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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: RI-500 - Rhode Island Statewide CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: RI Coalition to End Homelessness

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	**Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.**	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	

	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:
1.	**select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted–including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or**
2.	**select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:**

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC's Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	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)	No	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	No	No	No
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	No	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	Yes	Yes	Yes
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.				
35.				

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 Planner publicly posts the call to join CoC Membership in English and Spanish on the CoC, RIHousing, and Secretary of State's website. The Planner shares this solicitation with a diverse group of CoC stakeholders, who disseminate it to community partners. The call is printed in English and Spanish, and the Planner reaches out to cross-sector stakeholders from systems critical to ending homelessness (healthcare, behavioral health, the justice system, etc.). Between annual solicitations, the Planner responds to requests for Membership, and meets with stakeholders to describe the opportunity and encourage participation.

2.All posting described here is in PDF format (English and Spanish) to maximize accessibility for people with disabilities. Prior to posting any materials, they are reviewed for accessibility for people with disabilities, and revisions are made to increase accessibility, if needed.

3.The CoC's Governance Committee surveyed membership in 2021 for self-identification of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, lived experience of homelessness, and professional experience. Based on the results, in comparison with the demographics of those served in CoC programs, the Board and CoC Planner engaged in outreach strategies to fill the gaps identified. In 2022, the Board and the Planner continued to use this data to recruit for CoC Membership. Additionally, the Governance Committee surveyed Membership in 2023 to inform recruitment for this year's invitation to join Membership and is working with the Equity Committee to explore if changes to the Governance Charter are needed to continue making process toward the CoC's equity goals, specifically representation on the CoC Board. To support this, the CoC has also instituted term limits, to support more regular turnover and the opportunity to elevate diverse new members to run for leadership positions on the CoC Board, and the opportunity to recruit new Members to run for leadership positions. Currently, the CoC has 7 persons who self-identify as having lived experience of homelessness serving on the CoC board; there are 17 total seats, meaning that 41% of the CoC Board has lived experience of homelessness. Five out of 17 (29%) CoC Board members identify that their race and/or ethnicity increases the diversity of the CoC Board. 3/17 (17%) of the CoC Board identifies that they believe they increase the LGBTQ+ diversity of the CoC Board.

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.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC Committee Structure ensures opinions from a broad array of organizations and perspectives are considered. CoC Membership and the public are encouraged and supported by the Planner to participate in CoC Committees. One doesn't need to be a member of the CoC to participate in a CoC Committee, but only needs to have relevant experience and interest. This allows the CoC to incorporate diverse stakeholders in the Committee Structure. Within the CoC's decision-making process committees play a key role of making recommendations to the CoC Board for action. These recommendations are reached through consensus, and if consensus is not reached multiple recommendations go to the Board to ensure varied opinions are considered. Additionally, the CoC has worked to incorporate those with lived experience of homelessness into every layer of CoC decision making, including Committees, the Board, and Membership. The CoC collaborates closely with the Coalition to End Homelessness' Constituent Advisory Committee (CAC), who are advocates with lived experience of homelessness. Members of the CAC are reimbursed for joining CoC meetings, and the CoC Board recently voted to formally make the CAC a standing CoC Committee.

2.All CoC Board and Membership meetings are statutorily required to comply with Rhode Island's Open Meetings Act. This is the legal standard for communicating and documenting public forums to ensure the public can access CoC meetings, what decisions are being at these meetings, and provide public comment.

3.The CoC is in full compliance with this law and hosts public forums in accessible locations to ensure that all stakeholders, including those with disabilities, can easily access and participate in CoC meetings. All CoC Committee meetings are available via electronic format.

4.Public comment is incorporated into each CoC Board and Membership meeting. Public comment precedes voting to ensure the public has the opportunity to voice opinions, concerns, or ideas before action is taken. This allows the CoC Board time to discuss and act upon input given in public comment during their meeting, or after their meeting, depending on how urgent the issue is. Given the diverse membership of the CoC, many ideas on improvement and/or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness are communicated. The CoC Planner and those with lived experience also utilize planning dollars to attend regional and national conferences to learn about best practices.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications–the process;

3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.On June 2, the CoC opened its RFP for New Projects. This was announced through the CoC's listserv, was publicly posted via a PDF on the CoC's website, and was announced in the CoC's public meetings. The announcement via listserv was sent to community partners and CoC stakeholders, and the Planner asked these stakeholders to share the PDF announcement widely. On July 11th, the CoC announced the opening of the Local Competition. This announcement was made through the CoC's listserv, which includes stakeholders and community partners. The announcement was also publicly posted in PDF format on the CoC's website and was announced in the CoC's public meetings. The Planner asked these partners to share this announcement widely. The RFP for New Projects, the Local Competition Announcement, and the recorded trainings all mention that the CoC will consider project applications from non-profits and government agencies not currently receiving CoC funding.

2.The RFP for New Projects and the Local Competition Announcement detail the process for how a project applicant must submit their application. Both documents include a timeline including the deadline, webinar trainings, and presentations of the step-by-step process of applying. All recordings of the trainings are publicly posted on the CoC website, so attendees and the public can access the same information. New project applications submitted a complete application to the CoC Planner via email. If the project was selected to be included in the CoC Collaborative Application, the applicant submitted in ESNAPS by August 25. Renewal project applications submitted in ESNAPS for inclusion in the Collaborative Application by August 18.

3.The RFP for New Projects and the Local Competition Announcement included the scoring and ranking process, which determines which New Project applications are submitted to HUD and their rank. All policies and scoring criteria are hyperlinked in the publicly posted RFP for New Projects. Additionally, the CoC publicly posts its full scoring, ranking, and reallocation policy on the CoC website for transparency. On September 12th, the CoC announced through the CoC's listserv, and publicly posted on its website, all ranked and accepted projects.

4.All documents that are part of this process, including the RFP for New Projects, the Local Competition Announcement, and the CoC's Ranking and Reallocation Policy are publicly posted on the CoC website in PDF format to ensure accessibility

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	

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

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

18.		

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.Rhode Island's Consolidated Homeless Fund (CHF) combines ESG, State Conveyance Tax Revenue, Title XX, SFRF, City of Providence Recovery, and ERA2 funds. The CoC and CHF share a Funding Committee comprised of both CHF and CoC stakeholders with no conflict of interest. This committee includes ESG recipients throughout Rhode Island (the cities of Providence, Woonsocket, Pawtucket, and the state's Department of Housing), so each ESG recipient's feedback is considered as both CoC and CHF/ESG funding decisions are being made.

2.The Funding Committee, which includes the ESG recipients described above, also reviews both CoC and CHF/ESG recipients and subrecipients performance regularly and as needed via performance metrics, monitoring reports, and grievances that arise. The shared Funding Committee helps streamline communication with recipients and sub-recipients. Additionally, performance reports are posted publicly on the HMIS Lead's website for transparency.

3.PIT and HIC data were presented in-person at the May 2023 CoC Board and Membership meeting. This meeting was open to the public, and ESG recipients and consolidated plan jurisdictions throughout Rhode Island participated in this meeting. The presentation was also circulated to stakeholders and community partners, including ESG jurisdictions who could not attend the meeting in-person. PIT and HIC data is also considered at the Funding Committee, which is a shared committee between ESG, CHF, and CoC, as described in 1. This data is also publicly posted on the HMIS Lead's website for transparency, and trainings are offered to stakeholders and the public.

4.In addition to the presentations and invitations to communicate about strategies to address homelessness done within CoC Board and Membership meetings (to which ESG recipients and Consolidated Plan stakeholders are invited), the CoC Planner, and other members of the CoC Board, regularly communicate with various cities, towns, and Consolidated Plan jurisdictions to have individualized conversations around preventing and ending homelessness. These meetings have led to innovative partnerships and new opportunities within RI. The CoC Planner participates in Consolidated Plan updates annually to ensure alignment and communication of information.

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.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers.	Yes

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Youth Education Providers (YEP) are active participants in CoC Membership, and within the CoC's Standing Committees. Their participation in the CoC structure helps inform system policies and procedures, processes, gaps analysis, and strategic planning. Numerous YEPs also partner directly with CoC recipient and subrecipient agencies to deliver services within multiple CoC programs (Providence School District MOU, Head Start MOU, McKinney Vento Liaisons, etc.). Additionally, CoC recipient and subrecipient agencies in family and youth-focused projects have formal partnerships (established in their policies and procedures and via MOUs) with youth education providers. For example, Lucy's Hearth's housing and shelter projects serving families work directly with the McKinney Vento Liaisons in both the Newport and Middletown school districts. When families are enrolled in either project, project staff and the McKinney Vento Liaison for the relevant district meet and make a plan to ensure that the youth being served in the project are connected to the local school district, ensuring that they are afforded all of the opportunities available to them. Additionally, both school districts partner with Lucy's Heath to hold regular info sessions at Lucy's shelter facility, ensuring households receive the support they need.

The Rhode Island Department of Education's Statewide McKinney Vento Liaison Coordinator is a long-term member of CoC Membership, and regularly participates in CoC meetings and ensures education and district needs and goals are represented in statewide CoC planning and ongoing communication about opportunities for partnership. For example, when Rhode Island's Department of Education was beginning to disseminate its second round of ARRA monies, the CoC led a series of workshops on CoC programs and fostered partnerships between districts and the LEA's receiving ARRA and the CoC agencies in their jurisdiction. CoC staff attend regular SEA/LEA meetings to share resources, network, and collaborate. The CoC also regularly offers to link liaisons with specific recipient agencies in their jurisdictions to foster formal partnerships whenever necessary. Many CoC recipients formally work with school districts in direct service delivery. Additionally, the CoC and HMIS Lead collaborate with the statewide McKinney Vento Liaison Coordinator and multiple school districts throughout the state for the PIT Count and the Youth PIT.

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 a written policy and procedure on educational services for children and young adults. This policy includes a sample educational rights policy for ESG and CoC Recipients and Sub-Recipients to support them in effective implementation of the policy. Additionally, this policy ensures that all Recipients and Sub-Recipients understand their responsibilities under federal and state law and under CoC policy. The policy further clarifies how every school district and public charter school is mandated, under federal and state law, to designate a homeless liaison responsible for supporting children and young adults experiencing homelessness through helping them maintain school enrollment, stability, and attendance, and making sure they are given opportunities for academic success. This policy summarizes information about the responsibilities of Recipients and Sub-Recipients of CoC and ESG funds, which includes designating a staff member(s) to ensure that participants in ESG and CoC programs understand their educational rights established under Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and more recently, the Every Student Succeeds Act. These educational rights mandate that children and young adults experiencing homelessness are immediately enrolled in school, as required by federal and state law, and are connected to transportation and education services to help them succeed in school.

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	Yes	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	Yes	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	Yes	Yes
4.	Early Head Start	Yes	No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	Yes
6.	Head Start	Yes	No
7.	Healthy Start	Yes	No
8.	Public Pre-K	Yes	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.The CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated in Question 1C-5 to update CoC-wide policies. Two of the CoC's main collaborators include the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence (RICADV) and Sojourner House (SH). The latter is one of the largest CoC and ESG providers, currently with more than 2.5M in CoC and ESG funding for PSH, RRH, SSO, and YHDP projects. This year both RICADV and Sojourner House have had representatives on the CoC Board of Directors, and representatives participate frequently in CoC Standing Committees. This level of participation means that Victim Service Providers (VSPs) are involved in all levels of CoC decision making and influence CoC-wide policy development and implementation. For instance, recently the CoC Board Member representing Sojourner House brought up both policy and implementation concerns related to the CES. These issues were discussed during the CoC Board meeting, and afterward the CoC Planner, CoC Board Member, and the CE Lead, worked on next steps, and further refinement of the CES to better serve households fleeing domestic violence. Additionally, the CE and HMIS Lead, the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness (RICEH), was recently awarded a large CoC grant to work with VSPs on further streamlining the referral and housing workflow into the larger CoC, while maintaining the safety of the households served. This commitment to collaboration between the CoC and VSPs means that VSPs are integrated into the CoC decision making structure and have influence over policy decisions.

2.The CoC holds multiple, free trainings on trauma informed care and victim-centered services, including safety and confidentiality planning and protocols. These trainings are open and encouraged for all CoC and ESG providers. Examples of these trainings include the following: Intersections of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Homelessness: Working with Survivors to Navigate Systems and Trauma Safely, Trauma Informed Care, Critical Time Intervention, Harm Reduction, Treatment Planning, Advanced Case Conferencing, and Housing First. These trainings are offered at least quarterly, and often monthly. Additionally, the CoC offers all of these trainings to CES staff, and additional CES-specific trainings are provided as well, including the following: Responding to Emergency Transfers, Working with Survivors to Navigate Systems and Trauma Safely, and Safe and Secure Referral Processes for Survivors of Violence.

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.The CoC holds multiple, free trainings on trauma informed care and victim-centered services, including safety and confidentiality planning and protocols. Examples include the following: Intersections of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Homelessness: Working with Survivors to Navigate Systems and Trauma Safely, Trauma Informed Care (both Introduction and Advanced sessions), Critical Time Intervention, Harm Reduction, Treatment Planning, Advanced Case Conferencing, and Housing First. These trainings are offered at least quarterly, and often monthly. The CoC also hosted a training on the new changes to the VAWA Rule and implementation of the changes introduced as part of the VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2022.

2.The CoC offers all the same trainings described in Part 1 of this question to CES staff, including victim-centered services trainings, trauma informed care trainings, and safety planning for survivors of domestic violence. These trainings are offered at least quarterly and often monthly. Additional CES specific trainings are provided as well, including, but not limited to: Responding to Emergency Transfers, Working with Survivors of to Navigate Systems and Trauma Safely, and Safe and Secure Referral Processes for Survivors of Violence. All CoC trainings highlight the importance of using a person-centered, victim-centered approach.

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)

1.The CES Lead Agencies, or the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness (RICEH) and Crossroads Rhode Island (CRI), with input and guidance from Victim Service Providers (VSPs), lead the work to effectively implement both safety planning and confidentiality protocols in Rhode Island's CoC.

The CES Lead Agencies, RICEH and CRI, provide regular training throughout the year to program staff and CES Assessors on CES policies and procedures to support the ongoing implementation of CES within the state, including the implementation of CES's safety planning protocols. Specifically, safety planning protocols are outlined in the CES policies and procedures, and all CES Assessors and Primary Workers must be trained on these policies and procedures before beginning to work in the CES. These trainings include information on the protections provided to survivors within CES and a careful review of the differences between the referral procedure for survivors to ensure safety and confidentiality. Additionally, RICEH meets monthly with DV provider agencies to ensure the safety planning protocols are trauma-informed and victim-centered.

