

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: MN-511 - Southwest Minnesota CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Institute for Community Alliances

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

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

16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Nonexistent	No	No
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Nonexistent	No	No
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	No	No	No
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	No	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	No	No
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	No	No	No
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	No	No	No
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
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By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(2)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's Invitation Process typically starts with an announcement at the beginning of January in the regions four largest newspapers: "The Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care is our region's 18-county homelessness response system planning group. We meet monthly online. Our first 2023 meeting will be on Thursday, January 12 from 10 – 12. For joining information, email the CoC Coordinator at swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org." Also each January customized invitations are emailed to law enforcement, substance abuse service organizations, county social workers, hospitals, city and county law makers, and school homeless liaisons. These groups are invited to participate in the CoC process, come to the January annual meeting (and future meetings) and assist with the Point in Time homelessness count. These invitations, combined with the ability to join meetings via phone and Zoom (instead of driving long distances) has led to 55 different people attending CoC meetings in 2022.
 2. Regarding individuals with disabilities, all CoC Agendas and Minutes are provided in Microsoft Word format which allows for text enlargement for those with visual impairment. During meetings, all agenda topics are announced before discussed for those unable to read. Attendance can be in-person, online or via phone. The CoC coordinator has provided rides to CoC meetings to a person with lived expertise of homelessness who is unable to drive.
 3. In the last two years the CoC has increased collaboration with the Lower Sioux Indian Community on homelessness prevention and assistance projects. This CoC Coordinator has also done targeted outreach to the other tribal community in our CoC, the Upper Sioux Community. The new shelter / transitional housing program of the Upper Sioux Community has been added to our CoC's Housing Inventory Chart and users of that program are now included in the Point in Time count.
- In 2023 targeted outreach has continued to people with current or former lived expertise of homelessness who are Black, Indigenous or of Color to join and contribute to our CoC. The experts are offered \$50/hour to participate in the CoC. As a result of

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(3)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;	
	2. communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information;	
	3. ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and	
	4. took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.	

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1. In addition to monthly CoC meetings, three CoC subcommittees also meet and this CoC Coordinator participates. One meeting is the monthly regional Adult Mental Health Consortium, one is the monthly regional Homelessness and Hunger Task Force, and one is the quarterly Community Concerns meeting for one of our largest counties. These groups include membership from a variety of agencies listed in section 1B-1 above. The subcommittee meetings feature CoC updates, data sharing, and an opportunity for attendees to share opinions regarding preventing and ending local homelessness. Also, this CoC provides funds to pay for persons with lived expertise of homelessness to participate in CoC meetings. CoC participation by people with lived experience of homelessness has doubled in the past year. In the fall of 2023, a needs assessment was conducted and 574 number of people were surveyed, 67% were people with incomes lower than \$50,000 per year. Also, all Minnesota CoC Coordinators and the Minnesota Tribal Collaborative leaders meet online monthly to share opinions and best practices. Through this monthly meeting, the CoC also connect with the MN Interagency Council on Homelessness. Finally, this CoC Coordinator and CoC members attend trainings hosted by a variety state and federal public and private agencies related to improving our homelessness response system.

2. The CoC regularly sends out information about regional homelessness statistics and group accomplishments via email and press releases. Furthermore, 94 area stakeholders from a diverse variety of public and private agencies receive regular emails from this CoC Coordinator and are invited to contribute opinions via online surveys, open meetings, phone and email. Also, the CoC's subcommittee meetings feature CoC updates, data sharing, grant opportunities and time for attendees to share opinions regarding preventing and ending area homelessness.

3. Information related to CoC is shared at monthly committee meetings including the Adult Mental Health Consortium, Homelessness and Hunger Task Force, People with Lived Experience work group, and Racial Equity Accountability work group. Discussion on improvements to CoC system wide policies and procedures are shared with the CoC membership group.

4. As a result of information gathered at public meetings and forums in the past year, this CoC has: (1) increased participation and input from people with lived expertise of homelessness, (2) engaged

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;	
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;	
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and	
4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.	
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On July 19, 2023 this CoC Coordinator sent an email that began, "Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (SW MN CoC) 2023 Local CoC Program Competition Call for Projects." The email went to the 94 people (representing 56 agencies) on the CoC's email list. The same message was posted on the CoC's public website on August 15, 2023.

1. Regarding new applicants, the announcement contained the following text: "New projects applications are welcome from any eligible and qualified applicant, including organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding." It went on to state, "Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and TDHE. Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion. Grants must only provide service in the "Southwest" region of Minnesota shown on the map [HERE](#) (link).

2. Regarding the process, the announcement went on to say, "Notify CoC Coordinator Abby Guilford (swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org or 763.458.9790) of intent to apply for a new project by Monday, August 21 2023 at 4:00 p.m. All Draft Application submissions for both new and renewal projects are due by Monday, August 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. for the CoC Local Competition project reviews. They are to be emailed to swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org in PDF form. E-snaps is the required online application system for the HUD CoC Program national competition. For renewal projects: PDF file first draft applications are due by Monday, August 21, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. to swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org."

3. Regarding decisions on which applications to submit, the announcement stated, "Required HUD national competition application requirements for all projects: Complete, correct, and consistent Project Application, with complete and current Applicant Profile; HUD required forms and attachments." The announcement also stated that "Local Applications will be scored and ranked using the SW MN CoC's FY2023 SW MN CoC Grant Scoring Form for Project Ranking" with a link to the Grant Scoring Form for Project Ranking. A list of internal deadlines for project grant submissions was provided.

4. For individuals with disabilities, the announcement began, "If you need assistance with this announcement or with applying due to disability, contact Abby Guilford, SW MN CoC Coordinator at swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org or (763) 458-9790."

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Nonexistent
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)	Nonexistent
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Nonexistent
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	No
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Nonexistent
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The MN Department of Human Services (DHS) administered non-entitlement ESG-CV funds in two rounds, ESG-CV1 and ESG-CV2, via a competitive RFP processes. ESG-CV1 was targeted for street outreach and emergency shelters for needs unique to responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to publication of an RFP for ESG-CV2 funds, DHS staff met with providers and community members in non-entitlement areas, including this CoC, to discuss ESG-CV funds prioritization. ESG-CV2 resources were awarded for emergency shelter, prevention, and rapid rehousing. This CoC received \$704,638 in CV1 shelter funds and \$955,000 in CV2 RRH funds. CoC CV total = \$1,659,638. Additionally, the MN DHS administered non-entitlement ESG funds through a competitive RFP process in the spring of 2023. DHS had meetings with CoCs to gather input, including input on scoring proposals and needs and gaps within the CoC region. The CoC offered input into the allocation of ESG funds in the region resulting in \$403,554 awards ESG funds within the CoC.

2. Regarding participation in the evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients, the State's competitive Request for Proposal process for ESG funds includes representative(s) from each CoC who participate in the evaluation of ESG applications for funding. This review process, along with additional RFP meetings, provides an opportunity for meaningful CoC input in the allocation of ESG funds in each region.

3. The state's Continuum of Care regions use their HMIS State System Administrator to collect and report annual Point in Time and Housing Inventory Count data for all regions in the State. In coordination with the ICA, each CoC region provided PIT and HIC data to the State. The PIT and HIC for each CoC are publicly available and were incorporated into the most recent Consolidated Plan.

4. The Consolidated Plan consultation process for FFY2022-2026 was extensive and included participation in a variety of ways from each CoC and their members. HIC and PIT data, along with local homeless information (such as market housing trends, rental and transportation barriers) was provided by CoC members through public hearings, written comments, and directly to State staff who regularly attend CoC meeting across the state. This information is incorporated in the throughout the Consolidated Plan's Needs Assessment and Market Analysis sections. The data was also a frequent source of discussion at public Consolidated Plan hearings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC, with all the MN CoCs, entered a new, ongoing Collaborative Agreement with the MN Dept. of Education (MDE) in September 2022. This agreement outlines the roles of CoCs and MDE and our collaborative efforts in ensuring that families and youth experiencing homelessness are informed of their rights under McKinney Vento and have access to resources they need to be stably housed.

In the agreement, MDE commits to a) Provide training to CoC Coordinators on how to use MDE aggregate public data on youth experiencing homelessness in Districts and Schools. b) Provide a list of training offered to District and School Homeless Liaisons, to CoC Coordinators. c) Provide to District and School Homeless Liaisons, a list of CoC Coordinators with contact information sortable by county; and encourage Liaisons to communicate and collaborate with their CoC.

The CoC commits to MDE to a) By Oct 1 each year, provide MDE a current list of CoC contacts. bb) By Oct 1 of each year, provide information on how to become members of a CoC with District and School Homeless Liaisons. c) Invite MDE and educational entities within the CoC to become members of the CoC. d) As needed, provide clear information about date, time, and agenda of agreed upon collaboration meetings.

Together, MDE and the CoC commit to collaborate to distribute a bimonthly MN Homeless Education Newsletter to all homeless school liaisons with important training dates, resources, and connections to assist LEAs with serving the needs of youth experiencing homelessness.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has adopted the following policies and procedures to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for education services:

"Families with Children Policies

All homeless assistance projects within the SW MN CoC region that serve households with children (shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing) will be expected to comply with the following policies:

- i. Inform families of the name and contact information of the School Homeless Liaison for their school district. Work with the school homeless liaisons on the following items.
- ii. Ensure that all homeless families are informed that their children are able to maintain enrollment in the same school despite address changes caused by homelessness, per the federal HUD legislation.
- iii. Advocate for families with their school district to ensure that transportation is arranged (as needed).
- iv. Track school attendance for all children served within your program and help families to resolve any barriers that are contributing to the absences (as needed).
- v. Assist families in developing education related goals for all family members when completing housing goal plans.
- vi. Ensure that all family members are connected to relevant educational resources in the community.
- vii. Encourage and assist families with children ages 3-5 to apply for the Head Start Program and provide referrals to agencies that offer Head Start.

With exceptions for program eligibility requirements, SW MN CoC programs prohibit the denial of admission to or separation of any family members from other family members based on age, sex, gender or disability when entering shelter or housing."

