC’s coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or | |
| | 2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC’s geographic area. | |

| | Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects | Coordinates with Planning or Operations of Projects |
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| 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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| 2C-2. | CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. (All Applicants) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b. | |

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

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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 Coe 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 Coe 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.

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

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| 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 |

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

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

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

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| 1. | Youth Education Provider | Yes |
| 2. | State Education Agency (SEA) | No |
| 3. | Local Education Agency (LEA) | Yes |
| 4. | School Districts | Yes |

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

Describe in the field below:

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

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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.

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

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

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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.

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

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

| | Mainstream Resource | CoC Provides Annual Training? |
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| 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 | No |

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

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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. 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.
2. Providers, staff and DSS staff are tasked with assisting participants in enrolling in Medicaid and Managed Care options. Health Home care managers also assist participants with navigating the enrollment process at DSS and New York State Healthcare Exchange.
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.
4. The CoC encourages program and Home Health Care staff to become SOAR certified by enrolling and completing the online training. They are encouraged to use OAT to record information on applications submitted to SSI/SSDI to track the number of applications that are approved for benefits.

3A. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

- Special Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness
- 24 CFR part 578
- Special NOFO CoC Application Navigational Guide
- Section 3 Resources
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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| Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes? | No |
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| 3B-2. | Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only) | |
| | Special NOFO Section VII.C. | |
| | You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen. | |
| | If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below: | |
| | 1. how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and | |
| | 2. how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act. | |

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4A. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

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

| Document Type | Required? | Document Description | Date Attached |
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| 1B-1. Local Competition Announcement | Yes | | |
| 1B-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool | Yes | | |
| 1B-3. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced | Yes | | |
| 1B-3a. Notification of Projects Accepted | Yes | | |
| 1B-4. Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application | Yes | | |
| 3A-1. CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs | No | | |
| 3B-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes | No | | |
| P-1. Leveraging Housing Commitment | No | | |
| P-1a. PHA Commitment | No | | |
| P-3. Healthcare Leveraging Commitment | No | | |
| P-9c. Lived Experience Support Letter | No | | |
| Plan. CoC Plan | Yes | CoC Plan | 10/18/2022 |

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Submission Summary

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

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| 2C. Coordination and Engagement–Con't. | 10/17/2022 |
| 3A. New Projects With Rehab/New Construction | No Input Required |
| 3B. Homelessness by Other Federal Statutes | 10/17/2022 |
| 4A. Attachments Screen | Please Complete |
| Submission Summary | No Input Required |