2. The entire CES process for survivors is de-identified to prioritize the safety of the survivor above all else. Only the VSP making the referral into the CES knows the identity of the survivor as the entire CES process, including the housing match, uses a de-identified number only to ensure the survivor's safety and complete confidentiality. The referral process was developed and is continuously informed by monthly meetings with DV provider agencies to ensure it is trauma-informed and victim-centered. In these monthly meetings with DV providers, RICEH also continuously trains providers on the de-identified referral workflow for survivors, which supports the ongoing implementation of CES with DV shelter and housing providers, including confidentiality protocols. RICADV, who administers the comparable database, has been on CoC Membership since 2019. The largest VSP provider in the state, Sojourner House, has long been a CoC member and has a representative on the CoC Board. This inclusion of VSPs at the highest level of CoC decision-making ensures the CoC's policies and procedures, including CES policy, is considered with a victim services approach.

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.The CoC and its HMIS Lead coordinates with the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence (RICADV) to ensure the comparable database (Empower DB) RICADV oversees for survivors of domestic violence meets COC requirements, and that it can generate metrics to inform system decision making in CoC Committees, Board, and Membership meetings. Some examples of the type of data generated includes the following reports: APRs, CAPERs, CoC and ESG performance metrics, and SPM metrics. Continuum of Care, HMIS, and CES staff receive reports (these reports do not include personal information) to inform system-level decision making.

2.This data from Empower DB is used in a number of ways, including at the System Performance and Recipient Approval and Evaluation Committee (the Funding Committee) to conduct gaps analysis and to inform new and renewal project application determinations and reallocation decisions. To conduct DV-specific gaps analysis and assess the unique needs related to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, the CoC examines its system data, including its Housing Problem Solving data, By Name List, RICADV and National Network to End DV reports on statewide, population-specific statistics, and Empower DB (the CoC's comparable database). Empower DB gathers risk factor data related to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through a needs assessment implemented by victim service providers along with services and housing data. This data is used in CoC Committee meetings, specifically the Funding Committee, to conduct gaps analysis and to make funding and ranking decisions. Additionally, the CoC Board recently approved a change to the CoC's Standing Committee structure, and now the HMIS Committee is responsible for regularly analyzing System Performance Measures and related data looking at overall system performance. These committee conversations will include key data indicators from Empower DB, and the committee will use this data to make recommendations to the CoC Board on how to improve overall system performance.

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 that include an emergency transfer plan. This policy applies to all CoC participants regardless of known survivor status. The emergency transfer plan is trained on during CoC, CES, and DV-specific CES trainings. Domestic violence providers, CoC, and CES Lead Agencies provide regular training throughout the year to program staff on CoC, and CES, policy to support the ongoing implementation of CES throughout the state, including the ongoing implementation of the emergency transfer plan.

2.The HUD Form 5380 'VAWA Occupancy Rights Notice' must be provided to all adult program participants upon acceptance into any CoC or ESG-funded project. This form must also be provided with any notice of eviction or termination of assistance. A household requests an emergency transfer by submitting the HUD-5383 Form (Request for Emergency Transfer). By using this form, the tenant certifies that they meet the criteria for an emergency transfer. The criteria are: (1) the tenant (or member of the household) must be a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (self-certification is accepted); (2) the tenant must expressly request the emergency transfer (submission of the form HUD-5383 is considered a request for transfer); and (3) the tenant must reasonably believe that he or she is threatened with imminent harm from further violence, if they remain in their current unit, or he or she has been a victim of sexual assault and the assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period before the request for transfer. All CoC and ESG grantees must develop and implement an emergency transfer plan that allows participants to move to housing outside of the jurisdiction of the CoC if necessary to ensure participant safety. Participants must be informed of their rights under VAWA and be provided a form indicating those rights upon program application, acceptance into the program, and upon termination or completion of program services.

3.Emergency transfer requests are responded to within the CoC in two ways. First, all CoC and ESG providers are responsible for responding directly to emergency transfer requests. Second, if a specific provider cannot accommodate a request, then the provider may submit a transfer request to the CES, where the CES Housing Prioritization and Referral Manager will facilitate a transfer to another available housing resource.

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.The CoC makes all housing resources available to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Survivors are not only referred to DV-specific housing and services, but all available CoC resources. The CoC accomplishes this through the CoC and CES policies and procedures, respectively. These policies and procedures clarify that all eligible populations, including households who fit the Category 4 homeless definition, have access to all housing programs in the order they are prioritized. In addition to DV-specific housing resources and services, the Housing Assessment, which is used to determine vulnerability and to prioritize households for all CoC housing resources and services, includes a domain that asks about exposure to violence and risk of exploitation. Within this question, multiple forms of violence and exploitation are considered, including domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking and sex work. In short, within the CoC survivors have access to all CoC housing resources and services, and within the prioritization tool for all CoC housing resources the CoC recognizes that this experience, or being a survivor of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, makes a household more vulnerable.

2.The CoC has been, and continues to be, proactive about identifying systemic barriers within the CoC's homeless response system to providing housing and services to survivors. For example, during the FY21 Collaborative Application, the CoC and CES Lead heard from system stakeholders serving survivors that the system was not adequately addressing the needs of this population. In response, the CoC and CES Lead submitted a New Project application as part of the FY21 Collaborative Application, to integrate this population more effectively into the homeless response system and ensure access to, and a smooth referral process for, all survivors to CoC housing and services. Since being funded, the CE Lead has used this significant investment ($748,482) to streamline both the shelter and housing referral process for survivors. This has included significant collaboration with all DV providers in the homeless response system, and has resulted in a better integrated system, where DV providers and the CE Lead can consistently recognize barriers, and work together to continuously streamline the shelter and housing referral process for survivors, while maintaining the integrity and safety of survivors.

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)

1.The CoC gathers feedback from all stakeholders, as a system, through its formal, public meetings, and through its committee structure. The CoC also works with recipients, subrecipients, and CoC stakeholders to recruit people with a range of experiences, including surviving Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking, into all levels of its decision-making structure, and throughout its member organizations. Some specific strategies include robust opportunities for public comment in all public meetings (all CoC business is conducted in public meetings), listening sessions for CES and CoC initiatives, and surveys disseminated by the CoC, its workgroups, and its CES and HMIS Lead agency (RICEH). These strategies encompass both people with lived experience, and people currently experiencing homelessness, including survivors. To ensure safety, the CoC works with providers to integrate this feedback into the CoC decision-making structure in a trauma informed and respectful way, that prioritizes safety and centers the client in how and what they are willing to disclose. A specific example of this, is, as a part of RICEH's new DV Bonus CE project they worked with Sojourner House (the CoC's largest Victim Service Provider) and the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, to hold feedback sessions with survivors with lived experience of homelessness, to help inform policy and implementation decisions about how the CoC can work with Victim Service Providers to better deliver services. This intentional and meaningful integration of survivors' feedback has, and will continue to, directly impact program design throughout the CoC.

2.Additionally, through the robust participation of VSPs within the CoC, and the added collaboration recently underway through the CES DV Bonus project, the integration of survivors with lived experience is done in a way that is trauma-informed and prioritizes survivors' safety and unique and complex needs. Referencing the specific example above, Sojourner House and RICADV ensured, with the participation of RICEH, survivors willing to participate were respectfully engaged, prioritizing safety and the preferences of the survivors' in how and what information they choose to disclose. Both agencies have years of experience with this population, and the CoC turns to them for best practices on how to respectfully and thoughtfully engage survivors.

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.The CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy as necessary when there is a federal regulation change, or when stakeholders from the CoC or wider community bring feedback to the CoC, either through committees or public forums. This process ensures participation throughout the community from diverse stakeholders. This includes updates due to the finalization of HUD's Equal Access and Gender Identity Final Rules and subsequent policy interpretation memos issued by HUD. Changes to the CoC's anti-discrimination policy seek to uphold the intent of the Equal Access and Gender Identity Final Rules, or that eligibility determinations for CoC and ESG projects are made without regard to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. CoC and ESG-funded projects are prohibited from making inquiries regarding sexual orientation or gender identity for determining eligibility or otherwise making housing available, and inquiries related to an applicant or occupant's sex are allowed only for the purpose of determining the number of bedrooms a household is entitled to.

2.The CoC supports providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies consistent with CoC standards by providing regular training opportunities on this policy, with each training incorporating scenarios that providers respond to in small groups. These scenarios help the CoC reiterate that LGBTQ+ households receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination, and give practical steps toward best practices in serving households who may identity as LGBTQ+ in accordance with rules, policy, and best practices.

3.Annually during the CoC's monitoring process, provider's project-level anti-discrimination policies are reviewed for compliance with CoC and HUD policy, including HUD's Equal Access and Gender Identity Final Rules. Additionally, the CoC's CES Lead and Implementation Committee, works to identify and escalate potential violations to the Collaborative Applicant, through the regular implementation of the CES.

4.Non-compliance identified at monitoring, and through CoC implementation work, is addressed with a finding on a monitoring report and the CoC provider being required to submit evidence of the updated policy or corrective action in an identified timeline. Non-compliance identified through complaints or CoC implementation work, is addressed through the CoC's Grievance Process, which is trained on regularly.

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?
Rhode Island Housing	56%	Yes-HCV	Yes
Providence Housing Authority	44%	Yes-HCV	No

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC collaborated with Rhode Island Housing (RIH), the Providence Housing Authority (Prov HA), and the Pawtucket Housing Authority (Paw HA) to craft policy and procedures for a homeless preference for HCV and PH programs. The CoC partnered with RIHousing on the need data, policy and procedures, and HUD approval for a revised Administrative Plan to create an additional 50 HCVP voucher “super preference” for those choosing to move on from Permanent Supportive Housing into a mainstream subsidy. RIHousing calls this super preference the “Move Up Program”, and it is based on HUD’s Moving-On Initiative.

Additionally, the CoC has networked extensively statewide with PHAs to encourage and support the transition to limited and general homeless preferences. The CoC has supported by drafting language and working to partner the CoC’s HMIS Lead and CES Lead with PHAs to help streamline the process. The CoC, and Rhode Island Housing, has shared administrative plan language, board approval documents, and programmatic templates to support other PHA’s in the implementation of their homeless preferences. Both Rhode Island Housing and the Paw HA have been long-time CoC members, and have general homeless preferences. Additionally, Rhode Island Housing and the Prov HA currently hold seats on the Board of Directors, with Peter Asen, from the Prov HA, serving as the CoC’s Board Chair since May of 2023. Since the Prov HA joined the CoC Board, the CoC has collaborated with the Prov HA to support an application for Mainstream HCVP vouchers and helped inform their accompanying administrative plan revision to create a limited preference for households experiencing homelessness and at risk of homelessness. The Prov HA was initially awarded 50 Mainstream Vouchers, and its administrative plan revision was approved establishing the limited preference. The Prov HA and the CoC subsequently applied for additional Mainstream Vouchers in a future funding round, and now the Prov HA has 140 of these vouchers. In 2021, the CoC built on these established partnerships when the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) opportunity presented during the COVID-19 pandemic. RIHousing and the Prov HA were both offered EHVs and both PHAs promptly accepted their awards, collaborated with the CoC on MOU development and alignment with CES. Both PHAs also deployed their programs in advance of national averages.

2. N/A

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)	Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	Yes
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)?	Yes
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	Family Unification Program (FUP) Voucher, Mainstream Vouchers, Emergency Housing Vouchers, and VASH

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

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
	If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.	

PHA
Rhode Island Hous...
Providence Housin...

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

Name of PHA: Rhode Island Housing

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

Name of PHA: Providence Housing Authority

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	33
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.	33
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.The CoC requires all projects to follow Housing First principles and provides training and technical assistance on the CoC's Housing First standards and related competencies.

The CoC evaluates all project's implementation of Housing First principles using two strategies: (1) each CoC agency is monitored annually through a technical assistance provider contracted by the CoC and (2) the CoC reviews system performance measures at the project level and scores projects annually utilizing these performance measures. The monitoring reports summarize whether or not the CoC grantee is compliant with Housing First policies. Currently, during this process, our monitoring partner uses expert staff with experience running Housing First programs to monitor its CoC grants. This staff evaluates programs during monitoring on numerous factors, similar to the attached tool.

The first strategy utilizes expert guidance to assist the CoC in evaluating each CoC-funded agency's Housing First policies and procedures and engages program staff in a discussion of implementation strategies. Monitoring visits in 2023 were conducted on-site, with the CoC's Collaborative Applicant, CE and HMIS Lead, and TA provider all present. The second strategy adds to the information and context gained during the monitoring process.

2.Through regular discussion of system performance measures and incorporating housing-first specific metrics into the annual scoring and monitoring processes, the CoC ensures ranking matches system values. For example, the list of factors and performance indicators the CoC uses during its evaluation includes, but is not limited to: housing retention, exits to permanent housing, returns to homelessness, length of time from referral date to move-in date, percentage of admissions to PSH with multiple disabilities, whether or not projects are low-barrier, access regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status, whether or not projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to offer input, etc.

3.Outside of the local CoC competition, CoC-funded agencies, stakeholders, and CES staff utilize the CoC's formal and informal grievance process if a CoC-funded agency is not following Housing First principles. Additionally, the CES Implementation Committee regularly looks in-depth at CES matching and referral data to understand more fully whether or not CoC providers are operating according to Housing First principles.

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)

1,4.The Rhode Island CoC supports robust coordination of Street Outreach (SO) teams operating throughout the Statewide CoC by pairing a full-time Statewide Street Outreach Coordination (SSOC) position within the CES Lead Agency, or the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness (RICEH). This SSOC position works with all SO teams throughout the state to ensure all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness are identified and engaged. Support provided by the SSOC includes a monthly statewide SO meeting to coordinate all SO teams operating within Rhode Island, with visits to each region of the CoC to provide additional support to ensure widespread coverage and deduplicate efforts. The SSOC works with the SO teams and the HMIS Lead (RICEH) to identify and report out on real-time data regarding homeless encampments. Additionally, to ensure all persons are identified and engaged, the HMIS and CES teams regularly identify unsheltered households with CE enrollments, but who are not connected to an SO team. This data is used to make referrals directly to SO teams. During this process, the SSOC also identifies special populations (survivors, TAY, veterans, etc.) and makes direct referrals to agencies specifically funded and/or trained to serve these populations. To supplement this, the SSOC regularly analyzes heat map data from the HMIS Lead related to location of households experiencing unsheltered homelessness, to ensure adequate street outreach coverage. The SSOC also serves as one of the CoC's liaisons with behavioral, mental, and physical healthcare, schools, meal sites and food panties, day shelters, grassroots service organizations, municipalities, and other resources that persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness access. This is to ensure that the CoC is identifying all unsheltered households and engaging them in services, especially those households who are least likely to request assistance. The SSOC also coordinates Rhode Island Annual Unsheltered PIT Count in collaboration with all SO teams, the HMIS Team, and the PIT Team (comprised of statewide stakeholders).

2.Street Outreach teams cover 100% of the CoC's geographic region, which is the entire state of Rhode Island.