A list of the CoC's current School Homeless Liaisons, sorted by county, with their contact information is available to case managers and clients on the CoC's website. The CoC Coordinator and state homeless education coordinator provide an online training to this CoC's School Homeless Liaisons at the beginning of every school year. The training is held at 3:30 to accommodate those liaisons who teach during the school day.

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

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	No
4.	Early Head Start	No	No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program—(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	No
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. There are five agencies that help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in our 18-county CoC: Southwest Crisis Center, Women's Rural Advocacy Project, Safe Avenues, McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence and New Horizons Crisis Center. Over the last five years, three of these five agencies have had representatives on this CoC's Governing Board. Per CoC policies, all DV organizations can vote at CoC monthly meetings regardless of their attendance record. Every January, this CoC reviews its Governance Charter, Policies and Procedures, Written Standards and Performance Targets. Every April, this CoC reviews its Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures. There are two agencies within the CoC that receive ESG funds, both these agencies also receive CoC funds and had representation at every CoC meeting held in 2023. Over the last five years, as we have worked to improve these CoC-wide documents, three of our five VSPs contribute their perspective to ensure that our CoC serves those in our region facing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking are served in the best way possible.

2. To ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC, including CoC and ESG providers, are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors, once a year an in-person training is offered to all direct service staff on how to best offer trauma-informed services. This is a live training offered by credentialed staff of one of our victim service provider agencies. The training covers safety, trustworthiness and transparency, peer support, collaboration, empowerment, humility, and responsiveness. The training emphasizes for leaders that being trauma-informed happens at both the individual level and the agency level. The training help staff to realize the widespread impact of trauma and understand paths for recovery; recognize the signs and symptoms of trauma in patients, families, and staff; integrate knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices; and actively avoid re-traumatization. Our CoC's training guidelines recommend training on trauma-informed care for all staff. Another live, Minnesota online-training is available three times a year. The state of Minnesota CoCs, working in collaboration with the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness, has a working group developing a system of statewide training for all working with those facing homelessness.

1C-5b.	Coordinated Annual Training on Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:	
1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and	
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. It is this CoC's policy to annually provide training to CoC project and Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Presenters are staff from our CoC's DV agencies who work with victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, trafficking, and/or sexual exploitation. Their agencies are integrated into the coordinated entry system. Topics covered included: trauma informed care, intake & screening, orders for protection / restraining orders, staff safety, client safety, client safety planning, shelter safety, and intruders. Best practices on safety includes topics such as safety before and during and attack, getting ready to leave and what to take with you, being safe in a new home, orders for protection / restraining orders, and being safe in public. The grantee for all of our DVRRH grants, our largest community action agency, is collaborating with our DV agencies to serve program clients. This collaboration provides ongoing "on the job" training for the community action housing case managers. Additionally, a live online training on trauma informed service delivery and working with victims of trauma is available to all housing and coordinated entry staff three times a year.

2. Agencies who serve as the coordinated entry point for DV victims in this CoC have regular trainings on best practices for serving victims of DV. Safe Avenues, which runs the southwest Minnesota shelter for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, provides trainings at their Monthly Advocacy Meeting and at monthly staff meetings. Another of our DV agencies, the Southwest Crisis Center, frequently offers free training. Topics include: Advocacy Skills, Forensic Exams, Vicarious Trauma, Youth Advocacy, Privilege and Oppression, Spectrum of Sexual Violence, Dynamics of Healing, Criminal Legal Advocacy, Batterer's Tactics and Effective Advocacy.

Finally, our CoC has DV agency staff have staff on our CoC's Governing Board and provide victim-focused input and perspective as our CoC develops and improves our policies and procedures.

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1C-5d.	Used De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC used for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.This CoC has 18 counties that cover 12,000 square miles. There are five agencies serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in this CoC. The first two use HMIS-compatible Apricot Software for their client database. The remaining three use their own secure digital client databases. All five DV agencies in this CoC provide de-identified aggregate data to the CoC. The New Horizons Crisis Center and WRAP staff on this CoC's Governing Board are able to help members understand the data. Data includes county-by-county numbers of adults served in emergency shelter, number of children served, client gender, household size, and number of those served who faced stalking, human trafficking, and/or sexual violence.

The state HMIS Lead Agency continues to engage with Violence Free Minnesota, working with a new position funded through a grant from the Office of Justice Programs. This new role aims to identify data collection, technology, and privacy barriers for VSPs and evaluate how these barriers may have prevented VSPs from obtaining sufficient funding. With this partnership between the statewide coalition and HMIS Lead, ICA agreed to provide technical guidance for VSPs via Helpdesk as they work to ensure compliance (while maintaining clear separation of client data; VSP data is not in HMIS nor shared with the HMIS lead directly). This will benefit this CoC by continuing to develop partnerships between the HMIS Lead and VSPs.

2.The data from our DV agencies, which shows the extent of the need in each county, the number of adults and children per household, and county-by-county service numbers and need, has helped us improve our current DVRRH grant and inform funding decisions for ESG and projects that support the prevention of first time homelessness and reduce length of time homeless funded through state funds. We continue to use de-identified aggregate data from DV databases to assess the special needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors and improve our collaborative service to those faced with these issues.

1C-5e.	Implemented Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:	
1.	whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;	
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and	
3.	the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has policies and procedures for an Emergency Transfer Plan. The plan states “The Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (SWMNCoC) is concerned about the safety of its tenants, and such concern extends to tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA),¹ the SWMNCoC transitional housing, rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing programs allow tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to request an emergency transfer from the tenant’s current unit to another unit.”

The policies go on to detail eligibility, documentation needed to request a transfer, confidentiality, the timing and availability of transfers, and safety and security of tenants.

2. To request an emergency transfer, the participant, with the assistance of his or her housing program case manager, notifies their housing program’s management and submits a written request for a transfer to that program’s management and to the CoC Coordinator. The tenant’s written request for an emergency transfer should include either: 1. A statement expressing that the tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the tenant were to remain in the same dwelling unit assisted under the housing program; OR 2. A statement that the tenant was a sexual assault victim and that the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period preceding the tenant’s request for an emergency transfer.

3. Housing Programs act as quickly as possible to move a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to another unit, subject to availability and safety of a unit. If a tenant believes a proposed transfer would not be safe, the tenant may request a transfer to a different unit. If a unit is available, the transferred tenant must agree to abide by the terms and conditions that govern occupancy in the new unit. If Housing Programs have no safe and available units for which the tenant is eligible, they will assist the tenant in identifying other housing providers who may have safe and available units to which the tenant could move. At the tenant’s request, Housing Programs will also assist tenants in contacting the local organizations offering assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Across all 18 counties of this CoC, the well-advertised coordinated entry points for those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence are Domestic Violence / Victim Service Provider (DV / VSP) agencies. Three of these agencies have been part of the Continuum of Care's Governing Board in the last three years and two currently are. Once persons make contact with DV / VSP agency, a safety and life plan is created. Survivors are connected and referred to all community agencies that might assist them and their children.

To be considered for any CoC housing program (not just DVRRH) the households need to do an assessment and clients have choices about if and how much of their data they are willing to share. One of the assessment questions asks if the client is currently working with a DV / VSP so that non DV / VSP agencies know which agencies are stakeholders regarding the survivor's plan.

Once assessed, survivors are placed on the CoCs Priority List either using their initials or a code that keeps them anonymous. Weekly, a CoC wide online meeting takes place to match those on the list with all available vacancies in the region based on client choice, household size and eligibility. Survivors are quickly and confidentially contacted about housing opportunities and warm referrals take place. DV / VSPs work closely with non-DV / VSPs to expedite any needed documentation required for housing.

In addition to getting survivors in consideration for housing opportunities via the CoC's Coordinated Entry system, case managers assist clients in finding other affordable housing options. This includes assisting persons in applying for Section 8 vouchers, public housing, and other units subsidized via various programs. Every month, this CoC Coordinator receive from the Minneapolis HUD Field Office a Minnesota HUD Assisted Housing Vacancy list which is shared with the CoC's email list. This CoC Coordinator also receives vacancy lists from large regional property management companies of affordable and income-based unit vacancies which are also shared with the CoC via email.

In the case of scattered site housing programs (which includes DVRRH), both DV and non-DV agencies have developed relationships with landlords who are be good collaborators. These landlords keep our agencies informed of current and upcoming unit availability.

All of these efforts provide survivors with access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geo

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. This CoC reviews its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy at least annually. Our homelessness response agencies have procedures for clients to give feedback and file complaints about the services provided by the agency. Additionally, the Coordinated Entry Post-Assessment Client receipt includes instructions on how to give feedback on the process and/or file a discrimination complaint. Agency-level and system-level client feedback and complaints are considered when the CoC Governing Board does its annual review of our Anti-Discrimination policy.
2. Recently this CoC worked with the True Colors Fund, a nonprofit which educates people regarding LGBTQ+ youth homelessness. True Colors presented a webinar to all area executive directors of regional agencies who interact with those experiencing homelessness. True Colors provided a free assessment to UCAP, our CoC's largest housing and Coordinated Entry agency, to help them be aware of their current level of LGBTQ inclusive and affirming practices and provide recommendations for making improvements.
3. This CoC looks at these factors in evaluating compliance with the CoC's anti-discrimination policy:
 - Data regarding the agency's acceptance patterns for Coordinated Entry referrals based on race and ethnicity.
 - Housing project performance data regarding housing stability and successful program exits for participants who are Black, Indigenous, or Persons of Color.
 - Housing project performance Data regarding returns to homelessness after 12 months for participants who are Black, Indigenous, or Persons of Color.
4. To date, we have not had a CoC agency that we know of which has demonstrated noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies. Since our anti-discrimination policies are based on state and federal law, the CoC would consult with local legal aid agencies regarding alleged or suspected noncompliance with our anti-discrimination policies. These agencies have helped us this year when a large regional landlord attempted an illegal utility charge policy change in all of their units. Mid Minnesota Legal Aid brought the matter to the Minnesota Attorney General where it was resolved in the tenants' favor. If an agency was accused of noncompliance with this CoC's antidiscrimination policy and/or state and federal antidiscrimination law, we would not attempt to do an internal investigation, but would seek the advice and counsel of legal aid experts.