3.The Rhode Island CoC conducts street outreach every day throughout all regions of the Rhode Island. Different SO teams operate at different times, with some teams works as early as 6:30am, and some late into the night.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	Yes
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	Yes
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		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.	Longitudinal HMIS Data	464	436

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 ensures program staff has up-to-date information on mainstream resources by dissemination of materials and updates at least monthly through CoC Board and Membership meetings, CoC trainings, and the CoC website. Examples of such materials and trainings include the following topics: SOAR, TANF, DHS, and substance use and behavioral health programs, to name a few. Continuum of Care meetings frequently include information about mainstream resources available to CoC participants. For instance, at the February CoC Board and Membership meeting there was a presentation given by community partners and Rhode Island's Office of Health and Human Services introducing the new Medical Respite pilot to CoC providers and stakeholders.

2.The CoC both partners with and directly funds Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) and offers technical assistance and guidance to CoC grantees seeking to begin partnering with CMHCs. For example, the CoC recently started a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project between a Community Development Corporation (CDC) and a healthcare provider to leverage both housing and medical expertise to best serve those experiencing homelessness. On another project, which was funded during the FY22 CoC NOFO, the CoC worked to partner with a PHA, a CDC, and a services and harm reduction organization to provide wraparound supports to those experiencing chronic homelessness. Additionally, the CoC Board and Membership voted at their last joint meeting to change the Governance Charter to add a Standing Committee to the CoC Committee Structure that is focused exclusively on building out additional partnerships and innovative program models between the CoC, healthcare systems and entities, and affordable housing developers. Additionally, the CoC partners with MCO health navigators to engage homeless individuals with mainstream benefits and Medicaid provided peer-recovery specialists.

3.The CoC positioned its statewide coordination of the SOAR program at the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness (RICEH), who is also the CoC's HMIS and CES Lead. The SOAR program currently takes referrals based on vulnerability as measured by CES to ensure the program is serving those that need these services the most. Additionally, the CoC and RICEH hold trainings and provide information on best practices regarding SOAR to CoC grantees and other community partners.

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)

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rhode Island convened the Homeless Response Team (HRT), which included a cross-sector group of stakeholders with experience in homelessness services. This team led multiple initiatives within the homeless response system's COVID-19 plan, including the design and expansion of shelters into non-congregate settings to de-densify existing shelters and create more shelter capacity. The HRT trained shelter programs on the opportunities available, and the State offered funding opportunities with existing homeless services funding resources (ESG, State Conveyance Tax, etc.) and new pandemic funding programs (ESG-CV, ERA-2, and other ARA funding). The State and homeless service providers also coordinated to bring hotels and available buildings into the portfolio to significantly expand NCS opportunities. To further support providers in boosting their capacity, both the ESG and CoC funders prioritized regular meetings to navigate questions and unforeseen challenges. Additionally, the ESG and CoC funders convened a regular case conferencing meeting to focus on housing solutions for households enrolled in NCS to ensure these system resources did not develop into a bottleneck and affect the system's ability to move households into permanent housing solutions.

Currently, Rhode Island's Department of Housing (ESG funder) is in the process of its Consolidated Homeless Fund RFP and should be awarding new projects in the coming month. While the initial purpose for NCS was to protect households from COVID-19, the homeless response system learned that NCS shelter provided a more trauma informed and low barrier setting than existing large congregate shelters. This has allowed the homeless response system to successfully shelter more highly vulnerable households, who have declined congregate options. This knowledge has been incorporated into this RFP, and the Department of Housing's overall strategy. For instance, to assist with the closing of the Armory Warming Center this spring, the Department of Housing increased NCS capacity through a number of projects, including: (1) approval of a new, 65-bed NCS operated by Open Doors, serving a total of 121 individuals (2) Amos House moving their family shelter to an NCS setting, or Charlesgate Nursing Center, and increasing their shelter capacity with this move from 30 to 60 families and (3) Community Care Alliance expanding NCS capacity by 40 beds, serving individuals and families.

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.At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in Rhode Island, the CoC collaborated with the Rhode Island's Department of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Administration to create the Homeless Response Team (HRT), which was tasked with overseeing a cross-sector response to the COVID-19 pandemic for people experiencing homelessness. Key to this effort, was the funding of a COVID-19 liaison position at the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness (RICEH) tasked with leading communication to deploy policy and protocols in a rapidly changing environment and to solicit input and feedback on emerging needs. During this time the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Health collaborated on issuing guidance to inform policy development and the Department of Administration, which oversaw the dissemination of funding, streamlined their practices, and regularly sought feedback from RICEH and the CoC to inform priorities for funding dissemination.

The HRT centralized the COVID-19 response, policy decision making, and the dissemination of resources and training for service providers. The collaboration has formally ended but has led to sustained cross-sector collaboration and learnings. Currently, the Department of Health and the Department of Health and Human Services are active on CoC Membership and within CoC Standing Committees, and a current CoC Board Member holds a leadership position within the Department of Health and Human Services. These members help develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks and provide invaluable public health expertise.

2.One significant example that the HRT and COVID-19 response in Rhode Island led to is the creation of more NCS options, which was initially pursued as a strategy to de-densify congregate shelters. As this strategy was pursued, the CoC, and partners, learned that this was an effective strategy for both preventing infectious disease outbreaks and providing robust supportive services to unsheltered households, and specifically unsheltered households who may decline traditional congregate settings. For example, non-congregate shelter settings can significantly limit the dangers and potential public health issues related to injection drug use by providing harm reduction services and safe use resources. Recently, a number of new NCS projects have been approved, as referenced in the question specifically about NCS resources.

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.At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in Rhode Island, the CoC collaborated with Rhode Island's Department of Health and Department of Health and Human Services, to create the Homeless Response Team (HRT), which was tasked with overseeing a cross-sector response to the COVID-19 pandemic for people experiencing homelessness. Key to this effort, was the funding of a COVID-19 liaison position at the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness (RICEH) tasked with leading communication and sharing information related to public health measures and homelessness, with homeless service providers and key stakeholders. During this time, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Health collaborated with the COVID-19 liaison and CoC system leadership on issuing guidance to inform policy development.

The HRT centralized the COVID-19 response, policy decision making, and the communication and sharing of information related to public health measures and homelessness for homeless service providers and key stakeholders. This collaboration has formally ended but has led to sustained cross-sector collaboration and learnings. Currently, the Department of Health and the Department of Health and Human Services are active on CoC Membership and within CoC Standing Committees, and a current CoC Board Member holds a leadership position within the Department of Health and Human Services. Having these members active within all levels of CoC Governance ensures that information related to public health and homelessness is communicated effectively.

2.The fact that the Department of Health and the Department of Health and Human Services are integrated throughout the CoC's Governance Structure, ensures effective communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers. These members are able to provide feedback and updates regularly to CoC and ESG providers on how to accomplish their work with a public health lens. Additionally, now active within the CoC is the Housing is Healthcare Collaborative, which is a group from the healthcare and homelessness sectors with a shared goal of using a public health approach to prevent and end homelessness, and to ensure equitable healthcare and housing services for those experiencing homelessness. This group includes a range of stakeholders and is currently working with the CoC to incorporate learnings from a low-barrier, and harm-reduction focused shelter project to inform system-wide policy.

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 is a statewide CoC, and the CES covers the entire geographic (100%) area.

2.Households in Rhode Island who are in a housing crisis initiate a request for services either in-person, by phone, text, chat, or email. There are a number of access points in the CES, and a household can access services through the CE Call Center, which has a language line, or through an outreach provider, shelter provider, housing provider, or community-based service provider who has been trained on the CE workflow. The Statewide Street Outreach Lead works with the CE Lead to engage households who are unsheltered and are hard to reach, to complete crisis and housing assessments. These assessments directly inform the CoC's prioritization determination for both shelter and housing resources. The CE Lead also provides reports to providers so they can understand who on their caseload has a crisis or housing assessment completed, and whose assessment needs to be updated. Accessible information about how to obtain services through the Statewide CES is available online, by phone, and through a range of community-based providers.

3.The standard assessments (crisis and housing assessments) are updated regularly. Both tools are locally developed and determine placement and prioritization for shelter and housing. As explained below, these tools draw on a range of stakeholder experience, and are simultaneously being evaluated and iterated upon, based on feedback.

The assessment process is updated regularly with feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in Coordinated Entry. Recently the CoC convened a workgroup reporting to the CES Implementation Committee to evaluate the crisis assessment. This workgroup included housing providers, shelter providers, outreach providers, persons with lived expertise, and system collaborators. The workgroup met for two months and submitted a revised crisis assessment to the CoC Board in April. Since implementation the CoC is working with Brown University to complete an evaluation of the tool. The CES Implementation Committee has planned to revisit the housing assessment this fall.

The Statewide CES Policy and Procedures Manual is updated at least annually, and frequently more often, in response to local feedback. This feedback is regularly gathered by the CE Lead via listening sessions, surveys, and public meetings incorporating participating projects and households with experience navigating CES.

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.The CES ensures access across the state by using a call-center model that is accessible by phone, text, chat, and email. The CES utilizes a no wrong door approach by training staff statewide to act as CES assessors who can complete crisis and/or housing assessments. These CES assessors include direct service staff within CoC and ESG programs that are part of outreach teams, shelter providers, housing programs, and other community partners and crisis services. To supplement this approach, and to help reach those least likely to receive homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach, the CoC funds a CES Statewide Street Outreach Coordinator (SSOC) that coordinates outreach providers across the state to ensure access for those who are unsheltered and/or living in encampments. This includes coordinating with outreach providers to make sure unsheltered households have completed crisis and housing assessments, as well as working to update those crisis and housing assessments, and guaranteeing that when these households are connected to shelter and housing placements, they are done so quickly and effectively.

2.The CoC's prioritization is described in the CES Policies and Procedures and prioritizes households most in need of assistance based on acuity/vulnerability, which is measured by the locally developed and universally applied crisis assessment and housing assessment. Additionally, these tools are consistently iterated upon by a diverse group of stakeholders, including those with lived expertise, to ensure that they continue to prioritize those most in need of assistance.

3.Timeliness standards for all steps of the referral process are included in the CES Policies and Procedures to ensure households are placed in housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences, and time to housing is monitored and incorporated within the CoC's performance metrics.

4.The no wrong door approach implemented through utilizing CoC and ESG program staff to act as CES assessors embedded within outreach teams, shelters, housing programs, and other community partners and crisis services, and the SSOC, reduces unnecessary burdens to accessing the CES. Furthermore, the CES Implementation Committee continues to review the assessment and prioritization process to further simplify and improve coordination. For example, the Crisis Assessment was recently revised and shortened to continue capturing vulnerability, without asking unnecessary questions.

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)

1.The CoC, and its CES Lead, use multiple strategies to affirmatively market all housing and services provided in the CoC's geographic area to persons experiencing homelessness. The CES operates a No Wrong Door Approach, which is the foundation of the CoC's CES. This approach maximizes access through combining a CE Call Center that is open 365 days a year, with full coverage Monday through Friday from 9am-7pm, and additional hours on the weekends from 2pm-7pm, with over 150 CES Assessors trained on the CES workflow and embedded throughout the homeless response system. The Call Center has a call back queue feature, online live chat, SMS texting, and language lines available, and CES Assessors work proactively with community partners to ensure that the community, and those experiencing homelessness, know about the housing and services provided through the CES. This is combined with robust marketing, which is done through regular meetings with community partners and service providers to ensure they have up-to-date information, including physical materials, to effectively disseminate to all points of contact throughout the CoC. These services are also marketed on RICEH's website (rihomeless.org). The goal of these strategies is to take affirmative steps to ensure all persons eligible are able to access the CES.

2. All CES Lead staff and CES Assessors are trained on the CoC's CES Policies and Procedures, which outline the participants rights under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws. As part of the CES workflow, staff are trained to educate households utilizing the CES of these rights and their ability to file formal complaints utilizing the specific provider's grievance policy and/or the CoC's grievance policy.

3. Actions or conditions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants are discovered mainly by the CES Lead and Collaborative Applicant, through case conferencing, CES Assessor feedback, data review, and the CoC's grievance policy. These situations are elevated to the CoC's Recipient Approval and Evaluation Committee (RAEC), which is a joint funding committee and includes all Con Plan jurisdictions, including Woonsocket, Pawtucket, Providence, and the State of Rhode Island. This works, in addition to the CoC's Grievance policy, to not only remedy specific grievances, but hold providers accountable for ongoing issues and incorporate learnings into funding and policy decisions.

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.	08/03/2023

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC analyzes evidence of racial disparities in the provision and outcomes of homeless assistance in two main ways:

First, the CoC looks at system level data, evaluating the implementation of both CoC and ESG homeless assistance programs at major change points, including initial entry into CES, referral to resource, intake into program, and exit from program. This data, which is taken from HMIS, has been regularly reviewed at a system level and has begun being reviewed monthly by the Equity Committee. The Committee, which includes participation from the HMIS and CES Lead, works to identify trends and compares this data to Rhode Island census data to determine if racial disparities exist in the provision and/or outcome of services. Additionally, other, more nuanced data, is beginning to be considered with the development of a new report for the Equity Committee. For example, this report includes data looking at those being matched to housing and shelter and whether or not they are racially representative of the larger population of households experiencing homelessness.

Second, the CoC also analyzes evidence of racial disparities at the project level. In FY22, the Equity Committee included three equity-based outcome measures in the CoC's performance scoring for the CoC Competition. That year the goals were: (1) identifying and reducing racial disparities in denied referrals (into housing programs) (2) identifying and reducing racial and ethnicity disparities in length of time from referral to move-in-date (into housing programs) and (3) agency conducted an equity-focused assessment internally within agency inclusive of board and all levels of staff that incorporates policy and procedures, compensation equity review, and stakeholder input. Due to more regular review of system-level data, during the FY23 CoC Competition (1) and (2) were not included in the performance metrics. Instead, the Equity Committee decided to focus its efforts on Metric (3).

2.The analysis demonstrates that racial disparities exist at the system level that align with national trends: BIPOC and Latinx households are disproportionally represented in the population of the homeless system as compared with RI's general population. At a project-level, this general trend continues, with some complexity around Latinx households being significantly over-represented within some project types, such as Family RRH, but not other types, such as Individual RRH.

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.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has an Equity Committee with two main objectives: (1) build equity as a non-negotiable element of the CoC's work by determining equity metrics and performance standards and ensuring that these metrics are included in the CoC and homeless system's strategic planning and system performance criteria and (2) make recommendations to other CoC Standing Committees and to the CoC's Board of Directors and Membership for action and decisions relevant to advancing racial equity within the CoC and its programs.

The Equity Committee regularly provides updates, in collaboration with the CES and HMIS Lead, to the CoC Board. The Committee has also worked recently with the HMIS Lead to build upon existing race and ethnicity reporting, enabling the Equity Committee to have a more nuanced understanding of racial disparities within the homeless response system. This allows the Equity Committee to make more informed recommendations to the CoC Board and other Standing Committees on what actions to take to advance racial equity within the CoC. Specifically, Equity Committee members have provided feedback that using this more nuanced data allows the Committee to provide more useful recommendations to the CES Implementation Committee, enabling greater collaboration and ability to problem solve.