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

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Worthington HRA	21%	Yes-HCV	Yes
Kandiyohi County HRA	44%	No	No

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The two largest PHAs in this CoC are the Worthington HRA (WHRA) and the Kandiyohi County HRA (KCHRA). The first has a homeless admissions preference and a Moving On initiative with the CoC. The second has not yet adopted a homeless admissions preference. Outreach has been done by the CoC Coordinator to the Board of Directors of the Kandiyohi County HRA asking that they adopt some form of homeless admissions preference for their Section 8 vouchers and public housing units. To date, they have not adopted such a preference. Nonetheless, the KCHRA is already doing a great deal of service work toward addressing homelessness in their service area, as follows:

- a. They have been part of the CoC Governing Board for over a decade.
- b. They currently administer one HUD CoC grant. The grant provides site based PSH and supportive services for families.
- c. They participate in weekly CoC Coordinated Entry Case Management meetings.
- d. They are the property managers for 17 family PSH units that are located in three developments in Willmar.
- e. They are already considering adopting a Moving On Initiative similar to the one that our Worthington HRA has adopted. The KCHRA Executive Director expressed openness to this prior to the COVID pandemic and it will be revisited this with her when the KCHRA has the capacity to take this on.

Given their strong efforts in addressing regional homelessness, and their understanding of the extent of the issue, this CoC Coordinator believes that the KCHRA is close to adopting a Homeless Admissions Preference for their Section 8 vouchers and possibly for their Public Housing units.

1C-7b.	Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC's jurisdiction that your recipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing:

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

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

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)	No
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 V.B.1.g.	

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.	

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

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

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

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

Name of PHA: Worthington HRA

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	8
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	8
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. This CoC has four agencies applying for HUD CoC funds for direct service housing projects: Lutheran Social Service Youth Programs (LSS), the Kandiyohi County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (KCHRA), United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) and Prairie Five Community Action Council (P5). The first three agencies have been operating HUD CoC grants for over 13 years and therefore each has a long record of serving hundreds persons experiencing homelessness in our region. The CoC's project performance and review committee reviews every project's Annual Performance Reports, particularly "Q13a1: Physical and Mental Health Conditions at Start" and "Q13a2: Number of Conditions at Start." Another factor we look at is if applicants use rental assistance or master leasing. We have found that master leasing allows agencies to screen in clients who would normally be screened out for housing. Finally, we look at the agencies history of referral acceptance from our Coordinated Entry System. If agencies were to reject referrals at a high rate, the CoC would challenge their commitment to housing first and work to improve it. Fortunately, this has not been an issue for our CoC's agency.

2.The factors we use in evaluating an agencies commitment to housing first are its willingness to take all coordinated entry referrals regardless of client's criminal history, housing history, mental illness, substance abuse addiction (both past and current), chronic health conditions, HIV/AIDS status, or developmental disability.

3.As mentioned above, we look at an agencies record of Coordinated Entry referral acceptance to determine its commitment to Housing First. We also monitor the language that agency staff use in discussing clients. If staff verbal or written language describing participant with high service needs is found to be judgmental and critical, the CoC brings that to the attention of the staff person's supervisor as this CoC is committed to offering low-barrier housing and services that is strengths-based, positive and affirming.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. This CoC's Street Outreach is based on an 18-county rural geography the size of Maryland, but with only 4% of the population of Maryland. Street outreach occurs throughout the CoC region, with frequency and activity varying by community. In the CoC's largest city, Willmar, outreach occurs at least weekly at libraries, schools, parks etc. to identify, engage, and screen people for housing and services. The remainder of street outreach is done in collaboration with public safety. Public safety departments know where the Coordinated Entry points are in each county and do not treat unsheltered homelessness as criminal. The CoC operates a 24-hour shelter hotline that allows the unsheltered on their own or with the help of public safety to connect to shelter at any time. Public safety responds to unsheltered homeless emergencies brought to their attention by community members. Housing agencies respond to unsheltered persons brought to their attention by public safety.

2. By providing targeted street outreach in the CoC's largest city, and collaborating with public safety departments informed of Coordinated Entry points and the shelter hotline, outreach covers 100% of the CoC's 12,000 square mile geography. An increase in outreach funding has led to weekly outreach in Kandiyohi, Nobles, McCleod, and Lyon counties. To tailor street outreach to persons who are least likely to request assistance, the CoC advertises its Coordinated Entry system in English, Spanish, and Somali at meal programs, food shelves, laundry mats, and thrift stores throughout the region. We have found that non-English speakers are the least likely to request assistance when faced with homelessness. The largest groups of foreign-born Minnesotans are from Mexico (about 64,500) and Somalia (about 33,500). The CoC advertising offers both a website and a 211 phone number. Those who call 211 for information are connected to a statewide call center are staffed 24/7 by trained Community Resource Specialists who can speak English, Spanish, Somali, Hmong and Russian. Locally, our CoC can do intake and assessment in English, Spanish and Somali. Staff are available to serve clients who speak these languages. When needed, workers access translation services through the Minnesota Department of Human Services Interpreter Resources and State Services for the Blind and Deaf.

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

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

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

5. Other:(limit 500 characters)	
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1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) or Longitudinal Data from HMIS.
	NOFO Section V.B.1.i.

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	97	119

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC systematically keeps program staff up-to-date regarding mainstream resources available for persons experiencing homelessness through monthly, statewide online trainings offered by the MN Department of Human Services and annual trainings offered specifically to our CoC by local MN “Careerforce” Centers. Additionally, any announcements about mainstream benefit trainings available, whether online or in-person, are emailed to the CoC’s listserv and announced at CoC meetings. County social workers participate in CoC subcommittee meetings and can act as consultants regarding mainstream resources. Dissemination of information about mainstream and other resources is done: in person by county social workers who attend meetings and accept clients combined application for SNAP, TANF, and Public Health Insurance; a formerly homeless governing board member with experience navigating the system; and a website run by the MN Department of Human Services called Disability Benefits 101.

2.At intake, clients are connected to MNSURE navigators who provide help with enrollment in a variety of health plans including MN Care, Medicaid and private. In most cases, these navigators are available at the community action agencies that are the CoC’s Coordinated Entry points. Navigators help clients connect to health insurance and use benefits by finding clinics that take the insurance.

3. The CoC provides information about resources that support program participants in applying for SSI/SSDI. United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) has historically had a SOAR trained staff. As the one of the primary Coordinated Entry access points, UCAP is able to quickly assess if someone needs support in apply for SSI/SSDI. UCAP has had transition in staffing and does not currently have a SOAR staff person, however they intend to fill the SOAR position in 2024. Once UCAP has a SOAR staff person, they will offer SOAR services to people within their service area and programs. In addition to supporting UCAP in re-filling their SOAR position, the CoC provides information on grant opportunities through MN DHS to support additional agencies within the CoC to become SOAR providers.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In this CoC, shelter has always been primarily done in a non-congregate way. Most of our shelter is done via hotel rooms with supportive services. The remainder is done in shelter buildings where each individual or family has their own private room. There are no shelter beds in this CoC that are in a large shared congregate room. Here is our CoC's emergency shelter inventory in 2010, 2021 and 2023:

2010:

47 total shelter beds where 33 are non-congregate and 14 are in a shelter with private rooms.

2021:

77 total shelter beds where 55 are non-congregate and 22 are in a shelter with private rooms.

2023:

122 total shelter beds where 105 are non-congregate and 28 are in a shelter with private rooms.

The more than doubling of non-congregate shelter beds from 2021 to 2023 happened as the result of a number of factors. First, Women's Rural Advocacy Program was able to add a second safe house to increase their shelter capacity. Similarly, the Southwest Crisis Center was able to grow their non-congregate shelter capacity. Also, United Community Action Partnership was able to more than double their ESP hotel voucher capacity. The CoC received a large increase in shelter funding from MN DHS which will lead to another significant increase in shelter beds in 2024.

Since 2010, our 18-county CoC has been able to more than triple its number of non-congregate shelter beds. Grass-roots community groups of concerned citizens in Willmar and Hutchinson, two of our largest cities, have come together and opened shelter programs in those cities that use non-government grants and private donations. In 2019, United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) took over the homelessness response system in four counties when Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Counsel decided to non-longer take on that responsibility. UCAP has grown the system from one to four staff in those counties, built more and better relationships with hotels in those counties. Increased funding, some via new federal Covid dollars, has added to hotel shelter capacity in those counties.

The addition of more shelter capacity has meant higher PIT counts. Many who were doubled up, lacking privacy, security and stability for their sheltering, are now able to access private, secure, and stable hotel shelter rooms. When doubled up, people are not counted in our PIT count. In shelter, they are.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) began working more closely with CoCs + homeless service providers as part of the COVID-19 response, & in 2021 was recognized by the CDC foundation as one of three National Centers on Excellence on Public Health & Homelessness. Partnerships are now being extended to address other infectious diseases. The MDH Highly Impacted Settings team has developed COVID-19 policies & procedures for homeless service providers related to testing, case reporting, mitigation strategies, & access to therapeutics. Homeless service providers can access a large supply of free COVID-19 tests, personal protective equipment, and supplies for on-site isolation and quarantine through MDH. MDH and local public health agencies have also supported free on-site COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinics at homeless settings and provided vaccine incentives to people experiencing homelessness.

2. MDH is continuing many programs started during COVID in terms of COVID testing and vaccination. MDH now has a permanent team in the emerging infectious disease unit who provides guidance & resources for homeless programs as well as correctional and higher education settings. MDH has contracts in place for COVID vaccine clinics, which homeless setting can request via an on-line form. MDH has an Infectious Disease Trusted Messenger Program for people experiencing homelessness, where grantees receive education on how vaccines work, how they were tested, when is your time to get a vaccine, and motivational interview teams to meet people where they are with concerns. The program has expanded beyond COVID to include other vaccine preventable diseases. MDH also provides grants to support HIV prevention, training, and early intervention services for people experiencing homelessness. It is implementing a new statewide Syringe Services Program (SSP) for people experiencing homelessness, and overdose prevention hubs to provide holistic care to people experiencing homelessness who use drugs or are in recovery. MDH has HIV testing and prevention grants, some specifically to serve people experiencing homelessness. The MDH Hepatitis Unit is working on education around Hepatitis C and homelessness. MDH has a harm reduction specialist who is focused on homeless encampments and other settings where unhoused populations can be found. They also have programs focused on drug overdose risks for people experiencing homelessness.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.MDH has started a quarterly webinar series on public health and homelessness. There was a webinar in March related to harm reduction and homelessness, and one focused on syphilis and homelessness in June. When things emerge (such as MPOX), MDH works with MICH and CoCs around communication MDH also maintains a GovDelivery listserv to share infectious disease information with homeless service providers, other congregate settings & attends meetings with homeless providers to share infectious disease updates (e.g., surveillance data, guidance, etc.) & learn of local public health concerns. MDH held meetings with subgroups (e.g., outreach workers, youth shelters) to offer guidance & address specific concerns. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has several current and upcoming grants to promote the health of people experiencing homelessness. MDH now has a permanent team in the emerging infectious disease unit who provides guidance & resources for homeless programs as well as correctional and higher education settings.