The Equity Committee also included one equity-based performance metric during the FY23 CoC Competition (these metrics are run at the project level to inform ranking in accordance with the CoC's ranking policy for renewal projects). The equity goal this year was: (1) agency conducted an equity-focused assessment internally within agency inclusive of board and all levels of staff that incorporates policy and procedures, compensation equity, review, and stakeholder input.

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)

The CoC analyzes evidence of racial disparities in the provision and outcomes of homeless assistance in two main ways:

First, the CoC looks at system level data, evaluating the implementation of both CoC and ESG homeless assistance programs at major change points, including initial entry into CES, referral to resource, intake into program, and exit from program. This data, which is taken from HMIS, has been regularly reviewed at a system level and has begun being reviewed monthly by the Equity Committee. The Committee, which includes participation from the HMIS and CES Lead, works to identify trends and compares this data to Rhode Island census data to determine if racial disparities exist in the provision and/or outcome of services. Additionally, other, more nuanced data, is beginning to be considered with the development of a new report for the Equity Committee. For example, this report includes data looking at those being matched to housing and shelter and whether or not they are racially representative of the larger population of households experiencing homelessness.

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The analysis demonstrates that racial disparities exist at the system level that align with national trends: BIPOC and Latinx households are disproportionally represented in the population of the homeless system as compared with RI's general population. At a project-level, this general trend continues, with some complexity around Latinx households being significantly over-represented within some project types, such as Family RRH, but not other types, such as Individual RRH.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's strategy to engage people with lived experience focuses on partnering with peer-led constituent advocacy groups. The two groups the CoC works with are the Youth Action Board (YAB) and the Constituent Advisory Council (CAC). The YAB is a group of youth leaders ages 13-24 with experience of homelessness and/or housing instability. Significant efforts have been made to ensure YAB members represent those disproportionately impacted by homelessness and/or housing instability. The YAB is currently funded by the CoC to include 10 members, who receive paid stipends equivalent to a fair wage, and 2 youth co-coordinators paid hourly, livable wages. The YAB is a CoC Standing Committee, and two YAB members have seats on the CoC Board. The YAB makes program, policy, and funding decisions for all activities to end youth homelessness. The Constituent Advisory Council (CAC), which is supported by the CoC's CES and HMIS Lead, is a committee of persons with experience with homelessness and/or housing instability. The CAC is deeply involved in CoC work, as members participate in a number of its Standing Committees, including the CES Implementation Committee and the Governance Committee. This creates opportunities for constituent voice to be included in policy decision making and system change work. At the July CoC Board meeting, the CoC Board voted to make the CAC a Standing Committee. This formalizes the CAC's role within the CoC and increases their ability to be involved in, and affect, decision making within the CoC. Similar to the YAB, the CoC reimburses CAC members for their time and expertise, the rate for CAC members is $25/hour for all CoC planning work.

The CoC's communication about CoC Membership recruitment is emphasized using social media and flyers in drop-in centers, housing programs, and shelters, to engage households with lived expertise. The CoC also altered its Governance Structure to carve out leadership positions on the CoC Board for people with lived expertise, including 2 positions for YAB members and 3 positions for additional individuals with lived expertise. This has resulted in the CoC Board currently having 7 Directors with lived expertise (41%, as there are 17 CoC Board seats). Additionally, the CoC recognizes not everyone wants to engage in the same way, and hosts listening sessions, anonymous surveys, and focus groups to gather constituent feedback and input. The CoC compensates households with lived expertise for participating.

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.	36	0
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	36	0
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	8	0

4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	18	0

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC encourages its member organizations to provide professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness in multiple ways. The CoC utilized its CoC Planning Grant in 2022 to engage an organizational development firm to provide agency assessments to CoC organizations. This organizational assessment focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion. As part of this assessment, there were specific questions to diagnose an agency's professional development related to elevating individuals with lived experience into all levels of the organizational structure. During the CoC's Local Competition, and performance scoring process, CoC agencies were scored on whether or not they participated in this process, or if they conducted their own, equity-focused assessment internally.

The Equity Committee has built on this by beginning to work to expand this metric in 2024, so it does not only measure if an assessment was completed, but if that assessment has led to progress within the agency. The committee is currently discussing what "progress" might look like, but one metric being considered, is the percentage of total staff that have lived experience of homelessness, and the percentage of staff with lived experience of homelessness in leadership positions. Additionally, the CoC Board recently voted to formally designate the Constituent Advisory Committee as a Standing Committee of the CoC and is working on engaging the CAC around recommendations for better integration of folks with lived experience into the decision-making structure of the CoC, as well as how to best provide and create professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness.

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.The CoC gathers feedback in its formal, public meetings, and through its committee structure. The CoC also recruits people with lived experience into all levels of its decision-making structure, and throughout its member organizations. Some specific strategies, include robust opportunities for public comment in all public meetings (all CoC business is conducted in public meetings); listening sessions for CES and CoC initiatives; and surveys disseminated by the CoC, its workgroups, and its CES and HMIS Lead agency. These strategies encompass both people with lived experience, and people currently experiencing homelessness.

2.Challenges and feedback raised by people with lived experience of homelessness concerning CoC and ESG programs are of particular concern and interest to the CoC. Challenges are addressed on an individualized basis depending on the challenge raised and the stakeholders involved. Challenges are often resolved informally, however, can be formally addressed through the CoC and ESG Grievance Process. Workgroups and CoC Standing Committees (all of which include members with lived experience) consistently reflect both challenges and feedback to the CoC Board (which includes multiple members with lived experience) for resolution and action.

3.The CoC engages in advocacy on its constituent's behalf based on the challenges and feedback raised. Additionally, feedback will become even more robust, as the Constituent Advisory Committee (CAC) is now a formal Standing Committee of the CoC. A continuing challenge and feedback point raised at all levels of the CoC concerns the growing number of people living in unsheltered situations, and the barriers they face to accessing both shelter and housing. This has resulted in action by the CoC and Rhode Island's ESG funder, the Department of Housing. This action has included continuing to expand shelter resources, both congregate and non-congregate, as well as implementing changes to the CES implementation for shelter, to make the system more nimble and successful shelter placement more effective.

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)

1.The CoC has partnered with each of the core cities in numerous ways, including consulting on funding dissemination to promote housing development and offering public comment on zoning and land use policies hindering development of ELI housing and reducing regulatory barriers. Additionally, during this year's legislative session numerous bills (13 total) were passed by the general assembly proposing changes aimed at simplifying zoning and land use policy, as well as regulatory barriers, to spur the development of affordable housing. For instance, one of these bills provides municipal government subsidies and zoning incentives, including density bonuses, to allow for more dwelling units than otherwise allowed in a given zone. Another amends Rhode Island's Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Act, so that the permitting process is streamlined from three steps to two steps.

2.Rhode Island is a geographically small and densely populated state with one, statewide CoC. The state contains 5 core cities and 34 additional towns. The CoC, in collaboration with the Department of Housing (who is a CoC member), has taken a number of steps within the last 12 months to engage local town, city, and state governments to promote and incentivize affordable housing development for households experiencing homelessness and extremely low-income households (these populations have significant overlap, although they are not one and the same). Specifically, the CoC has partnered with State Leadership and the Department of Housing to inform a successful state budget passing in the general assembly that includes $101.5M in housing investments, including financing for new projects, tools for municipalities to streamline development, and funding for a proactive development entity. The proactive development entity (PDE), which has received 1.4M in funding for FY24, will be a subsidiary of Rhode Island Housing, which also serves as the CoC's Collaborative Applicant. The PDE will work with developers and communities to streamline the housing production process by identifying and reducing obstacles to affordable housing development. Areas of focus may include site acquisition, removal of land use restrictions, municipal relations, environmental issues, and other barriers to effective development.

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:

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- 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.	07/11/2023
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.	07/11/2023

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.	No

1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section 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)?	115
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	34
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)

1.The CoC evaluates key metrics in its annual performance reports, which are used to determine project ranking during the CoC's Local Competition. Within the scoring tool used, there are metrics that are designed to help measure whether projects are successfully housing program participants in permanent housing. One of these metrics is "Percentage of all participants who remain in PH and/or exited to a PH destination". Each project is evaluated on its ability to support its participants in maintaining their housing or transitioning into another permanent housing resource. This data is available to all CoC programs, as the HMIS Lead has trained grantees to allow each agency to pull and monitor their own performance. This data is also regularly revied by the CoC for analysis, system refinement, and during the annual CoC Local Competition.

2.An additional metric used to determine project ranking and selection during the CoC's Local Competition is "Length of time from CE referral to program enrollment (for PSH); length of time from CE referral to Move-In date (for RRH)". This data is available to all CoC programs, as the HMIS Lead has trained grantees to allow each agency to pull and monitor their own performance. This data is also regularly reviewed by the CoC for analysis, system refinement, and during the annual CoC Local Competition.

3.The CoC's Standard Housing Assessment tool is used to assess needs and vulnerabilities including, but not limited to, history of victimization and/or abuse, low or no income, current and past substance use, criminal history, unsheltered homelessness, and length of time homeless and chronic homelessness. Additionally, the CoC used a metric measuring if a CES referral exists for all new admissions within the last program year, in the CoC's Local Competition. The CoC, and the CE System, requires a completed Housing Assessment to inform housing placement, where the Housing Assessment score measures the vulnerability of the household. The CES Lead uses assessment scores to prioritize households with the highest needs for referral to CoC projects.

4.The CoC considers each project individually, if the project is the only of its kind in the state that serves a special homeless population the CoC may adjust ranking, so the project is not penalized due to serving the hardest to serve populations. This adjustment is rarely needed, however, since points are awarded for serving higher acuity households across all projects.

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)

1,2. The CoC recently completed a demographic survey of its Board, Membership, and Standing Committees (including the Funding Committee, CES Implementation Committee, and HMIS and SPM Committee, which collaborate on the rating factors). The CoC compared the demographics of these groups to the demographics of the population the CoC serves. This has resulted in increased recruitment efforts to diversify the CoC Board, Membership, and the CoC's Standing Committees. Specifically, CoC Board and Membership are currently discussing restructuring the Governance Charter and how CoC Board seats are selected to increase representation on the CoC Board. Additionally, the Board approved a change to the Governance Charter recently to recognize the Constituent Advisory Council (CAC) as a formal Standing Committee of the CoC. While CAC members are currently solicited to provide feedback on the rating factors and ranking process, recognizing the CAC as a formal Standing Committee, means the CAC will play a formal role going forward in reviewing and approving the rating factors and ranking process.

1,2. The Funding Committee, HMIS and System Performance Committee, and CES Implementation Committee, where rating factor and ranking process decisions are approved, are open to the public and widely advertised. During this process the ranking factors are shared with constituent advocacy groups comprised of people of different races, particularly those overrepresented in the local homeless population. The review and ranking process is held transparently through public facing dashboards on the HMIS Lead's website and in public CoC meetings.

3. The CoC included one metric this year within its project rating factors and ranking process that focused on reducing barriers to participation in the rating and ranking process. This metric was whether or not a CoC agency has conducted an equity-focused assessment internally, with full points awarded only if specific components were included. For example, points were awarded if the assessment had a compensation equity review included. This type of metric is important to incentivize CoC agencies, whose staff make up a significant part of CoC Members and Standing Committees, to recruit, retain, and elevate staff who are of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population.

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)

1.The CoC's Ranking and Reallocation policy states that funds reallocated as part of recapturing unspent funds, voluntary, or involuntary reallocation will be made available for reallocation to create new projects during the local solicitation process. Projects that have underspent more than 10% of their award, may be reduced and those funds will go to reallocation for New Project(s). As part of the local solicitation for inclusion in the HUD CoC Collaborative Application, providers are asked whether they wish to voluntarily reallocate some or all of their funding. Such reallocated funds are pooled for reallocation to New Projects. Reallocation decisions are subject to appeal through the CoC Grievance process and, if unresolved, to HUD. After discussing and approving the process in a publicly noticed CoC Board meeting (April), the CoC circulated the approved Ranking and Reallocation policy and process through its stakeholder list and publicly posted the process and policy on the CoC's website. The policy, including the appeals process, was also included in all reallocation email communication with recipients being reallocated.

2.This year the CoC identified five (5) projects for partial or full reallocation during the CoC's Local Competition. Two (2) of these projects voluntarily reallocated the full grant amount, and three (3) were involuntarily reallocated though a recommendation by the Funding Committee. All reallocation, whether voluntary or involuntary, was approved by the CoC Board in a public meeting. All 3 of the involuntarily reallocated grants were partial reallocations. This action was recommended by the Funding Committee, and approved by the CoC Board, due to consistent underspending and underperformance – all three grants were underspent in FY19, and under 60% spent in FY20. The total amount of reallocation for the FY23 Collaborative Application is $281,924.

3.Yes, this year the CoC did reallocate low performing projects. The two PH Renewal Projects with the lowest overall scores were both partially reallocated through involuntary reallocation. This decision was made based both on the project's underspending and performance.

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?	No

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?	Yes
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
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.	08/22/2023

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.	09/13/2023

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

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.	

You must enter a date in question 1E-5c.

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.	

You must enter a date in question 1E-5d.

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Bitfocus Clarity Human Services

2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area.	Statewide

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.	04/27/2023

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.All Victim Service Providers (VSP) enter data into instances of comparable databases supported by the vendor Empower DB. The HMIS Lead meets one-on-one with each VSP regularly to review data collection and data quality. Additionally, Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness (RICEH), who is the CoC's HMIS and CES Lead, provides regular trainings to all VSPs in the CoC to ensure they are setting up projects correctly, completing necessary data collection activities, and meeting data quality standards, including the FY22 HMIS Data Standards. The Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness coordinates with the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence to conduct these trainings.

Additionally, RICEH was funded during the FY21 Collaborative Application to implement a new DV Bonus CES project whose goal is to increase coordination between the VSPs and the wider homeless services system. One strategy being implemented as part of this project, is to increase overall data collection and quality, while continuing to prioritize protecting survivors. The end goal of this project is to more effectively shelter and house survivors with available resources.

2.Currently, VSPs provide their aggregated system performance data to the CoC and HMIS Lead as part of the annual Local CoC Competition. All VSPs were advised of the FY22 HMIS Data Standards, and the HMIS Lead worked with each VSP to ensure they are collecting data in compliance with these data standards. Currently, all VSPs have been able to produce CAPERs and APRs for submission in SAGE.

3.The Rhode Island CoC is in compliance with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards. All updates were effective 10/01/2021 in the CoC's HMIS instance.

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	868	45	729	88.58%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	224	79	120	82.76%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	407	80	306	93.58%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	1,375	71	1,304	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	919	9	910	100.00%

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The bed coverage rate for Transitional Housing within Rhode Island's homeless response system is currently 82.76%. This is due to a particular provider, who has a number of TH beds that are privately funded. This allows the provider to not participate in HMIS or Empower DB (the CoC's Comparable Database). However, the HMIS Lead, or Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness (RICEH), has made a significant effort to outreach to this provider and encourage their voluntary participation. Such efforts include the Chief Strategy Officer, who oversees the HMIS Team, reaching out directly and meeting with them one-on-one onsite at their agency. RICEH is currently providing further technical assistance to this provider through its CoC DV Bonus Coordinated Entry project, to ensure that these beds, in the future, will participate in the Comparable Database.

2.The process of working with the particular provider to incorporate these beds in the Comparable Database has already begun, and RICEH is confident that they will be fully participating before 2023, which will result in a 100% bed coverage rate in TH. The CoC is closely following the local collaboration between VSPs and the CES and HMIS Lead, as it works to implement its new CoC DV Bonus Coordinated Entry project to assure VSPs are appropriately supported as they enhance their coordination with the CoC's systems.

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

2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/25/2023

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

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)

1.The initial Youth PIT was conducted concurrently with the Statewide PIT. The CoC had the YHDP Planning Lead, the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness (RICEH), the RHY Street Outreach Provider, and Youth Action Board members as key PIT leaders. Youth-specific drop-in centers, libraries, and other youth serving organizations from throughout the state worked with the YHDP Lead and HMIS Team at RICEH to successfully implement the PIT. Additionally, the YHDP Lead led a secondary effort to count youth experiencing homelessness more accurately within Rhode Island during the months of April and May. This was a Youth-specific PIT and was co-led by the YAB alongside 5 youth-serving organizations. Youth helped identify hot spots, shift times, supply needs, and volunteers, and youth with lived experience helped co-create the Youth PIT survey, to ensure it was youth-centric and accessible.

2.The Youth on the YHDP/COC's Youth Action Board (YAB) and youth serving organizations assisted in the planning process by helping to identify hot spots where unaccompanied youth are most likely to be visiting, brainstorming survey sites and incentives for PIT participation, and reviewing survey questions. Stakeholders participated in these activities for both the initial Youth PIT, as part of the wider Unsheltered PIT Count, and the more extensive, Youth-specific PIT. Data from the initial PIT was used to further identify hot spots and survey sites were set up at youth organizations near these hot spots during the Youth-specific PIT. The Youth Action Board, the YHDP Lead, and youth serving organizations led the design, planning, and implementation of the Youth-specific PIT.

3.The CoC did not include youth experiencing homelessness as counters during the CoC's most recent unsheltered PIT count. Youth experiencing homelessness were counters during the secondary, statewide, Youth-specific PIT.

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)

Not Applicable - No Changes.

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.The CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time through collaboration between the CES Lead Agencies and the CES Implementation Committee. Crossroads Rhode Island (CRI) is the current lead for Housing Problem Solving, including Homeless Prevention, Diversion, and Rapid Exit activities throughout the CoC, while the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness (RICEH) is the current Coordinated Entry Lead Agency. Data used to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time is tracked within the HPS Assessment, along with the Crisis and Housing Assessments, which are all part of the Coordinated Entry enrollment process. These assessments were determined through a collaborative process between the CES Leads and the CES Implementation Committee, which includes a diverse group of stakeholders, including folks with lived experience. The HPS Assessment, specifically, is designed to identify persons at risk of experiencing homelessness and those persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.

2.The CE System in Rhode Island consists of a Call Center that operates 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Agents at the Call Center are HMIS users and have the ability to assist callers in multiple languages. Additionally, there are approximately 150 front-line staff members located throughout the CoC, who are trained in the Coordinated Entry workflow. This enables them to enter clients into the CE Project and to conduct CE Assessments without having to utilize the Call Center. Households in the CoC experiencing homelessness for the first time are triaged and assessed upon initial contact with the CE System. This is the CoC's strategy to address individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness for the first time or who are at risk of entering homelessness. In other words, the strategy is to utilize the CE process to best target the available resources to indicated populations based on their situations, risk factors, and vulnerabilities. The Housing Problem Solving team, in collaboration with CE Assessors, the Call Center, and Shelter Providers, is able to identify households entering homelessness for the first time and households at risk of experiencing homelessness, and begin working with them on homeless prevention, problem solving, or rapid exit strategies.

3.The CoC's CES Implementation Committee and its CES Lead Agencies – RICEH and CRI – are responsible for overseeing this strategy.

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 average LOT households remained homeless in ES, SH, and TH was 168 days (we do not have any SH in Rhode Island). This number is down from an average LOT of 189 at the time of last year's competition. After the FY22 Competition, the HMIS Steering Committee formed a System Performance Improvement Plan Workgroup. This group focused on new strategies to improve this system performance measure, as well as other system performance measures. This group has recently identified additional strategies, including implementing a Coordinated Entry System Navigation project. This project will be staffed by the CE Lead, who will work with providers to identify gaps within the CE workflow, to ensure households are moving through the system effectively. For instance, one potential focus will be to work with particular shelters who have a higher percentage of long-term stayers to ensure these households have Housing Assessments completed, are active on the Housing Queue, and are receiving assistance navigating the process once they are matched to PH resources.

2.The CoC prioritizes those with a longer length of time homeless for housing through its CE prioritization. This strategy alone is not effective without shelter providers implementing housing-focused services. Consequently, the HMIS and SPM Committee has begun looking at average LOS for each ES and TH provider. The HMIS and SPM Committee is able to identify programs with longer average LOS and work with the CES Implementation Committee to identify next steps. The CoC has also worked on increasing provider knowledge of Housing Problem Solving (HPS), which is implemented as part of the CES process, and includes Homeless Prevention, Diversion, and Rapid Exit activities. This work is led by the HPS Lead, Crossroads Rhode Island (CRI). Additional strategies include routinely looking at the longest stayers at case conferencing meetings to identify barriers to housing – this has been done particularly well as the family case conferencing meeting. The CoC Planners also worked closely with the Consolidated Homeless Fund (CHF), which funds outreach, shelter, and HPS services, to re-write their Request for Proposals to include performance metrics and language outlining housing-focused outreach and shelter case management services.

3.The CoC's HMIS and CES Lead, Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness, and the CoC Planner are responsible for implementing this strategy.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing–CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	

	In the field below:
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;

2.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The strategy to increase the percentage of placements to PH destinations from ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH, consists of multiple pieces, including: (1) convening a sub-workgroup of the CES Implementation Committee to work with PSH providers who are struggling with utilization to ensure these providers are deploying all of their existing PH opportunities quickly and effectively (2) continuing to improve exit destination data in SO and ES projects to ensure the CoC is capturing the true story of exits to PH destinations; (3) the creation of a new CoC Standing Committee (the Pipeline Committee) at the July 2023 CoC Board meeting, that focuses on bringing in new non-CoC and ESG funding for permanent housing resources to the homeless response system; (4) expanding the range of households that can be served by the CoC's partnership with the Providence Housing Authority and their Mainstream Voucher Program, to include higher acuity households who are on the low range of the RRH acuity scale; (5) continued work with PSH providers to fully utilize Rhode Island Housing's Move-Up Program, to open up the maximum number of turnover PSH units; (6) expanding training and implementing Housing Problem Solving throughout the homeless response system, by fully integrating the work of the HPS Lead with the work of the CES Lead.

2.The retention rate in PH projects remained at 97% this year. The CoC's strategy to continue to increase this percentage includes ongoing training on best practices, including Housing First and related strategies. The CoC continues to monitor PH projects for compliance, effectiveness, and fidelity to the Housing First model. The CoC also scores its PH renewal projects using each program's housing retention rate compared to the CoC's standard. In addition to prioritizing strong serve delivery within the homeless system (by implementing a Housing First philosophy consistently and to fidelity) to support housing retention, the CoC collaborates regularly with mainstream affordable housing providers (PHAs, CDCs, and other affordable housing developers) and subsidized housing initiatives (Rhode Island Housing's Move-Up Program, the Mainstream Voucher Program, etc.) to ensure there are robust permanent housing options outside of the CoC.

3.The CoC's HMIS and SPM Committee, Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness (the HMIS and CES Lead), and the CoC Planner are responsible for overseeing this strategy.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness–CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The strategy to identify households who return to homelessness is to run HMIS reports on all project types in the CoC, including SO, ES, TH, PH, and OPH. The CoC calls these reports recidivism reports. These reports are analyzed at the HMIS and System Performance Committee, as well as at CoC Board and Membership meetings. The HMIS Lead pulls recidivism reports by project type to analyze if specific projects need additional training or support to curb recidivism rates. The CoC examines exits from programs regularly through CoC Board and Membership meetings, the HMIS and System Performance Committee, and during the annual CoC Competition, which scores renewal PH projects on this metric.

From FY21 to FY22 progress was made on the recidivism rate across different dimensions. The average recidivism rate across all project types in less than 6 months decreased from 11% to 7%; the average recidivism rate across all project types from 6 to 12 months stayed constant at 5%; the average recidivism rate across all project types from 13 to 24 months decreased from 7% to 6%; and the average recidivism rate across all project types from 2 years on decreased from 23% to 18%.

2.The CoC ensures households in TH and PH are offered robust supportive services to transition to and/or remain in PH via statewide Supportive Housing Case Management standards. These standards provide a baseline for supportive services and best practices to be provided within CoC programs and are disseminated to the CoC community through comprehensive Housing First and Case Management training. These trainings are free of charge, and help CoC providers develop staff capacity and the knowledge base to deliver flexible, trauma-informed, and person-centered services to stabilize households in PH. If households are experiencing housing instability, they are referred to Emergency Rental Assistance resources or the Housing Problem Solving (HPS) Lead at Crossroads Rhode Island.

3.The CES Directors at Crossroads Rhode Island (HPS Lead) and Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness (HMIS and CES Lead) are responsible for overseeing this strategy. The HMIS System Administrator employed by RICEH and RIHousing's CoC Planner are responsible for obtaining, reporting, and scoring the PH Renewals, which includes a metric that scores projects on their rate of returns to homelessness at 12 months after PH placement.

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 increase employment income includes working with Rhode Island's Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) agency on employment opportunities for persons with lived experience of homelessness to support their efforts to seek employment and CoC provider agencies developing employment opportunities and programs for persons with lived experience.

2.To increase access to employment opportunities, the CoC has partnered with training organizations specializing in training and employment for CoC constituents. An example of this is the Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council (SUMHLC). This partnership prepares those with lived experience of homelessness to enter the workforce. The Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness' Community Resource Guide suggests employers with less stringent background check expectations and shares job opportunities.

Additionally, CoC providers offer job training, work readiness, and career planning opportunities and link participants with mainstream training and employment services. For example, Community Care Alliance (CCA) one of the CoC's recipients, utilizes its Harbour Youth Center to provide career exploration and job readiness training for youth who participate in its CoC-funded RRH project. Amos House, another CoC recipient, also has robust employment services. For example, they provide opportunities to the population the CoC serves through their Job Training and Employment program, which includes culinary, carpentry/maintenance, and customer service/call center training programs.

CDBG entities also align job training resources provided by other funding sources with eligible CoC participants. The CoC, and its recipients, have utilized the Governor's Workforce Board (GWB) in Rhode Island, the state's primary policy-making body on workforce development matters. Linking people with lived experience of homelessness and little cash income with workforce training and employment opportunities increases future potential to earn cash. The GWB oversees and coordinates federal and state workforce development policy through implementation of the Workforce Investment Opportunities Act and allocation of Rhode Island's Job Development Fund.

3.The ED of the RI Coalition to End Homelessness and the CoC Planner at RIHousing oversee this strategy.

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 positioned its statewide coordination of the SOAR program at the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness (RICEH), who is also the CoC's HMIS and CES Lead. Placing this system-level project at RICEH aligns with the CoC's overall strategy of serving the most vulnerable households, who are the most in need of SOAR services. The SOAR program currently takes referrals based on vulnerability as measured by CES to ensure the program is serving those that need these services the most. In the last fiscal year, the statewide SOAR specialists at Sojourner House and the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness have received and screened 51 referrals, have received 12 claims, and have achieved a 92% (24% higher than the national SOAR approval rate) approval rate at the initial application level. Due to the longer than normal wait times for social security decisions since the pandemic, 17 claims are still pending at the end of FY23, bringing the total number of claims submitted to 29.

Additionally, COC provider agencies link participants with non-employment cash resources through their supportive services programs, which are built on the CoC's Written Standards for Supportive Housing Case Management. The CoC's standards require benefits/entitlement coordination and referral to obtain access to both public and private programs, including, but not limited to, General Public Assistance, SSI/SSDI, and other state and local supportive services that households may be eligible to receive. During the FY23 Local Competition performance metrics to rank PH Renewal Projects included a metric measuring increases in unearned income from program entry to reassessment/exit, and this helped determine how the CoC ranked projects in the CoC's Collaborative Application to HUD.

These strategies combine to offer both system-level interventions (the SOAR program through RICEH), and provider-level interventions, or the expectation that CoC providers, given the CoC's Written Standards, work to connect the households they serve to non-employment cash income and other public benefits.

2.The Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless is responsible for implementing the SOAR component of this strategy, and the CoC Planner at RIHousing oversees the strategy on behalf of the CoC Board and CoC Provider agencies.

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?	Yes

3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes

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
Crossroads Tower ...	PH-PSH	36	Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project?	Crossroads Tower - Expansion - FY2023
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	VMJWKJY8PMZ4
3. Select the new project type:	PH-PSH
4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing:	36
5. Select the type of leverage:	Both

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

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

Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting $200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No

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)

Not Applicable.

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

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

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

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)

Not Applicable.

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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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.l.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2023 Priority Listing.

	Project Type	
1.	SSO Coordinated Entry	No
2.	PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH-RRH Component	Yes

You must click "Save" after selecting Yes for element 1 SSO Coordinated Entry to view questions 4A-2, 4A-2a. and 4A-2b.

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

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	971
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	557
3.	Unmet Need:	414

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.l.(1)(c)	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 and element 2; and
2.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or
3.	if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC calculated the number of survivors needing housing or services by combining the total number of unduplicated contacts to CES self-reporting that they were fleeing-DV with the number of people currently served in shelter and housing programs for survivors as measured by the comparable database. The total contacting CES self-reporting that they were fleeing DV from the June 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023 was 414, and the total number of survivors served in shelter and housing programs for survivors from June 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023, was 557. So, the total number of survivors of domestic violence in Rhode Island's geographic area that need housing or services, including survivors projects are currently serving is, 971. The difference between this total number and the number of survivors the CoC is currently serving, during the time period listed, is 414.

2.CES data and reports from CES Lead Agencies, the comparable database to HMIS (Empower DB), and the Housing Inventory Count for DV beds from the HMIS Lead.

3.The CoC does not have enough shelter and housing resources available for survivors fleeing domestic violence due to a combination of reasons, including lack of vacant units and lack of subsidy to make available units affordable for victims. The CoC asserts additional crisis and housing programs are needed to meet the gap in services within the CoC's jurisdiction.

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

Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects--only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.