2. MDH has contracts with two healthcare partners, Odom Medical Group and M Health Fairview, to provide vaccine clinics for homeless service providers and other congregate settings, like supportive housing, across the state through an online request form. MDH also has an Infectious Disease Trusted Messenger Program for People Experiencing Homelessness. This program provides training and stipends to people experiencing homelessness to provide peer education and support for COVID-19 and other routine vaccinations.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has a coordinated entry system that covers 100% of the CoC's geographic area, all 12,000 square miles and 18 counties. The CoC works with the United Way of Minnesota 211 phone resource system which is staffed 24 hours a day where people can call and be directed to the intake point for their county based on their situation (e.g. facing homelessness or imminent homelessness due to domestic violence, foreclosure, youth facing homelessness, or all others). 211 has staff who speak English, Spanish, Somali, Hmong and Russian. Coordinated Entry points are also advertised on a user-friendly website (www.swmnhousinghelp.org) which allows clients to click on their county and find the appropriate entry point. Locally, our agencies have staff who speak English, Spanish and Hmong. So not only does this CoC's Coordinated Entry System cover the entire geography, it serves our large Spanish and Somali speaking communities. The 211 number and website is advertised at food shelves, county human and family services, laundromats, thrift stores, police stations, and community action agencies in all 18 of the CoC's counties.

2. This CoC's Coordinated Entry System uses a standardized assessment process. Across the CoC's entire geography, the system is well advertised and those facing homelessness can call 211 or use www.swmnhousinghelp.org to find the system entry point based on their county and situation. Once someone enters the system, they are given information in writing that explains the process. Those who choose are assessed using a standardized form. With their permission, their assessment data is entered into HMIS and shared so that they can be added to the CoC-wide Priority List. The person who has been assessed is given a post-assessment receipt that explains their rights and responsibilities and what happens next. Every Monday morning at 10 a.m. CoC staff meet online with both agencies that do assessments and agencies that run TH, RRH, PSH and OPH programs that require homelessness for eligibility. Potential referrals are discussed and made based on client choice, eligibility and our standardized prioritization policy.

3. The post-assessment receipt explains how to give feedback on the process, file a grievance, or file a discrimination complaint. This client feedback has helped us improve our system over the years, especially in regard to those wanting to be added to Priority Lists in other CoCs in Minnesota.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. CoC data show that the growing Hispanic, and Somali populations in our region are least likely to apply for homelessness assistance in the absence of special outreach. Therefore, the CoC's Coordinated Entry System is advertised in English, Spanish, and Somali. The CoC has staff available to do intake and assessment in these languages. Those with serious mental illness can also be less likely to seek assistance. The SW MN Mental Health Center and the SW MN Adult Mental Health Consortium are part of the CoC Governing Board and work closely with our Coordinated Entry System to assist those less likely to seek assistance due to mental illness.

2. The CoC's CES assessment tool and policies prioritize people who are unsheltered, are disabled, are fleeing domestic violence, are veterans, and those with the longest lengths of homelessness. In other words, we prioritize people most in need of assistance.

3. Those facing the most of these challenges are prioritized for housing and supportive services. Our CES entry points can assess people for diversion/problem solving, prevention, shelter, and TH, RRH and PSH all in one visit or phone call on the day they seek assistance. We are able to quickly house people because we have developed strong relationships with partnering landlords, our programs that serve the hardest to serve use a master leasing model that removes impediments to accessing a unit, and we have 22 site based supportive housing units where partnerships with property managers allow for quick move-in for hard to house persons. Participants are never forced to accept a housing referral; client choice is always respected. Our most recent System Performance Measures show our median length of time homeless for those in emergency shelter is 19 days.

4. To reduce the burdens on people using coordinated entry, our entry points are places that don't just offer housing assessment. At our entry points one can get help with the following:

- Diversion and Problem Solving
- Emergency Shelter
- Public transportation
- Emergency Food
- Emergency Clothing
- Applying for Mainstream Benefits
- Applying for Health Insurance
- Child Care
- Head Start Enrollment
- School Enrollment
- Apartment Search
- Housing Unit Applications
- Housing Voucher Applications
- Tax Filing Assistance

Once assessed, those in need are given a document that explains next steps, rights and responsibilities.

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	08/22/2022

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. In January 2022, this CoC formed a Racial Equity Accountability Program (REAP) Leadership team of six people. On the team are representatives from two victim service providers, two from a community action agency, one from a youth agency, and the last person is this CoC Coordinator. Of the six on the team, one is Hispanic and one is African American.

Our REAP team has collected, sorted, and analyzed the quantitative data regarding racial disparities in provision or outcomes within our homelessness response system. We used the following sources for our data:

- HUD's CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool
- A Racial Equity Accountability Project Quantitative Data Collection Tool created by our state HMIS lead.
- Race and ethnicity distributions for households served in different project types, available in Stella P.

Our REAP team has studied the currently available data and plans to continue to analyze these data as they are updated. We will analyze project level race-based data on service and outcomes more frequently, as it is available in real time. Our REAP team is also beginning a process of collection and analysis of qualitative data. Data will be collected via conversations and surveys with those who have entered an experienced our homelessness response system.

2. In general, we have found that while there are disparities in who faces homelessness in our CoC, there are smaller disparities in assistance provision or outcomes. Some disparities we have found are in our data from 2019 to 2023:

- In our CoC, Blacks are more likely than Whites to experience poverty and homelessness.
- Blacks make up 2% of our CoCs population but 12% of our homeless population.
- Hispanics are more likely than non-Hispanics to experience poverty and homelessness.
- Whites averaged the longest length of time homeless (61 days), Blacks were second (58 days) and all other races averaged shorter lengths of time homeless.
- Hispanics averaged 55 days homeless, Non-Hispanics 53 days.
- Whites were 3% more likely than Blacks to exit our system to permanent destinations.
- Whites are more likely than Blacks to be placed into Permanent Supportive Housing.
- Whites are more likely than blacks to receive no housing intervention after system entry.
- Whites are slightly more likely than Blacks to be served with Rapid Rehousing.

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

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	No
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.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	No
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.	No
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	No
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

One way our CoC has begun to address disparities is by adding BIPOC outcomes criteria to our project scoring and ranking, specifically looking at housing stability and returns to homelessness among BIPOC clients.

In this process of addressing disparities, we will look to the work of Community Solutions. Working with racial equity leaders, homeless services staff, and people with lived experience of homelessness, Community Solutions created a framework for improving key indicators of a racially equitable homeless response system and are developing interventions for tackling each indicator.

To address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance in an ongoing way, we will look at our decision making power structures both at the CoC and project agency levels. Using a “nothing about us without us” philosophy, we will integrate more input and decision making power to those with lived experience of being served by our system, especially those who are among races and ethnicities over-represented in our system. In the spring and summer of 2022, we initiated targeted outreach to BIPOC people with lived experience. We continue our targeted efforts to have at least one BIPOC person with lived experience contributing to our CoC decision making.

Our CoC’s will continue to remove the disparities we find in our system, agency and project level race-based outcomes. Agencies and projects that show poorer outcomes among BIPOC participants will work with the REAP Leadership Team to improve in this regard. Our REAP Leadership will be responsible for this and this team will not be time-limited, but will be an ongoing feature of our CoC. Our REAP Leadership Team will align our efforts with the current administration’s “Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.” In our efforts, we will use resources available on HUD Exchange, such as:

- Rehousing Activation and Racial Equity (Part 1): Equity as a Foundation
- Data & Equity: Using the Data You Have
- Advancing Racial Equity through CE Assessment and Prioritization
- Equity Driven Changes to Coordinated Entry Prioritization
- Prevention to Promote Equity

1D-10d.	Tracked Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
	2. the tools your CoC uses.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. To track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance, we will begin with looking at racial disparities in poverty and homelessness in our CoC. This data is available from HUD's CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool (2021) which our CoC has analyzed by studying the graphs built in to the tool. To track race-based data on service provision and outcomes, our state HMIS lead created a Racial Equity Accountability Project Quantitative Data Collection Tool. This tool provides CoC-level graphic in the following categories.

- Census, Poverty and PIT Count rates by both race and ethnicity
- Average length of time homeless by both race and ethnicity
- Exit destinations by both race and ethnicity
- Returns to Homelessness by both race and ethnicity
- Coordinated Entry Prioritization by both race and ethnicity. This shows, by race and ethnicity which persons entering our system are served with no housing intervention, which are served with rapid rehousing and which are served with permanent supportive housing.

Similar to this these tools is the Stella P which can show race and ethnicity distributions for households served in different project types. These three tools allow our CoC to track CoC-level progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

In preparing for our project scoring and ranking this year, we worked with our state HMIS lead to pull project-level outcome data based on race and ethnicity. These data can be more up-to-date and even live representations for performance.

It is necessary to pull, review and use this data regularly to inform work and track progress. Our CoC's Racial Equity Accountability Project meet twice a month review data and make recommendations for updates to CoC policies in this regard. The policies will include quarterly analysis of these CoC and project level data and work to address disparities in an ongoing manner.

To reduce disparities, we will use the research and best practices that come from our REAP technical assistance, and from resources such as Everyone Home's Centering Racial Equity in Homeless System Design.

2. As state above, the tools our CoC uses are: (1) HUD's Racial Equity Analysis Tool and (2) the Racial Equity Accountability Quantitative Data Collection Tool developed by our state HMIS lead.