Applicant Name
Sojourner House

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

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

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

1.	Applicant Name	Sojourner House
2.	Project Name	Rapid ReHousing Expansion 2023
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	38
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	KGLWSABKFGH7
5.	Amount Requested	$198,290
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	100%
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	87%

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

	For the rate of housing placement and rate of housing retention of DV survivors reported in question 4B-3b., describe in the field below:
1.	how the project applicant calculated both rates;
2.	whether the rates accounts for exits to safe housing destinations; and
3.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects).

(limit 1,500 characters)

1. Sojourner House calculated the rate of housing placement by taking the number of eligible households who accepted the housing opportunity and the number of households placed into housing to come up with the average of 100% during the previous funding cycle. Sojourner House calculated the rate of housing retention by taking the number of placed households and the number of households exiting to permanent destinations or remaining in the program to come up with the average of 87% during the previous funding cycle.

2. Yes, the rates account for exits to safe housing destinations.

3. The data source which Sojourner House uses as a domestic violence provider is a comparable database. Sojourner House collects data on the number and demographics of all the individuals that we serve, as well as the number and types of services and referrals provided to clients, the number of housing bed nights provided, retention, and other important data points. This information is entered into our secure client database, EmpowerDB.

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

	Describe in the field below how the project applicant:
1.	ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;
2.	prioritized survivors–you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC's emergency transfer plan, etc.;
3.	determined which supportive services survivors needed;
4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and
5.	moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain–address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Sojourner House (SH) has implemented a number of programmatic strategies to help survivors move quickly into housing. We have three (3) Housing Navigators who work with landlords, property managers, community development corporations, etc. to pair eligible survivors with an appropriate unit. We also have landlord recruitment materials, materials on unit search tips, and prepared phone scripts for survivors engaging in their own unit search to help them form relationships with landlords when possible.

2. SH works with the Coordinated Entry System (CES) to prioritize survivors' housing referrals.

3. SH is the services provider for survivors navigating CES, considering their placement(s), and locating a unit (if applicable.) In addition to housing navigation and CES support, SH provides trauma-informed supportive services, such as advocacy, clinical mental health counseling for adults and children, financial education, support groups, immigration legal assistance, law enforcement advocacy, HIV testing and sexual health advocacy, services tailored to LGBTQ+ individuals, and assistance with basic needs. SH also operates a drop-in advocacy and resource center; and is the only organization in RI providing a comprehensive range of services statewide, including housing, designed to meet the needs of victims of abuse.

4. In addition to in-house services, SH works with many govt. and community-based organizations to ensure access to various resources, such a child care, benefits, adult education opportunities, job training programs and more. Survivors are never penalized should they choose to not access particular supportive services but are always given comprehensive information and assistance with accessing them.

5. SH works with survivors upon entry to ensure that they are setting goals related to housing stabilization and working toward those goals to obtain sustainable housing after the program. Many survivors indicate the need for longer-term subsidized housing and we work with them one-on-one and at weekly housing clinics to apply for, mail and follow-up on applications. We provide information related to the denial and appeal processes they may experience and referrals for legal assistance if needed for the appeal process. If a survivor wants to stay in their unit and work towards financial independence, we work with them and, many times, community providers on employment and job training goals through our network of collaborating agencies.

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

	Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:
1.	taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;
2.	making determinations and placements into safe housing;
3.	keeping information and locations confidential;
4.	training staff on safety and confidentially policies and practices; and

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.SH housing staff have personal offices for intake and can use meeting/conference room spaces when needed to ensure private conversations. When a survivor presents with another adult for intake, staff asks that the other adult stay out of the room.

2.Participants are referred from the CES, at which time an intake is completed. The individual is then able to go see the available unit and decide whether or not to accept the housing opportunity. If not, they are referred back to the CES. A survivor may not want to accept an available unit due to the location/geography, safety concerns, type of housing unit, or other reason. In these circumstances, the Case Manager may request from the CES that the person be referred to another future available unit.

3.The addresses of units are kept strictly confidential, including from non-housing SH staff members. Landlords sign confidentiality agreements and, aside from our drop-in center, addresses are never advertised, shared, or visited by non-residents or non-staff. Records, data and client information is stored confidentially and securely in our database.

4.SH provides a comprehensive new hire orientation for staff including education and safety-planning measures around domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Staff members sit on a statewide training committee to provide Housing First and other core competency training to homeless service providers, including our own staff; and attend other trainings provided to DV providers such as risk assessment, trauma-informed care and safety planning to meet the needs of survivors.

5.In SH's emergency congregate settings and at our drop-in center, there are cameras and/or a security system installed to help keep survivors safe. Security measures for all units include safety planning with survivors, including familiarity of and practicing exits, reviewing safety information with children, technology safety, neighbor/community supports, etc. Safety plans are also conducted in consideration of the workplace/public as well as emotional safety post-trauma. If a survivor feels as though their abuser might find them in the community they are placed in, staff will safety plan with them around strategies such as varying travel routines, removing location settings from mobile devices, and not parking on main roads. In addition, participants are informed of their VAWA occupancy rights and can seek relocation and other remedies if they feel unsafe.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

SH regularly evaluates safety protocols to update safety trainings with staff to reflect the growth of programs and adjust to increase in-person interactions post pandemic. In congregate residential settings that are less crisis-oriented, staff work with survivors one-on-one to determine safety measures that feel appropriate to them. SH also maintains a confidentiality policy which prohibits staff from sharing the locations of survivors in any residential project without the appropriate releases of information.

To evaluate the success of these measures, SH conducts anonymous surveys of housing participants asking questions relating to safety. Clients are asked if they were given the resources and tools, they needed to feel safe along with other questions related to their satisfaction with safety. Surveys are offered to survivors when they meet with staff and are mailed to survivors' homes to make sure they have the opportunity to respond. SH surveys are regularly reviewed and updated to ensure comprehensive information is collected and program modifications are made when necessary.

4A-3e.	Applicant Experience in Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.l.(1)(d)	

	Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant's experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:
1.	prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;
2.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
3.	providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
4.	emphasizing program participants' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
5.	centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
6.	providing a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
7.	offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

1.Sojourner House (SH) surveys survivors on their housing wants and needs to better inform Housing Navigators and Advocates of preferences to help inform client choice. For example, many survivors indicate that living on the first floor may be a safety concern- the area of focus for the housing navigator in this example would then be limited to only 2nd floor and above units. Survivors are also educated and included in the housing search process, when possible, to help ensure they are choosing housing in the communities in which they feel safest. Many lower acuity households are able to find landlords through their own searching using SH materials/scripts, ensuring they move into housing they have chosen.

2.SH operates using progressive engagement, Housing First, and voluntary service models. This means that survivors are not mandated to receive or punished for not engaging in other services so long as they maintain a relationship with their housing advocate and not repeatedly violate lease or program agreements. Staff work to assure survivors that they are there to empower them to find solutions and are not passing judgement on them.

3.Survivors are offered one-on-one counseling and support groups focusing on their trauma. In all Sojourner House office locations, there are materials with education around domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking. Staff are frequently trained in trauma-informed care practices as well as specified internal and external trainings such as; domestic violence relating to immigration, domestic violence in communities of color, lethality risk, etc.

4.Staff are trained in motivational interviewing and strengths-based case planning to develop their skills and abilities to assist survivors, identify strengths, and work toward goals. Goal planning frequently involves steps which a survivor feels they can reasonably set and attain while identifying areas they need support.

5.Staff are frequently offered training specific to diversity, equity and inclusion. The housing management team has attended diversity and inclusion leadership trainings to ensure cultural competence is built into the organizational culture and programs. SH has a designated committee working on external and internal goals to create more equitable opportunities. Housing staff also sit on committees relating to equity in the Continuum of Care.

6.SH offers a variety of support groups and group-setting housing clinics, including facilitating a number of support groups for survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking. They include trauma support groups offered in both English and Spanish, peer recovery support groups, a support group for mothers, a male-identifying domestic violence support group, a male-identifying sexual assault support group, an LGBTQ+ trauma support group, and a trans/gender non-conforming support group.

7.SH has a child/youth clinician working with children in the housing program, as well as with parents, to address trauma while also working with parents to strengthen parenting skills. We have staff who specialize in working with parents who are engaged in the DCYF system and are completing their reunification case plans. We will soon be launching a program that specifically provides rapid rehousing and supportive services for homeless domestic violence victims who require stable and safe housing as their final step toward reunification. Many of the support groups and specialized services we provide

are the result of partnerships with other community providers, such as parenting classes for survivors, or access to affordable childcare.

4A-3f.	Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.l.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below examples of supportive services the project provided to domestic violence survivors while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs.

(limit 5,000 characters)

Sojourner House offers a continuum of housing and supportive services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking, as well as their children, who oftentimes are witnesses to family violence. We operate from an empowerment and strengths-based perspective. We respect each client's right to pursue their own path toward healing, according to their needs, readiness and choices. Success may look different for each client, and we acknowledge that there is no cookie-cutter approach to helping them reach their goals. Our responsibility is to help clients minimize any negative impacts of their circumstances and behaviors, to avoid re-traumatizing them, and to support their journey toward self-empowerment and well-being.

Because of the unique barriers and experiences of domestic violence victims, we pair our housing programs with a continuum of supportive services available to adequately respond to the needs of survivors and provide a diverse array of services. Upon referral, survivors are provided a case manager and housing navigator before arriving for their intake appointment. They are then asked if they need support related to adult or child counseling, support groups, shelter services, safety planning, court advocacy, LBGTQ+ advocacy, immigration advocacy or law enforcement advocacy. We also offer support groups for survivors to assist them with identifying personal goals, strengths, and support systems, clinical services, and peer support recovery services. We incorporate financial literacy into our advocacy that uses a certified curriculum that teaches victims about paying bills, distributing income, saving money, and becoming financially stable and responsible.

Case managers help make appropriate referrals internally, when possible, for survivors, and then use community-based resources to meet any other identified needs. SH partners with organizations that provide employment access and job training programs, including Connecting for Children and Families in Woonsocket and various Community Action Program agencies in the state. Survivors are also encouraged to continue attending housing clinics to both offer connections to the community and to encourage work towards sustainable housing opportunities.

Some examples of survivors we have moved into permanent housing through SH's supportive services include the following:

•A survivor in our rapid rehousing program worked with multiple staff on child reunification and received assistance with court appointments and DCYF required education sessions for a successful reunification with her children. She then moved on to receive an HCVP voucher.
•A survivor in the rapid rehousing program worked with our LGBTQ+ services staff for support, worked with a clinician to receive counseling, attended support groups, and worked with her housing advocate to receive an HCVP voucher.

As previously noted, all households are provided with case management and housing navigation, including assistance with researching and applying for permanent supportive housing opportunities. SH has rapid rehousing units through this proposed project, and other PSH projects as well, that clients can access if they meet eligibility requirements. Staff also have long standing relationships with housing authorities and other permanent housing programs in the state, as well as relationships with many landlords in the state. We work with clients to increase their income with the goal of ultimately staying in their apartment unit and taking over the rent on their own. Staff works with each

client to develop individualized case plans that are client-centered in order to achieve personal goals including permanent housing. The plan is reviewed at regular meetings with clients to modify as appropriate.

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

	Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:
1.	prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;
2.	establish and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
3.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
4.	emphasize program participants' strengths--for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
5.	center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
6.	provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
7.	offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

1.Sojourner House (SH) will continue to survey survivors to inform Housing Navigators and Advocates of preferences to help inform client choice. Survivors will continue to be educated and included in the housing search process, when possible, to help ensure they are choosing housing in the communities in which they feel safest. Housing navigators will work on landlord recruitment events and tenant education strategies to help broaden the available units to survivors and to help them maintain housing.

2.SH will continue to operate using progressive engagement, Housing First and voluntary service models. Survivors will not be mandated to receive or punished for not engaging in other services so long as they maintain a relationship with their housing advocate and not repeatedly violate lease or program agreements. Staff will work to develop eviction prevention strategies to help maintain housing for clients despite challenges with landlords.

3.Survivors will continue to be offered one-on-one counseling and support groups focusing on domestic violence or sexual violence. Sojourner House will continue to make available materials with education around domestic violence, sexual violence, or trafficking. Staff will continue to be trained in trauma-informed care practices as well as specified internal and external trainings such as domestic violence relating to immigration, domestic violence in communities of color, and lethality risk.

4.Staff will continue to be offered trainings relating to motivational interviewing and case planning to assist in helping survivors identify strengths and work towards goals. Goal planning will involve steps which a survivor feels they can reasonably set and attain and areas they need support in.

5.Staff will continue to be offered training specific to diversity, equity and inclusion. The housing management team will maintain its commitment to attending diversity and inclusion leadership trainings to ensure building cultural competence into the organizational culture and programs. Sojourner House will continue to work on external and internal goals to create more equitable opportunities within the agency and its programs. Sojourner staff participate regularly in the COC's Equity committee informing system strategies to advance equity and ensure Sojourner is exceeding COC expectations with these performance measures (COC has equity benchmarks within its scored criteria for PH project performance-based renewals).

6.SH will continue to offer a variety of support groups for survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence and trafficking. This includes multiple English-speaking trauma support groups, Spanish-Speaking trauma support groups, peer recovery support groups, a support group for mothers, a male-identifying domestic violence support group, a male-identifying sexual assault support group, an LGBTQ+ trauma support group, and a trans/gender non-conforming support group. Other opportunities for peer-to-peer connection and mentoring include group-setting housing clinics located in cities and towns throughout RI. Staff are also working on developing an employment skills program focusing not only on common soft skills but also on managing trauma and dealing with domestic violence in the workplace.

7.SH will continue to provide a clinician to focus on the needs of children in the housing program as well as with parents to work on parenting skills. We will continue to have staff who specialize in working with parents who are engaged

in the DCYF system and completing their reunification case plans. SH is currently partnering with another provider to both provide units to survivors, but also to provide on-site childcare and other family opportunities. Sojourner House will also work to provide parent-child/family centered group and individualized activities in a non-clinical setting.

4A-3h.	Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation of New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.l.(1)(f)	

	Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:
1.	with a range of lived expertise; and
2.	in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.At Sojourner House it is important that staff are representative of the community served. Approximately 30% of our current housing staff are bilingual (Spanish and English) and we access translation services for other languages when necessary. Additionally, at least one housing staff member has lived experience of homelessness as do two (2) members of the board of directors. Beyond this, we are committed to involving survivors in policy and program development. This is accomplished through formal and informal feedback that ensures our programs are informed by those we serve.

2.Many of our programs and services were designed and implemented with survivor input and involvement. For example, through survey results and conversations with clients, we learned that a large area of need was permanent supportive housing. Therefore, SH began to seek funding to launch its own housing development program. The program has now grown to include six residential buildings for survivors and their families. As another example, client interactions and requests revealed that housing and immigration advocacy for survivors had become a significant unmet need in the state. SH, with input from survivors, designed and implemented an immigration program. Today, SH remains the only victim services organization in the state with staff who are accredited by the US Department of Justice to assist undocumented and refugee victims with obtaining immigration relief. This would not have happened without involving survivors in our program development.

SH will continue to engage survivors in program development and operations through surveys, focus groups and one-on-one discussions to ensure our programs are responsive and modifications are informed by those we serve. We will also continue to work with other community-based organizations that serve similar populations to share information on lessons learned and innovative ways to incorporate the voice and desires of survivors.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1.	You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
2.	You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.
3.	We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported–please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
4.	Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
5.	Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
6.	If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
	. We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).
	. We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
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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	PHA Homeless Pref...	09/21/2023
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	PHA Moving On Pre...	09/15/2023
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Letter Signed by ...	09/15/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/22/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Web Posting of Lo...	08/25/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	08/25/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	08/25/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	08/25/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/22/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	09/21/2023
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	FY23 HDX Competit...	08/25/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	Housing Leveragin...	09/21/2023
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Healthcare Formal...	09/21/2023
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Submission Summary

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

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4. The individual/family is a low income family and otherwise eligible for the Housing Choice Voucher Program.
5. The individual/ family has received assistance under the RICoC Program for at least two years.
6. The family is in compliance with current lease, including, but not limited to, paying their rent on time each month.

In addition to the above, the PHA shall offer the following local preferences according to a point system:

Unstable Housing Situation (20 points)

For otherwise eligible families currently receiving a rental subsidy under a temporary, expired/expiring, or defunded housing program where the families would be at risk of becoming severely rent-burdened and at increased risk of homelessness.

In order to verify a family's eligibility for this preference, the PHA will require documentation from the agency administering the temporary, expired/expiring, or defunded that the family's rental assistance is reasonably expected to expire within three years of the date of application.

Residency Preference (40 points)

For families who live and/or work in the jurisdiction of the PHA. Jurisdiction of the PHA will include the jurisdictions of PHAs that have entered into an agreement with the PHA to share jurisdiction; this agreement must be in effect at the time of the applicant's selection from the waiting list. In order to verify this preference, the PHA will require a minimum of two (2) of the following documents: rent receipts and lease, utility bills, employer or agency records, school records, drivers licenses, voters registration records, or credit report.

Homeless Families and Individuals (10 Points)

An individual or family who ***lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence***, defined by the PHA as an individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately-operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters and transitional housing). A person living from home to home or "couch surfing" does not qualify under this preference. The PHA may verify the homeless status of the individual or family with Rhode Island's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and will request that the household provide a letter from the shelter/institution to verify homeless status.

Prior to processing the application, the PHA may re-verify the applicant's status using any of the sources listed above.

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Any individual or family who:

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b. Has no other residence; ***and***

c. Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, and faith- based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.

The PHA will require written verification from the police, a domestic violence social service agency, the court, and a public or private facility giving shelter and/or counseling to victims. The documentation must verify that the family has been displaced as a result of fleeing violence in the home or they are currently living in a situation where they are being subjected to or victimized by violence in the home, and identify when the actual or threatened physical violence against the applicant last occurred.

The family must certify that the abuser will not be part of the household without the advance written approval of the PHA.

Prior to processing the application, the PHA may require a second certification from the same or a similar source that the applicant still qualifies under this preference.

Rhode Island Resident Preference (10 points)

For families who live in the state of Rhode Island.

In order to verify that an applicant is a resident, the PHA will require a minimum of two (2) of the following documents: rent receipts and lease, utility bills, employer or agency records, school records, drivers licenses, voters registration records, or credit report.

Income Targeting Requirement [24 CFR 982.201(b)(2)]

HUD requires that extremely low-income (ELI) families make up at least 75 percent of the families admitted to the HCV program during the PHA's fiscal year. ELI families are those with annual incomes at or below the federal poverty level or 30 percent of the area median income, whichever number is higher. To ensure this requirement is met, a PHA may skip non-ELI families on the waiting list in order to select an ELI family.

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PART III: SELECTION FOR HCV ASSISTANCE

4-III.A. OVERVIEW

As vouchers become available, families on the waiting list must be selected for assistance in accordance with the policies described in this part.

The order in which families are selected from the waiting list depends on the selection method chosen by the PHA and is impacted in part by any selection preferences for which the family qualifies. The availability of targeted funding also may affect the order in which families are selected from the waiting list.

The PHA must maintain a clear record of all information required to verify that the family is selected from the waiting list according to the PHA's selection policies [24 CFR 982.204(b) and 982.207(e)].

4-III.B. SELECTION AND HCV FUNDING SOURCES

Special Admissions [24 CFR 982.203]

HUD may award funding for specifically-named families living in specified types of units (e.g., a family that is displaced by demolition of public housing; a non-purchasing family residing in a HOPE 1 or 2 projects). In these cases, the PHA may admit such families whether or not they are on the waiting list, and, if they are on the waiting list, without considering the family's position on the waiting list. These families are considered non-waiting list selections. The PHA must maintain records showing that such families were admitted with special program funding.

Targeted Funding [24 CFR 982.204(e)]

HUD may award a PHA funding for a specified category of families on the waiting list. The PHA must use this funding only to assist the families within the specified category. In order to assist families within a targeted funding category, the PHA may skip families that do not qualify within the targeted funding category. Within this category of families, the order in which such families are assisted is determined according to the policies provided in Section 4-III.C.

PHA Policy

The PHA administers the following types of targeted funding:

Non Elderly Disabled Vouchers (275)

Foster Youth Initiative, Tenant Protection Vouchers (25)

Emergency Housing Vouchers (117)

Regular HCV Funding

Regular HCV funding may be used to assist any eligible family on the waiting list. Families are selected from the waiting list according to the policies provided in Section 4-III.C.

4-III.C. SELECTION METHOD

PHAs must describe the method for selecting applicant families from the waiting list, including the system of admission preferences that the PHA will use [24 CFR 982.202(d)].

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Local Preferences [24 CFR 982.207; HCV p. 4-16]

PHAs are permitted to establish local preferences, and to give priority to serving families that meet those criteria. HUD specifically authorizes and places restrictions on certain types of local preferences. HUD also permits the PHA to establish other local preferences, at its discretion. Any local preferences established must be consistent with the PHA plan and the consolidated plan, and must be based on local housing needs and priorities that can be documented by generally accepted data sources.

PHA Policy

Limited Priority for Families "Moving Up" from Permanent Supportive Housing (PIH Notice 2013-15)

The PHA will partner with the Rhode Island Continuum of Care (RICoC) to identify individuals and families ready to transition or "move up" from Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units. These are families that were homeless prior to entry into the PSH program and who continue to need a rental subsidy but no longer require intensive supportive services. This definition also includes individuals and families transitioning out of specialized care facilities into the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs.

The PHA will accept referrals from a limited set of PSH providers that are recipients or sub-recipients of funding under the RICoC program, and have followed the RICoC's standard protocol to identify those individuals and families that are a good candidate for a successful transition from PSH to a Housing Choice Voucher.

The PHA will initially allocate up to 50 Housing Choice Vouchers toward this initiative. Qualifying applicants will be given absolute priority over other applicants until this number is reached, taking into account any additional preferences for which they qualify (see below). Once these vouchers have been utilized, no additional priority will be given under this category until a participating " move up" family ends participation in the Housing Choice Voucher program, at which point the PHA will select an additional "move up" eligible family for the next available voucher. However, the PHA will continue to accept additional referrals, and once the number of pending referrals reaches 20, the PHA may at its discretion allocate an increment of an additional 20 vouchers based on funding availability and the length of the current waiting list.

Qualification for the "move up" priority is subject to the following criteria, to be verified upon selection:

1. The RICoC provider agrees to continue to provide appropriate supportive services to the individual /family or to locate and refer the family to other providers of equivalent supportive services that are affordable to the individual/family.
2. The individual/family must agree to be referred to supportive services, if needed.
3. The individual/ family is willing to participate in a "move-up" strategy, understands the nature of the tenant-based program, and provides a written request for Housing Choice Voucher assistance.

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4. The individual/family is a low income family and otherwise eligible for the Housing Choice Voucher Program.
5. The individual/ family has received assistance under the RICoC Program for at least two years.
6. The family is in compliance with current lease, including, but not limited to, paying their rent on time each month.

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b. Has no other residence; ***and***

c. Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, and faith- based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.

The PHA will require written verification from the police, a domestic violence social service agency, the court, and a public or private facility giving shelter and/or counseling to victims. The documentation must verify that the family has been displaced as a result of fleeing violence in the home or they are currently living in a situation where they are being subjected to or victimized by violence in the home, and identify when the actual or threatened physical violence against the applicant last occurred.

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Prior to processing the application, the PHA may require a second certification from the same or a similar source that the applicant still qualifies under this preference.

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RICoC

Active Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness

Constituent Advisory Committee

We, as representatives of the Constituent Advisory Committee, certify that the Constituent Advisory Committee, and its members, are active participants in Rhode Island's Continuum of Care.

Currently, the Constituent Advisory Committee, which is a group of folks with lived experience of homelessness, work with the CoC in a number of capacities, including participating in CoC committees or workgroups, in the development and revision of the CoC's local competition rating factors, in the development and revision of the CoC's Coordinated entry process, and in the decision-making processes related to addressing homelessness.

Some recent examples of this participation, includes multiple members being part of the recent CES Regionalization Workgroup, which formulated a recommendation to the RICoC Board of Directors on how to improve Rhode Island's Statewide CES process. Additionally, specific members of this group participate in the CES Implementation Committee and the HMIS and System Performance Committee, which help develop the local competition rating factors. And, another member of the CAC is a RICoC Board Member.

Thanks,

Wendy Thomas, Ruth (Diamond) Madsen, and Jillian Wassmer

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Housing First Standards Assessment Tool

Overview: This tool aims to assess and document how closely a housing and service provider adheres to the recommended best practice standards of the Housing First model, in the context of the broader work to implement a Housing First orientation at the system-level. This tool specifically evaluates project-level fidelity to Housing First, which directly impacts a system's fidelity to Housing First. In addition to the universal best practice standards identified in this tool, Continuums should also take into account their local community context and local written standards pertaining to Housing First when assessing projects. A Continuum of Care can use this tool to prompt discussion

Provider Info tab: The Provider Information tab should be completed ***prior*** to beginning the assessment. Specifically, the ***Project Name, Project Type, Target Sub-Population*** **served, and** ***Date of Assessment*** fields need to be completed in order to populate the assessment standards and report summary with questions that are specific to the project type and population. Please complete this section prior to printing any standards for assessment.

Standards: The standards have been arranged into the following categories: *Access, Evaluation, Services, Housing, Leases, and Project-Specific*. The "Tab" chart at the bottom of this page describes each of the categories in more detail. Some of the categories are not applicable for all project types, and those standards do not need to be

Project Type	Applicable Standards
Coordinated Entry	Access & Evaluation; Project-specific
Street Outreach	Access & Evaluation; Project-specific
Emergency Shelter	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Project-specific
Transitional Housing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific
Rapid Rehousing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific
Permanent Supportive Housing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific

Safeguarding: Please keep in mind safeguarding concerns when assessing projects. In particular, we advise Continuums of Care to work with projects with victims of domestic violence to make sure that adequate safety and confidentiality policies and practices are in place before beginning assessments.

Scoring: For each standard, there are three scoring criteria: "Say It", "Document It", and "Do It" (as explained further below). To show that a project is in full compliance with each standard, the assessor should mark "Always" for each scoring criteria. Use the drop down in the three columns to the right to select "Always" or "Somewhat" or "Not at

- "*Say It*" means that project and agency staff can describe verbally what they do concerning each standard. The assessor should be able to identify that the organizational culture supports the standard by how staff talks about what is done.
- "*Document It*" means that there is written documentation that supports the project's compliance with each standard. Written documentation could include Policies and Procedures, Personnel Handbooks, Professional Development Plans, Project Rules, etc.
- "*Do It*" means that the assessor was able to find evidence that supports the project's compliance with each standard. Evidence could include information contained in client or other administrative files, client acknowledgement that something is being done, staff can point to documentation that supports implementation of the standard, etc.

Assessor Notes: A cell below each individual standard allows the assessor to add optional notes about the information collected for that particular standard. The notes can include where information was found, what questions were asked, who answered the questions, what additional information is needed to be able to mark that standard as

Tab	Description	Purpose

Instructions	Tool overview and aim	Offers instruction to users on the assessment tool
Provider Info	Input provider, project and general assessment information	Determines project-specific standards for consideration
Standards - Access & Evaluation	Input compliance with standards concerning participant access to the project and input, project evaluation and performance management	Assesses whether access and evaluation are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards - Leases	Input compliance with standards concerning the lease and occupancy agreements, where applicable	Assesses whether leases and occupancy agreements are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards - Services & Housing	Input compliance with standards concerning the service and housing models and structure, where applicable	Assesses whether services and housing are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards – Project-Specific	Prompts assessment standards based on project type and targeted sub-populations served by the project, where applicable	Assesses whether specific project standards are compliant with Housing First principles
Report Summary	Displays assessment scores and conclusions, and highlights non-compliant standards	Printable summary of the assessment

Housing First Standards

For each standard, please use the drop down boxes in the three columns to the right to select “Not at all” or “Sometimes” or "Always". Marking "Always" signifies full compliance for the standard.