1D-11.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC's Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	
	Describe in the field below your CoC's outreach efforts (e.g., social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision making processes.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Beginning in April of 2022, this CoC began a three month course of technical assistance on Partnering with People with lived experience. This was provided by Maseta Dorley of ICF and included workshops with other presenters and teams from other CoC's present. Our CoC's team included a person with lived experience, a staff person from one of our victim service provider agencies, and the CoC Coordinator. A second person with lived experience joined the group later. In addition to the workshops, Maseta met with just our team on three occasions.

The CoC's Persons with Lived Experience Committee started meeting in October 2022 and have met 3 times since then. Recruitment efforts continue through announcements at CoC meetings that include the information that participants are be compensated for their time. These efforts have led to one person with lived experience joining our CoC. This person with lived experience, who is also a Veteran, has joined our June, July, August and September CoC meetings and participated in two of our technical assistance sessions with Maseta. This person has been paid \$50 per hour for his contributions.

More targeted outreach commenced at the June 2022 United Community Action Partnership Homelessness Response Team Meeting (UCAP is responsible for homelessness response in 13 of our 18 counties). A request was made to discuss possible program participants who could join our CoC work. This led to identification of a woman currently in a UCAP PSH program who agreed to join. Our CoC team of persons with lived experience now equals three but we still lack a BIPOC member. A BIPOC member was identified in August 2022 but has yet to respond to messages left for her. Another announcement was made at a UCAP team meeting that we are seeking participation from a BIPOC person with lived experience and that that person will be paid for her time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

This CoC and CoC membership organizations provide professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness in the following ways:

1. People with lived experience can join our CoC and be compensated for their time at \$50 per hours. This is in the budget from state of Minnesota funds to support CoC planning.
2. Staff encourage persons with lived experience to volunteer in the community, including at agencies where they are or have been served. Lists of volunteer opportunities and contact information are provided upon request. Food shelf volunteer work is one example of this.
3. People with lived experience interested in employment are encouraged to apply for CoC agency jobs for which they may be eligible. One of the persons with lived experience on are CoC's Governing Board has been employed full time for many years with one of our CoC agencies.
4. We spread the word about a new Minnesota-wide newsletter for engagement opportunities for people who have experienced or are currently facing homelessness. The Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness is building a new newsletter list to share opportunities for people who have faced or are currently facing homelessness to share their input, ideas, and expertise. Interested individuals can sign up for the newsletter which will share a range of opportunities from state agencies and partner organizations and the newsletter will be sent out as opportunities are available.
5. All of our participants are educated about our six regional Careerforce Centers. These centers offer our clients to opportunity to assess skills and interests and set practical goals for personal fulfillment, market themselves with greater confidence and search thousands of new career opportunities. Many of our people with lived experience don't have the skills employers need because of the fast-changing economy and ever-evolving technology. Careerforce offers Pathways to Prosperity to help them close this skills gap through integrated services to help participants succeed in in-demand careers. Careerforce Centers can also:
 - Help people with criminal records find work
 - Provide opportunities for current and former military members
 - Offer career planning and education resources for youth and
 - Help with career planning and education programs that serve people of color, women, veterans and people with disabilities.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.This CoC has had at least one person with lived experience participating in the CoC for over ten years. When we established an official Governing Board in 2013, we agreed that one person on the board will be a person with lived experience. Persons with lived experience have always been reimbursed for their time and expenses related to meeting participation. This has allowed us to have the perspective of persons with lived experience of homelessness, who have been served by our system, contributing to our decision making.

Another way we have gathered feedback from persons with lived experience is through informal HUD grant monitoring visits that we have done over the years. One feature of these visits is distributing surveys and stamped, addressed envelopes. This allowed participants to submit feedback to the CoC without fear of their case manager seeing any negative feedback.

A third way that participants can submit feedback is announced in the receipt that they receive after their coordinated entry assessment. This receipt gives instructions on whom to contact to give feedback or file a complaint.

2. United Community Action Partnership and Prairie 5 are the two agencies that receive ESG funds within the CoC. Both agencies also receive CoC funds. Case managers and staff in both ESG and CoC programs develop trusting relationships with those they serve which allow clients to give feedback in an ongoing way. In addition, the CoC conducts a needs assessment every 2 years. This needs assessment includes focus groups with people currently in programs to collect their feedback and to help understand needs and gaps.

3.Steps our CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness have included improvements to our Coordinated Entry System. We heard from someone facing homelessness that when she called the entry point agency in one of our counties, the automated voicemail instructions were not entirely clear about how to leave a message if facing homelessness. This led to a review of the automated instruction messages across our system and improvements so that when a live person cannot answer the phone, the automated instructions are clear about how to get connected to help if facing homelessness.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP), which is the grantee for the Coordination of this CoC, has engaged city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding these topics.

1. Through two grants, SWMHP engaged community leaders (elected and non-elected) on a tour of manufactured housing and have discussed zoning and land use changes to accommodate manufactured homes as an affordable/workforce housing solution on both in-fill and new single-family development lots. SWMHP continues to presently engage with community leaders (elected and non-elected) and industry leaders to further explore flexibility or modifications in zoning or building codes that would allow for this product to be feasible.

2. SWMHP continues to presently engage with community leaders (elected and non-elected) and industry leaders to further explore the barriers and obstacles to moving in manufactured homes on a permanent foundation with attached garages.

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

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

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

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Enter your CoC's local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/15/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC's local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/15/2023

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

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

5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes
6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes

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

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	90
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	10
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Projects were scored and ranked using data regarding chronic homeless bed %, % potential units for households with children, % potential units for youth only households. For renewal projects we considered data regarding housing stability, client income improvement, APR and drawdown timeliness, % spent funds, CoC participation, HMIS data quality, and, among BIPOC populations, housing stability and returns to homelessness data.

1.This year our scoring and ranking committee did not analyze data on how long it takes to house people in permanent housing in renewal grants. This was added to the scoring tool for 2023 but was left as an unscored category. This was done to allow CoC projects notice that this will be scored in 2024.

2.Regarding the severity of needs and vulnerabilities considered when ranking and selecting projects, in 2023: (1) % of beds dedicated to the chronically homeless; (2) % of units for HH with children and (3) % of units for youth-only households. These points reward serving clients with higher severity of need compensate for potentially lower housing stability scores due to working with higher need populations. In tie-breaking situation, priority was given to projects who were the only project of its kind in our geographic area serving a special homeless population/subpopulation.

3.Regarding scoring considerations that this CoC gave to projects working with hard-to-serve populations:

a.Up to 10 points can be earned for % of beds dedicated to the chronically homeless. This prioritization gave such projects an advantage to compensate for the fact that, due to the chronic population that they serve, these projects tend to do less well in two other of our scoring categories: Housing Stability and Increases in Employment Income.

b.Up to 10 can also be earned for % of units for households with children. This prioritization gave such projects an advantage to compensate for the fact that, due to the disabled youth population that they serve, these projects also tend to do less well in two other of our scoring categories: Housing Stability and Increases in Employment Income.

All project applicants take all referrals from our Coordinated Entry Priority List, use a Housing First model, and work with those with histories of victimization or abuse, criminal histories, low or no incomes or past or current substance abuse. We do not score using these criteria as all projects would receive the same score for serving these populations.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Every year, the CoC reviews its scoring and ranking policies and procedures to ensure that they align with CoC need and goals and with HUD priorities described in the most recent NOFO questions. This process takes place at the full CoC meeting with all participating CoC members, including nine people of color attending since 2020.

2. In 2022, 11% of CoC meeting attendees have been people of color. They have been involved in meeting conversations about the ranking factors that were to be used in the 2022 competition.

3. The CoC's scoring and ranking was done by a team of six people, four Non-Hispanic white and one person of color. As part of continued efforts to include people of color and people with lived experience of homelessness in decision making, we worked to ensure the committee had representation of both groups.

4. According to data from the Institute for Community Alliances, our CoC's Non-Hispanic white population is 93.3%, much higher than the U.S. as a whole. Our CoC's homeless at a point in time by race is 81.5% Non-Hispanic white. Our Scoring and Ranking Committee is 75% Non-Hispanic white, so people of color are overrepresented on the Committee.

5. In 2018 the CoC updated its Coordinated Entry Prioritization Policy with input from the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. We proposed using race and ethnicity as a prioritization factor so that those overrepresented in our homeless population could be prioritized for housing. Our Coordinated Entry System uses our Prioritization Policy for referrals to housing programs but prioritization cannot and is not allowed to be done based on race and ethnicity.

Since our CoC's HUD projects use mostly scattered site units. We know that there is covert racial discrimination in hiring, renting units and not renewing leases. Therefore, we include the following in our project scoring and ranking:

- Percent of BIPOC participants who maintain permanent housing for more than six months or who exit to permanent housing;
- Percent of BIPOC participants who return to homelessness after six months; and
- Percent of adults who increased employment income.

These criteria address how projects counteract barriers faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and prioritizes projects that do the best at eliminating these barriers.

1E-4.	Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;	
	2. whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year;	

3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.

(limit 2,500 characters)

. The CoC's written process for reallocation states, "In the months leading up to the release of HUD's CoC Notice of Funding Availability, the CoC coordinator puts potential project applications on CoC meeting agendas. Grants may be considered for reallocation for any of the following reasons: a. They have been underutilized and returned money to HUD. b. They are underperforming. c. They no longer meet the CoC's Priorities. If reallocation is a possibility, the entire CoC is informed and a request for new project applications is announced."

2. After reviewing grant APRs and current grant usage, this CoC, in collaboration with the grantee, identified one grant for potential reallocation: PSH M&M Kandi SAH (UCAP) \$271,967. The reasons for reallocation are that the grantee has had difficulty fully using the grant money due to an imbalance between rental assistance and supportive services. In addition, Lutheran Social Services informed the CoC they would voluntarily reallocate \$2,796 of their grant to support the HMIS expansion grant.

3. The CoC decided to partially reallocate both of the grants listed above. The reallocated funds will go to expand capacity for the statewide HMIS implementation. The MN HMIS Governing Board has requested all CoCs in MN increase their contribution to HMIS in order to make needed updates to the current software system. This will make a better user experience for providers and people experiencing homelessness, it will also allow CoCs easier access to data to inform decision making.

4.N/A

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

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

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No

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

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

	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.	09/25/2023
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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 V.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 was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	09/25/2023
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- 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.	Statewide
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/25/2023
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. With the support and direction of this CoC and the state's HMIS Lead (Institute for Community Alliances – ICA) Minnesota's statewide coalition for victim-service providers (VSPs), Violence Free MN, recently led a grant-funded initiative to assist VSPs in assessing their software vendors. The goal was to assess whether their available databases were truly HMIS comparable databases. Violence Free MN staff also met with vendors directly. Staff from the HMIS Lead Agency were actively involved in this initiative, providing guidance with respect to HMIS data standards. ICA staff participated in meetings with VSPs and funders as needed.

The HMIS Lead Agency continues to engage with Violence Free Minnesota, working with a new position funded through a grant from the Office of Justice Programs (MN Department of Public Safety). This new role aims to identify data collection, technology, and privacy barriers for VSPs and evaluate how these barriers may have prevented VSPs from obtaining sufficient funding. With this partnership between the statewide coalition and HMIS Lead, ICA agreed to provide technical guidance for VSPs via Helpdesk as they work to ensure compliance (while maintaining clear separation of client data; VSP data is not in HMIS nor shared with the HMIS lead directly). This will benefit this CoC by continuing to develop partnerships between the HMIS Lead and VSPs.

Two VSP agencies are on the Continuum of Care Governing Board and three VSPs are collaborating agencies with the grantee of our DV RRH grant. Through the 2022 NOFO the CoC expanded the DV RRH project to fund a full time housing coordinator at a VSP agency. Given this close collaboration with VSPs, this CoC continues to work with our Violence Free MN and ICA to get to a point where all VSPs collect data in databases that meet HUD's comparable database requirements.

2. There are five agencies serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in this CoC. The first two use HMIS-compatible Apricot Software for their client database. The remaining three use their own secure digital client databases. All five DV agencies in this CoC provide de-identified aggregate data to the CoC.

3. Yes, our CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

2A-5. Bed Coverage Rate—Using HIC, HMIS Data—CoC Merger Bonus Points.

NOFO Section V.B.3.c. and V.B.7.

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	122	18	76	73.08%

2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	37	6	31	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	119	22	97	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	162	0	162	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	72	0	55	76.39%

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c.	

	For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:
1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Based on 2023 HIC data, CoC and HMIS Lead Agency staff have identified that there are multiple combinations of projects that if were to join HMIS, would increase the CoC's bed coverage to at least 85%. We will prioritize these projects by size and outreach to the agencies that operate these projects in calendar year 2024 to discuss the importance of their data to understanding the experience of homelessness in our CoC and to problem-solve around any barriers they may have to entering this data into HMIS. There are two agencies that each have a two-bed non-HMIS shelter program. Both agencies use HMIS for all their other TH, RRH, PSH and OPH and have multiple agency HMIS users. Thus, they are likely to be willing and easily able to start having these ES programs be entered in HMIS. They will be asked to do this. Once they agree to this, we will work with the Institute for Community Alliances (the Minnesota HMIS lead) to create provider codes in HMIS for these two ES programs.

The largest non-HMIS ES program is a church-based shelter of 8 beds. In years past, the CoC coordinator has met with their director and board of directors to try to persuade them to use HMIS. Grant funds were offered that would cover their HMIS user licensing fees. They declined as they are part of a national 'Family Promise' network that has it's own software that covers both client data and fundraising. They asked about having read-only access to HMIS to use to learn of client histories. The Minnesota HMIS Governing Board was against this proposal. This project will be asked again in 2024 if this ES program will reconsider using HMIS. If they agree to this, we will work with the Institute for Community Alliances (the Minnesota HMIS lead) to create provider codes in HMIS for this ES program.

Regarding OPH beds, the CoC was less than 10 percentage points short of 85% bed coverage for other permanent housing (OPH) in the 2023 HIC, due to the inclusion of EHV beds. Based on 2023 HIC data, CoC and HMIS Lead Agency staff have identified two projects that are contributing to missing bed coverage. These two projects are Emergency Housing Voucher projects and do not have HMIS data collection requirements. However, they are processing CE referrals through HMIS, which fulfills their HMIS obligations.

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

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/27/2023
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2B-3.	PIT Count—Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC's Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

This CoC has many agencies that serve homeless youth who were engaged in our 2023 PIT count planning process. They include:

- a. Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Youth Programs in Willmar (our largest city), offers street outreach, shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing to homeless youth in six of our counties. They serve on our CoC Governing Board.
- b. United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) has a program specific to homeless youth which offers shelter and supportive services to assist them in returning to housing. They also serve on our CoC Governing Board.
- c. School Homeless Liaisons (SHLs) receive annual training each fall from the CoC Coordinator and are engaged each winter is assisting with our PIT count.

2. LSS youth programs have been doing street outreach in our most populous county of over ten years. They are experts at knowing of locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified. Similarly, SHLs, especially in our larger cities, are knowledgeable about identifying where homeless youth are most likely to be identified. This has led to a burgeoning collaboration in one of our four largest cities which will bring outreach workers from UCAP into the high schools to assist homeless youth, some unaccompanied, in connecting with services to help them and their families.

3. LSS, UCAP, and the School Homeless Liaisons worked with homeless youth in their programs and schools to achieve the most thorough and accurate count possible. LSS and UCAP made sure to collect data on all those in their street outreach, shelter and transitional housing programs and collect their data. While consulting with these participants currently being served, they asked them if they knew of other youth experiencing homelessness who should be included in the count. LSS youth program participants, especially those unsheltered, in shelter or in transitional housing, often know of other peers currently experiencing homelessness.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

. Regarding the sheltered PIT count implementation changes from 2022 to 2023, data quality continues to improve due to:

- Use of a custom data quality report to focus on PIT night data quality
- A new and improved statewide DQ monitoring process, begun in late 2021, which includes follow up efforts by coordinators and funders to address weak data quality.

Additionally, there has been a large increase in capacity for emergency shelter across the CoC region from 2021 to 2023, going from 55 to 122 beds. For example, the Upper Sioux Community began a shelter and transitional housing program called River Lodge in Granite Falls Minnesota and Women's Rural Advocacy Program added a second safe house. The 124% increase in shelter beds has meant that those formerly doubled up in homelessness (and not counted in the PIT) are able to have more privacy and stability in ES, most of which is provided with private hotel and shelter rooms.

2. Regarding the unsheltered PIT count implementation changes from 2022 to 2023, this CoC worked with our HMIS State Lead to:

- Continue to improve on aggregate data collection for projects who do not participate in HMIS
- Improve format and ease of use for non-participating agencies
- Provide additional training supports to assist with accurate data collection

3. During the time of 2022 PIT count, some of Minnesota's eviction moratorium measures had started being lifted and evictions were starting to occur again. There were also some additional resources in the area allowing for additional emergency shelter/voucher space for households, so those numbers were significantly higher than the region has experienced in the past. At the time of the 2023 PIT, some of those previously increased resources in the region have begun to level back out into pre-Covid program levels.

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Processes used to identify risk factors for first-time homelessness include having MN's Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (HPAP) providers on the CoC's Governing Board where they can provide the CoC data on causes of housing crises. The HPAP program covers the CoC's entire geography and totals \$1,182,500/year for 2023 - 2024 in this CoC's entire geography. Data from the HPAP grant is reviewed and discussed at least quarterly at the CoC's Homeless and Hunger Task Force subcommittee meeting. This CoC Coordinator and the CoC Governing Board chair attend these meetings. This data reveals to us the most common risk factors for homelessness is insufficient or lost income. Also on the CoC Governing Board is the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership which provides foreclosure assistance in all 18 of this CoC's counties. The most recent Minnesota Homeless Study, a project of the Wilder Foundation, found that most common reasons that adults reported leaving their last housing were: eviction or not having their lease renewed (39%) and being unable to afford rent or house payments (38%). These statewide data are consistent with our local findings. Based on this our CoC works to secure as many homelessness prevention resources as possible to prevent first-time homelessness in our CoC.

2.Prevention is done first by advertising (in English, Spanish, and Somali) that the CoC's Coordinated Entry System is for either "homeless or about to become homeless." Public advertising is done by radio, newspapers, and hundreds of flyers in the CoC's restaurants, food shelves, laundry mats etc. Agencies, including hospitals, foster care, mental health and corrections, are kept informed of Coordinated Entry intake sites where prevention assistance is offered. DV programs, mental health programs, and substance abuse programs all direct those at risk for homelessness to the CoC's intake points for prevention and diversion assistance. The same is true for Workforce Centers, which assist those unemployed, and county human service offices, which serve those seeking emergency assistance, SNAP and TANF.

3.The CoC Coordinator, working closely with the Homeless Prevention Assistance Program grantee, sub-grantees, and the grant's oversight committee. The CoC's Homeless and Hunger Task Force are responsible for reducing first-time homelessness in this CoC's entire geography.

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	

Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:

1.	natural disasters?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area?	No

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.c.	

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless includes: having a well-advertised Coordinated Entry system covering the CoC's entire geography; advertising the system in Spanish and Somali and offering services in these languages; using Housing First for all RRH and PSH programs; developing and maintaining trusting relationships with local landlords (since much of our RRH and PSH is scattered-site), having a landlord risk mitigation fund to help landlords be more willing to rent to those experiencing homelessness with imperfect criminal, credit and housing histories; prioritizing our Chronic and Family PSH programs in the CoC's ranking process; using a CoC-approved Prioritization Policy that prioritizes chronic homeless and those with longest lengths of time homeless; providing presentations to community groups and School Homeless Liaisons about CoC resources and Coordinated Entry; having a CoC-wide non-discrimination policy; providing ongoing Coordinated Entry, HMIS, Domestic Violence, and Trauma-Informed Care trainings to CoC staff; continually monitoring grant performance and considering reallocation of funds based on performance and need data; and effectively using diversion and problem solving as the first response in addressing those who enter our homelessness response system.

2.This CoC identifies individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless through its HMIS-based common assessment tool which collects data on length of time homeless and chronic homelessness status. Priority Lists, showing length of time homeless and chronic homelessness status, are shared, with client consent, at least weekly and reviewed in CoC-wide online/phone case management and referral meetings. Length of time homeless is used as a prioritizing factor in our CoC's Coordinated Entry System.

3.The CoC Coordinator, working in collaboration with the CoC / Coordinated Entry Governing Board, is responsible for the strategy to rapidly rehouse individuals and families with children and to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless. This process has led to the CoC being recognized by HUD and USICH in 2019 as the fourth Continuum of Care in the U.S. to have ended chronic homelessness.

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

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| 3. | provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing. |
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in ES, SH, TH and RRH exit to permanent housing destinations include: improvement of the quantity and quality of our landlord/property management relationships through individualized outreach; growing our Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund; expanding our Section 8 "Move Up" program to more HRAs; growing our collaboration with PHAs to maximize use of HUD's new Emergency Housing Vouchers; outreach and collaboration to local PHAs and HRAs to bring in to our CoC as many new HUD Stability Vouchers as possible, increasing outreach to and collaboration with cities, employers and the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership regarding development and rehabilitation of affordable, low-barrier housing units; continuing to outreach with state senators and representatives in our region to advocate for housing bonding dollars, employing high-performing, well-trained case managers; growing our collaboration with our CoC's six "Careerforce" centers to increase client earned income and the ability to pay rent without assistance; and continuing to reallocate money from underperforming grants to fund more and higher-performing PSH-RRH and PSH grants.

2.The CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in PH projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations, includes: increasing emphasis on connecting clients to the resources that make employment possible (e.g. transportation, child-care, physical and mental health care, and training in job search, application, and interviewing skills); improving our case manager training through partnership with a statewide initiative to offer the best trainings on topics such as successful tenancy, motivational interviewing, landlord tenant law, and VAWA law, all topics that can help clients retain permanent housing; and, having officially ended Veteran and Chronic homelessness, building and promoting a community-wide campaign to finish ending youth and family homelessness with buy-in from developers, landlords, property managers, and local and state government to contribute to this common goal.

3.The CoC Coordinator, working in collaboration with the CoC / Coordinated Entry Governing Board, is responsible for the strategy to rapidly rehouse individuals and families with children and to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC identifies common traits of individuals and persons in families who return to homelessness via the Minnesota Monthly Dashboard provided by our state HMIS lead. It includes a monthly snapshots of four system performance measures: Measure 3 (total clients served), Measure 2 (returns to homelessness from exits to permanent housing), Measure 5 (persons newly experiencing homelessness), and Measure 7 (exits to permanent housing). We can work with our state HMIS lead, the Institute for Community Alliances, to get more detailed data about returns to homelessness. APRs, which are reviewed by this CoC before submission, also inform the CoC of clients returning to homelessness. By looking at data in APR Q23c: Exit Destination, the CoC can see which projects, if any, a having participants exit to temporary destinations. Projects with participants exiting to temporary destinations can be offered ideas and assistance in lowering or eliminating exits to temporary destinations. The CoC monitors and updates the Coordinated Entry Priority List at least weekly and flags clients who have returned to homelessness or have a history of returning to homelessness after leaving previous housing program anywhere in the state. We are able to use data and case notes on the factors that led to the return so that it will not be repeated for them or others.
2. The CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness includes: working with cities and developers to add affordable, low-barrier rental units; reviewing project-level 'returns to homelessness' HMIS report data and considering lower-performing projects for technical assistance and/or reallocation; continuing to fund and use high-performing, well-trained case managers; having staff continue to assist clients in finding employment, unearned income, transportation and all resources to maximize their housing stability; continuing to refine our CE System so as to match clients with housing where they will be most successful; continuing to use statewide HMIS data sharing to track returns to homelessness, and reasons for such returns; and increasing recruitment and training of landlords to minimize evictions and maximize collaboration.
3. The CoC Coordinator, working with the CoC's Governing Board and Project Performance and Review Committee, is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy for reducing returns to homelessness for individuals and persons in families in our 18 county CoC.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources is first having all case managers consult with clients upon entry regarding income and helping those able to work form a plan to increase employment income, and connecting those unable to work to resources (e.g. treatment, mental health care) that might bring them to employability. Case Managers help clients connect to any childcare and transportation that are needed prior to employment. Next, in 2019 this CoC Coordinator led a statewide Economic Advancement Workgroup. The group created an Income Advancement Referral Decision Chart that helps intake, assessment, and case management workers guide clients to, whenever possible, jobs for the unemployed and better-paying jobs for the employed. The group also created a Coordinated Entry Income Planning Checklist which has helped this CoC to systematically identify at what points in the CE process clients will be helped with getting the best employment possible and which staff are responsible for ensuring this happens. This CoC has MN "CareerForce" staff attend CoC meetings and annually do a presentation on their employment resources. "CareerForce," run by The MN Department of Employment and Economic Development, is a business-led network of private, public and nonprofit partners throughout MN committed to helping individuals start, advance or change their career and helping employers attract, develop and retain talent. There are "CareerForce" centers in the six largest cities in this CoC.

2. Regarding mainstream employment organizations, this CoC has large employers with ongoing job availability often providing worker transportation (e.g. JBS Pork, Schwan Foods, Turkey Valley Farms, Jennie-O Turkey, Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center, temporary agencies, etc.). Our agencies are kept informed of these employment opportunities and job fairs and connect clients to them.

3. The CoC Coordinator, working with the CoC's Governing Board and full CoC, is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income includes:

- Having all grantees continuing to work with clients upon entry and throughout program participation regarding increasing income;
- having case managers, working with county human service workers, assist clients in applying for potential cash benefits, such as MN General Assistance or the MN Family Investment Program (Minnesota's TANF equivalent) or accessing disability insurance, pension, child support, or alimony;
- Having three people with lived experience of homelessness involved in our CoC. These members who have gone through the process of increasing non-employment income can help inform our system's efforts to increase non-employment income and offer guidance to CoC program participants in this regard;
- working with the Central Minnesota Jobs and Training SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) program for clients in our 18 counties;
- offering an annual training on how to help disabled clients get connected to help in applying for SSI/SSDI;
- having SW MN Careerforce staff annually present to the CoC regarding their resources. While Careerforce is primarily focused on helping people increase their employment income, they can also help with non-employment income by assisting people to file for unemployment;
- having on our CoC website an Income Advancement Referral Decision Chart that helps intake, assessment, and case management staff guide clients to non-employment cash income;
- having all Case Managers and clients being able to access to MN's Disability Benefits 101 website which is a clearinghouse for benefit information. If answers cannot be found on the site, the site offers a phone number, live chat and email where one can receive guidance from an expert about accessing non-employment cash sources;
- having staff that can provide services in English, Spanish, Somali, the three most common languages in the region and;
- referring all veterans to Veteran Service Officers and/or the MN Assistance Council for Veterans to assist in accessing veteran pensions and other benefits.

2. The CoC Coordinator, working with the CoC's Governing Board, is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy for increasing 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:

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

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

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

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
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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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	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:

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.		
8.	Only use the "Other" attachment option to meet an attachment requirement that is not otherwise listed in these detailed instructions.		
Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	MN-511 PHA Homele...	09/21/2023
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	MN-511 PHA Moving...	09/21/2023
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes		
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes		
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Web Posting of Lo...	09/24/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/24/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	09/24/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/24/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/24/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	09/24/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	MN-511 HDX Compet...	09/22/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Document Description: Scored Forms for One Project

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Document Description: Notification of Projects Rejected Reduced

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Document Description: Notification of Projects Accepted

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Document Description: Local Competition Selection Results

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Submission Summary

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

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1B. Inclusive Structure	09/25/2023
1C. Coordination and Engagement	Please Complete
1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd	Please Complete
1E. Project Review/Ranking	09/25/2023
2A. HMIS Implementation	09/25/2023
2B. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count	09/25/2023
2C. System Performance	09/21/2023
3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	09/22/2023
3B. Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs	09/06/2023
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4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants	09/06/2023
4B. Attachments Screen	Please Complete
Submission Summary	No Input Required

From the from the current Worthington Housing Redevelopment Authority's
(<https://www.worthingtonhra.com/>) administrative policy and procedure document.

**From Deb Thompson (Section 8 Coordinator) at Worthington HRA at 507-376-9123 or
debt@worthingtonhra.com.**

"Waiting List Management

Each application is assigned to a position on the waiting list, which is appropriate to the applicant's housing needs, preferences, through a comparison of the applicant and all other applicants. Applicants will be ranked based on their accumulation of points for the local preferences. Applicants that receive the same number of points will be ranked based on the date and the time of each application, the oldest being ranked first and all other based on their age in ascending order.

Local Preferences:

*5 points=Dependent Children (Family with dependent child(ren) under 18 years of age or
a full-time student.)*

5 points=Elderly or Handicapped Head of Household or Spouse or Co-Head

5 points=Near Elderly (55 or older)

*5 points=Present tenant of subsidized housing being displaced by owner or
government action.*

*5 points=Rent Wise Course taken with date of completion *Removed preference 2/1/2015*

15 points=Jurisdiction (living in our seven (7) county jurisdiction)

5 points=Homeless (per HUD's definition of Homelessness)

5 points= Victim of Domestic Violence."

"Definition of Homeless

Any individual or family who:

Lacks fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence AND

Has primary nighttime residence that is:

- A supervised public or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living accommodations. (includes welfare hotels, congregate shelters and transitional housing).*
- An institution that provides temporary residence for individuals interned to be institutionalized (not incarcerated, i.e., jails and prisons).*
- A public or private place not designated or normally used as regular sleeping place for humans."*

Southwest Continuum of Care Move Up Initiative Pilot



Summary	The Southwest Continuum of Care Move Up Initiative Pilot is an effort to move stable, formerly homeless households from permanent supportive housing to independent living with Section 8 rental assistance via the Worthington MN Housing and Redevelopment Authority. The goal is to make available permanent supportive housing for currently homeless households in the region. Clients have choice and are not required to “Move Up” when eligible. A primary goal is that these transitioned households do not don’t return to homelessness.		
Partners	Worthington Housing and Redevelopment Authority (WHRA), Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP), Southwestern Mental Health Center (SWMHC), United Community Action Partnership (UCAP), Kandiyohi County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (KCHRA), and the Southwestern Minnesota Adult Mental Health Consortium (SMAMHC).		
Start Date	September 1, 2019		
Households available for consideration.	Organization Name	Project Name	Units
	Kandiyohi County HRA	RASPC Voucher Program	Varies*
	Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership	Homeless Voucher Program	Varies*
	Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership	New Castle Townhomes	4
	Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership	Nobles Square	4
	Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership	Eagle Ridge	4
	Southwestern Mental Health Center	SWMHC HUD SHP	4
	United Community Action Partnership	Safe at Home	Varies*
Scattered-Site Units must be located in the seven-county Worthington HRA service area: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, and Redwood counties.			
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a HUD Permanent Supportive Housing or Minnesota LTH/HPH unit described above. • Minimum two years in permanent supportive housing • Continuous, ongoing income-source. Unearned income (e.g. GA, SSI-SSDI) qualifies • Paid rent on time and in full every month for at least 10 of the past twelve months or in compliance with housing supports program. • Connected to needed resources and likely to be able to remain stable without case management. • Not a lifetime registered sex offender. • Never evicted from federally assisted housing for the manufacture of methamphetamine. • No drug or violent criminal activity in the last five years (PHA may make exceptions to this requirement on appeal if client can prove his or her rehabilitation). [Can appeal] • Meet Section 8 income limits and willing to pay at least \$50 in minimum monthly rent. 		
Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a PSH case manager believe a family is ready and eligible, they will talk with the head of household about the “Move Up” Opportunity and confirm that the household is interested. • When eligible households in scattered-site, voucher-based PSH would like to “Move Up,” the case manager will confirm with the landlord/property manager that a Section 8 voucher will be accepted. • The case manager will ask if the head of household if she is on the Section 8 waiting list, and, if not, have her complete and submit a Section 8 application with assistance as needed. • The case manager will contact the WHRA Section 8 list manager (i.e. Deb Thompson) and let her know, in writing via email, that this is a “Move Up” household using form below. • The “Move Up” household will receive the next available Section 8 voucher. • Once the transition happens, PSH case managers will notify the SW MN Coordinated Entry Priority List Manager (i.e. Justin Vorbach) of an available PSH vacancy. 		

Southwest Continuum of Care Move Up Initiative Pilot Application Form



Date: / / Address of Unit: _____

Instructions: Email this completed form to debt@worthingtonhra.com and copy justinv@swmhp.org on the email.

Case Manager: Please circle YES or NO for each of the statements below

YES	NO	Household unit is in Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, or Redwood county.
YES	NO	Household is in a HUD Permanent Supportive Housing or Minnesota LTH/HPH unit described above.
YES	NO	Household has been in current permanent supportive housing for two years or more.
YES	NO	Household has a continuous, ongoing income-source. Unearned income (e.g. GA, SSI-SSDI) qualifies.
YES	NO	Household has paid rent on time and in full every month for at least 10 of the past twelve months or in compliance with housing supports program.
YES	NO	Household is connected to needed resources and likely to be able to remain stable without case management.
YES	NO	There are no lifetime registered sex offenders in the household.
YES	NO	Household members have no drug or violent criminal activity in the last five years (PHA may make exceptions to this requirement on appeal if client can prove his or her rehabilitation).
YES	NO	Household meets Section 8 income limits and willing to pay at least \$50 in minimum monthly rent
YES	NO	Current Landlord / Property Manager will accept a Section 8 Voucher for this household
YES	NO	Client has completed and submitted a Section 8 Application with the Worthington HRA
YES	NO	Client agrees to leave the PSH program and have Section 8 Rental Assistance without a Case Manager.

<u>Case Manager Name & Signature</u>	
<u>Case Manager Phone</u>	
<u>Case Manager Email</u>	

Head of Household: Please circle YES or NO

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	Client agrees to leave the PSH program and have Section 8 Rental Assistance without a Case Manager.
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<u>Head of Household Name & Signature</u>	
<u>Head of Household Phone</u>	
<u>Head of Household Email</u>	

Landlord or Property Manager: Please circle YES or NO

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	Current Landlord / Property Manager will accept a Section 8 Voucher for this household
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<u>LL / PM Name & Signature</u>	
<u>LL / PM Phone</u>	
<u>LL / PM Email</u>	

From: Chad Carlberg <chad@presencemaker.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 9:56 AM
To: Vicky Ross <VickyR@swmhp.org>
Subject: <EXTERNAL> Re: FW: Website?

Hello Vicky,

The CoC page has been updated. Below is a screenshot showing when the current updates were made.



The deadline url includes the month and year it was uploaded into the site.

<https://www.swmhp.org/assets/uploads/2023/08/FY-2023-CoC-Call-for-Projects-with-local-deadlines.docx>

Here is a screenshot showing that it was uploaded on August 15th.

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Let me know if you need anything else.

Chad

Final Project Scores for all projects MN-511 Southwest CoC					
Applicant Name	Project Name	Score	Rank	Award Amount	Approved/Rejected
United Community Action Partnership	Westwind Townhomes FY23	68	1	\$ 103,390.00	Approved
United Community Action Partnership	PSH M&M Kandi SAH FY2023	67	2	\$ 256,967.00	Approved
Lutheran Social Services	Permanent Supportive Housing for Youth	64	3	\$ 106,234.00	Approved
United Community Action Partnership	Southwest PSH FY23	63	4	\$ 41,926.00	Approved
United Community Action Partnership	DVRRH FY23	46	5	\$ 307,043.00	Approved
Prairie 5	P5 RRH FY2023	N/A	6	\$ 65,666.00	Approved
Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership	MN 511 Coordinated Entry Services FY2023	16	7	\$ 16,280.00	Approved
Institute for Community Alliances	HMIS	25	8	\$ 23,000.00	Approved
Institute for Community Alliances	HMIS Expansion	N/A	9	\$ 25,185.00	Approved
United Community Action Partnership	RRH FY23	48	10	\$ 415,943.00	Approved
Kandiyohi County HRA	Country View Place	47	11	\$ 25,239.00	Approved

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PIT Count Data for MN-511 - Southwest Minnesota CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	79	124	173	121
Emergency Shelter Total	40	86	123	67
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	28	27	21	35
Total Sheltered Count	68	113	144	102
Total Unsheltered Count	11	11	29	19

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	14	12	15	6
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	11	9	11	4
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	3	3	4	2

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Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	13	24	33	26
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	13	24	28	22
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	0	0	5	4

Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011 PIT	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	8	4	2	5	2
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	4	3	1	4	2
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	4	1	1	1	0

*For CoCs that did not conduct an unsheltered count in 2021, 2020 data were used.

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	122	76	104	73.08%	8	18	44.44%	84	68.85%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	37	31	31	100.00%	6	6	100.00%	37	100.00%
RRH Beds	119	119	119	100.00%	0	0	NA	119	100.00%
PSH Beds	162	162	162	100.00%	0	0	NA	162	100.00%
OPH Beds	72	46	46	100.00%	0	0	NA	46	63.89%
Total Beds	512	434	462	93.94%	14	24	58.33%	448	87.50%

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Notes

*For OPH Beds, this does NOT include any beds that are Current, Non-VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

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

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

PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	51	60	14	1

Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Units Dedicated to Persons in Household with Children

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	47	27	32	30

Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	122	107	97	119

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Summary Report for MN-511 - Southwest Minnesota CoC

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than October, 1, 2012.

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

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

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

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	610	758	43	32	-11	28	19	-9
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	643	813	67	41	-26	30	21	-9

b. Due to changes in DS Element 3.17, metrics for measure (b) will not be reported in 2016.

This measure includes data from each client's "Length of Time on Street, in an Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven" (Data Standards element 3.17) response and prepends this answer to the client's entry date effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

NOTE: Due to the data collection period for this year's submission, the calculations for this metric are based on the data element 3.17 that was active in HMIS from 10/1/2015 to 9/30/2016. This measure and the calculation in the SPM specifications will be updated to reflect data element 3.917 in time for next year's submission.

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	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	671	832	126	118	-8	39	36	-3
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	867	886	129	121	-8	50	37	-13

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Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness

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

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
		FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from ES	276	11	4%	7	3%	4	1%	22	8%
Exit was from TH	47	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	1	2%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	198	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	2	1%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	521	11	2%	8	2%	6	1%	25	5%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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This measures the change in PIT counts of sheltered and unsheltered homeless person as reported on the PIT (not from HMIS).

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons		173	
Emergency Shelter Total	86	123	37
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	27	21	-6
Total Sheltered Count	113	144	31
Unsheltered Count		29	

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	658	832	174
Emergency Shelter Total	624	780	156
Safe Haven Total	0		
Transitional Housing Total	45	72	27

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	58	47	-11
Number of adults with increased earned income	7	8	1
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	12%	17%	5%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	58	47	-11
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	16	7	-9
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	28%	15%	-13%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	58	47	-11
Number of adults with increased total income	17	14	-3
Percentage of adults who increased total income	29%	30%	1%

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Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	55	74	19
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	10	10	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	18%	14%	-4%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	55	74	19
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	16	13	-3
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	29%	18%	-11%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	55	74	19
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	24	21	-3
Percentage of adults who increased total income	44%	28%	-16%

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Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	590	783	193
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	54	74	20
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	536	709	173

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	696	957	261
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	75	114	39
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	621	843	222

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

This Measure is not applicable to CoCs in FY2022 (Oct 1, 2021 - Sept 30, 2022) reporting period.

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

Metric 7a.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	0	0	0
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	0	0	0
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	0	0	0
% Successful exits			

Metric 7b.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

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	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	606	826	220
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	344	449	105
% Successful exits	57%	54%	-3%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in exit to or retention of permanent housing

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	173	221	48
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	164	192	28
% Successful exits/retention	95%	87%	-8%

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	All ES, SH			All TH			All PSH, OPH			All RRH			All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	44	64	106	40	31	25	189	194	248	111	93	92			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	38	55	87	40	31	25	189	194	200	111	93	92			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	86.36	85.94	82.08	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	80.65	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	521	630	776	90	45	72	236	223	235	347	337	368	0	0	0
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	484	554	736	63	28	33	50	38	81	220	197	272	0	0	0
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	49	51	12	0	0	0	1	4	16	1	0	4	0	0	0
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	10.12	9.21	1.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	10.53	19.75	0.45	0.00	1.47			

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Submission and Count Dates for MN-511 - Southwest Minnesota CoC

Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/25/2023	

Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/27/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/27/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/27/2023	Yes