No.	Standard	Access Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Access 1	Projects are low-barrier	Admission to projects is not contingent on pre-requisites such as abstinence of substances, minimum income requirements, health or mental health history, medication adherence, age, criminal justice history, financial history, completion of treatment, participation in services, “housing readiness,” history or occurrence of victimization, survivor of sexual assault or an affiliated person of such a survivor or other unnecessary conditions unless required by law or funding source. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Access 2	Projects do not deny assistance for unnecessary reasons	Procedures and oversight demonstrate that staff do everything possible to avoid denying assistance or rejecting an individual or family for the reasons listed in Access Standard #1. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Access 3	Access regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status	Equal access is provided in accordance with the 2012 and 2016 Equal Access Rules, meaning that any project funded by HUD must ensure equal access for persons regardless of one’s sexual orientation or marital status, and in accordance with one’s gender identity. Adult only households, regardless of marital status, should have equal access to projects (if these project types are not available within a CoC, the CoC should conduct an assessment to determine if these project types are needed and work with providers to accommodate the need). Please see Equal Access Rules here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1991/equal-access-to-housing-final-rule/ *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Access 4	Admission process is expedited with speed and efficiency	Projects have expedited admission processes, to the greatest extent possible, including helping participants obtain documentation required by funding sources, as well as processes to admit participants regardless of the status of their eligibility documentation whenever applicable. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer

Access 5	Intake processes are person-centered and flexible	Intake and assessment procedures are focused on the individual's or family's strengths, needs, and preferences. Projects do not require specific appointment times, but have flexible intake schedules that ensure access to all households. Assessments are focused on identifying household strengths, resources, as well as identifying barriers to housing that can inform the basis of a housing plan as soon as a person is enrolled in the project. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Access 6	The provider/project accepts and makes referrals directly through Coordinated Entry	Projects actively participate in the CoC-designated Coordinated Entry processes as part of streamlined community-wide system access and triage. If these processes are not yet implemented, projects follow communities' existing referral processes. Referrals from Coordinated Entry are rarely rejected, and only if there is a history of violence, the participant does not want to be in the project, there are legally valid grounds (such as restrictions regarding sex offenders) or some other exceptional circumstance that is well documented. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Access 7	Exits to homelessness are avoided	Projects that can no longer serve particular households utilize the coordinated entry process, or the communities' existing referral processes if coordinated entry processes are not yet implemented, to ensure that those individuals and families have access to other housing and services as desired, and do not become disconnected from services and housing. Households encounter these exits under certain circumstances, such as if they demonstrate violent or harassing behaviors, which are described within agencies' regulation-adherent policies. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer

	Name	Participant Input Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Participant Input 1	Participant education is ongoing	Project participants receive ongoing education on Housing First principles as well as other service models employed in the project. In the beginning of and throughout tenancy, participants are informed about their full rights and responsibilities as lease holders, including the potential causes for eviction. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Participant Input 2	Projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to offer input	Input is welcomed regarding the project's policies, processes, procedures, and practices. Opportunities include involvement in: quality assurance and evaluation processes, a participant leadership/advisory board, processes to formally communicate with landlords, the design of and participation in surveys and focus groups, planning social gatherings, integrating peer specialists and peer-facilitated support groups to compliment professional services. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer

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	Standard	Lease and Occupancy Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Leases 1	Housing is considered permanent (not applicable for Transitional Housing)	Housing is not time-limited (though rent assistance may be) and leases are automatically renewable upon expiration, except with prior notice by either party. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Leases 2	Participant choice is fundamental	A participant has, at minimum, choices in deciding the location and type of housing based on preferences from a range of housing types and among multiple units, as available and as practical. In project-based settings, participants should be offered choice of units within a particular building, or within the portfolio of single site properties. In projects that use shared housing, i.e. housing with unrelated roommates, participants should be offered choice of roommates, as available and as practical. Additionally, as applicable, participants are able to choose their roommates when sharing a room or unit. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Leases 3	Leases are the same for participants as for other tenants	Leases do not have any provisions that would not be found in leases held by any other tenant in the property or building and is renewable per the participants’ and owner’s choice. People experiencing homelessness who receive help moving into permanent housing should have leases that confer the full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections under Federal, state, and local housing laws. For transitional housing, there may be limitations on length of stay, but a lease/occupancy agreement should look like a lease that a person would have in the normal rental market. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Leases 4	Participants receive education about their lease or occupancy agreement terms	Participants are also given access to legal assistance and encouraged to exercise their full legal rights and responsibilities. Landlords and providers abide by their legally-defined roles and responsibilities. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer

Leases 5	Measures are used to prevent eviction	Property or building management, with services support, incorporates a culture of eviction avoidance, reinforced through practices and policies that prevent lease violations and evictions among participants, and evict participants only when they are a threat to self or others. Clear eviction appeal processes and due process is provided for all participants. Lease bifurcation is allowed so that a tenant or lawful occupant who is a victim of a criminal act of physical violence committed against them by another tenant or lawful occupant is not evicted, removed or penalized if the other is evicted. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Leases 6	Providing stable housing is a priority	Providers engage in a continued effort to hold housing for participants, even if they leave their housing for short periods due to treatment, illness, or any other temporary stay outside of the unit. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Leases 7	Rent payment policies respond to tenants' needs (as applicable)	While tenants are accountable to the rental agreement, adjustments may be needed on a case by case basis. As necessary, participants are given special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer

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	Standard	Services Definition / Evidence	Say it	Document it	Do it
Services 1	Projects promote participant choice in services	Participants are able to choose from an array of services. Services offered are housing focused and include the following areas of support: employment and income, childhood and education, community connection, and stabilization to maintain housing. These should be provided by linking to community-based services. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Services 2	Person Centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process	Person-centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Services 3	Service support is as permanent as the housing	Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Services 4	Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement	Wherever possible, participants continue to be offered services even if they lose their housing unit or bed (for congregate projects), or if they are placed in a short-term inpatient treatment. Ideally, the service relationship should continue, despite a service hiatus during some institutional stays. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer

Services 5	Participant engagement is a core component of service delivery	Staff provide effective services by developing relationships with participants that provide immediate needs and safety, develop trust and common ground, making warm hand-offs to other mainstream service providers, and clearly explain staff roles. Engagement is regular and relationships are developed over time. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Services 6	Services are culturally appropriate with translation services available, as needed	Project staff are sensitive to and support the cultural aspects of diverse households. Wherever possible, staff demographics reflect the participant population they serve in order to provide appropriate, culturally-specific services. Translation services are provided when needed to ensure full comprehension of the project. Projects that serve families with children should have family-friendly rules that allow for different schedules based on work and school hours and have services that allow parents to participate in activities without having to constantly supervise their children themselves (i.e. can use the bathroom or take a shower without their children being in the bathroom with them). *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Services 7	Staff are trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies (including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed approaches, strength-based)	Services support a participant's ability to obtain and retain housing regardless of changes in behavior. Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy, such as recognizing that substance use and addiction are a part of some participants' lives. Participants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding their behavior and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Standard		**Housing Definition / Evidence**	**Say It**	**Document It**	**Do It**
Housing 1	Housing is not dependent on participation in services	Participation in permanent and temporary housing settings, as well as crisis settings such as emergency shelter, is not contingent on participating in supportive services or demonstration of progress made on a service plan. Services must be offered by staff, but are voluntary for participants. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer

Housing 2	Substance use is not a reason for termination	Participants are only terminated from the project for violations in the lease or occupancy agreements, as applicable. Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or participation in services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from drugs or alcohol (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer of treatment may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing brief here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/ *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Housing 3	The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights	Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe and stable communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the project at all hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Housing 4	Participants have the option to transfer to another project	Transfers should be accommodated for tenants who reasonably believe that they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains in the same unit. Whenever possible, transfers occur before a participant experiences homelessness. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer

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	Standard	Project -Specific Standards	Say It	Document it	Do it
Project 1	Quick access to RRH assistance	A Rapid Re-housing project ensures quick linkage to rapid re-housing assistance, based on participant choice. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Project 2	RRH services support people in maintaining their housing	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of rapid re-housing is to end homelessness and move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Project 3	Providers continuously assess a participant’s need for assistance	On an ongoing basis, providers assess a participant’s needs for continued assistance and provide tailored assistance based on those assessments. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Project 4	Transitional housing is focused on safe and quick transitions to permanent housing	Participants and staff understand that the primary goals of transitional housing are to provide temporary accommodations that are safe, respectful, and responsive to individual needs, address the services needs of participants, and re-house participants in permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of other personal issues or concerns, and as desired by the participant. Participation in transitional housing services does not inhibit participants from moving to permanent housing when they choose to. Assessment and planning for permanent housing placement begins as soon as the individual or family expresses a desire to transition to permanent housing. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer

Project 5	TH projects provide appropriate services	TH projects provide appropriate services to meet the participants health and safety needs (e.g., persons in early recovery; domestic violence survivors; those who need special accommodations) when there are no permanent housing solutions available (with or without supportive services) or when the participant chooses transitional housing. Services are not required in order to participate in housing. *Optional notes here*	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
		No additional standards *Optional notes here*			
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Standard		**Population Specific Standards**	**Say It**	**Document It**	**Do It**
Population 1	Recovery housing is offered as one choice among other housing opportunities	Connection to recovery housing reflects individual choice for this path toward recovery. Abstinence-only spaces are incorporated into a Housing First model wherever possible, thus providing this type of recovery option to those who choose it. Recovery supports are offered, particularly connections to community-based treatment options.	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer

		Optional notes here			
Population 2	Services include relapse support	Housing and services include relapse support that does not automatically evict or discharge a participant from the project for temporary relapse. Relapse support might include referrals to outpatient treatment or direct provision of outpatient services or the ability to hold a unit for a certain period of time (30-90 days) while the participant undergoes residential treatment.	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
		Optional notes here			
Population 3	Services support sustained recovery	Recovery housing projects provide services that align with participants' choice and prioritization of recovery, including but not limited to abstinence from substances (if that is a personal goal), long-term permanent housing stability, and stable income through employment or benefits. Support is offered through connections to community-based treatment options.	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
		Optional notes here			
Population 4	Population	No additional standards			
		Optional notes here			

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Crossroads: RI0028L1T002013, RI0075L1T002003, RI0030L1T002013, RI0056L1T002004, RI0065L1T002007, RI0040L1T002013, RI0100L1T002001, RI0003L1T002013, RI0027L1T002013, RI0041L1T002013, RI0094D1T002002, RI0098D1T002001,

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PH Tremont - RI0056L1T002004

This project provides permanent supportive housing for 7 households within 5 units through operating and supportive services funding.

RRH Families - RI0065L1T002007

This project provides rapid re-housing for at least 20 families through CoC Program and local RRH funding through rental assistance and supportive services funding.

Coordinated Entry - RI0100L1T002001

This project aims to support the CoC's Coordinated Entry System by providing specialized services for as an access point. This SSO project funds staff dedicated to diverting and assessing the subpopulation.

Family Housing - RI0003L1T002013

This project provides permanent supportive housing to 36 households through rental assistance, supportive services and operating. This grant is a consolidation of two former projects which that exist in separate buildings which is why there is rental assistance and operating in the same project.

PH 16 Units - RI0027L1T002013

This project provides permanent supportive housing to 16 households through operating and supportive services.

PH 754 Broad - RI0041L1T002013

This project provides permanent supportive housing to 5 households with children through operating and supportive services.

PH Tower - RI0040L1T002013

This project provides permanent supportive housing to 25 households through supportive services paired with non-CoC Program rental assistance.

DV Coordinated Entry Grant

This project aims to support the CoC's Coordinated Entry System by providing specialized services for survivors of domestic violence. This SSO project funds staff dedicated to diverting and assessing the subpopulation.

Description of project (i.e. RRH vs. PSH, scattered-site, population served, new or renewal).

Documents Reviewed

Below is a list of the documents requested for monitoring:

- Financial Statements
- Grant end summary of invoice to HUD
- Grant end general ledger
- Match documentation

Relevant Policies and Procedures
Housing Quality Standards Inspections
Rent Reasonableness/FMR certification
Lease or occupancy agreements
Eligibility documentation
Income verification
Rent Calculation
Case notes, service plans, and/or housing plans
Annual assessment of need
HMIS Documentation including:

- Staff List, Title and physical work address of HMIS workstation (if remote, indicate "remote")
- Fully Executed HMIS Partnership Agreement
- Data Collection Privacy Notice (in both English and Spanish)
- Written Privacy Policy
- Client Release of Information (in both English and Spanish)
- Client Compliant and Grievance Procedure
- Client Release of Information Refusal Policy and Procedure

Monitoring Report

Overall Observations

TAC and RICEH conducted monitoring in-person on April 24 and 25th and virtually for the Crossroads projects.

In preparation for the monitoring, Crossroads was able to send the requested documentation on the monitoring day and attentive on their scheduled day to follow-up questions and staff interviews.

It was evident that Crossroads staff understand the regulations governing the CoC Program and effectively serve people experiencing homelessness through their various programs.

General Program Requirements

Crossroads has a strength in having many CoC Program projects funded by multiple state or federal sources. One resource in some projects with braided funds are project-based vouchers, some of which require a minimum rent. Crossroads received AAQ guidance in 2016 stating PHA authority over rent calculations and requirements are appropriate when the CoC Program is not supporting housing costs. Tenants are negatively impacted by this requirement when they do not have funds to meet minimum rent payments. Crossroads stated during conversation that they have put in place an internal triage process, where possible, to identify units with minimum rent and not match them with zero income households. Coordinated Entry and other admission referral requirements makes this sometimes challenging to navigate.

The RICoC Posted its Local Competition with a deadline of August 18, 2023 for Renewal, YHDP Renewal, and YHDP Replacement applications and a deadline of August 25, 2023, for New Project Applications on July 17,2023. Above is a screenshot. Below is the Local Competition Announcement, which also includes the August 18, 2023, and August 25, 2023, deadlines for Renewal, YHDP Renewal, YHDP Replacement, and New Project applications. On the following pages is the email sent to all RICoC Stakeholders/Listserv that also circulated the announcement with the above deadlines and linked to the RICoC website of the public posting of the Local Competition Announcement, the email that went out to all RICoC Stakeholders/Listserv that circulated the New Projects RFP Announcement, and the New Projects RFP document.

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image906805.png
image840991.png
RICoC Local Competition Announcement 2023 Regular NOFO.pdf
Importance: High

The Rhode Island Continuum of Care (RICoC) is pleased to announce its the local competition for HUD Continuum of Care Funding.

This competition is to award funding made available through the HUD FY2023 Continuum of Care Notification of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that was issued on July 5, 2023.

Please take careful note of the following deadlines and training dates. There are separate training dates for renewal, YHDP, and new project applicants.

This information and more RICOC resources related to the FY23 Local Rhode Island CoC Competition are located on the RICOC website – please refer to the website routinely throughout the local competition for immediate access to the latest information on the competition.

- Renewal, YHDP Renewal, and YHDP Replacement: Applications must be submitted in the

ESNAPS grants management system no later than **August 18, 2023, at 5pm** Eastern Daylight Time.

- New Projects: The RICoC issued a Request for Proposals for New Projects on **June 2, 2023**. New project proposals are **due July 12th at 3pm** Eastern Daylight Time. The CoC Planner will notify the highest scoring new project letters of interest of their approval to submit new project applications in the ESNAPS grants management system. This communication is anticipated to be in early August. For those invited to apply, the ESNAPS new project applications must be submitted in the ESNAPS grants management system no later than **August 25th, 2022 at 5pm** Eastern Daylight Time. Please take careful not of this two-step new project application process.

Please contact me directly with any questions about this opportunity,

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Rhode Island Continuum of Care RI-500

July 11, 2023

Local Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition is Open

The Rhode Island Continuum of Care (RICoC) is pleased to announce the start of the local competition for HUD Continuum of Care Funding. This competition is to award funding made available through the HUD CoC NOFO 2023 that was issued on July 5, 2023.

In the 2023 competition all grants that are listed on the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) for the Rhode Island CoC MUST submit renewal project applications in E-SNAPS to continue their programs. Failure to submit an application in the format and schedule stated in this announcement could result in the permanent elimination of funding for the project. This includes regular Continuum of Care grants that will be renewed through a competitive process and YHDP grants that will renew for the first time in a non-competitive process.

There is significant information in at the following link, including some changes from prior CoC competitions:

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2023-CoC-NOFO-Publication.pdf

Changes Include:

- Tier 1 is 93% of the community's Annual Renewal Demand – this is a decrease from last year, which means that the amount off funding in Tier 2 has increased. Tier 2 funding is higher risk.
- The amount of CoC bonus funds has increased from 5% of final pro rata need to 7% of final pro rata need. Total potential CoC bonus funds Rhode Island may apply for this year will be approximately $895,000.
- There is a DV bonus again this year. Scoring for the bonus is the same as in 2022. Half of the 100 possible points will be based on the CoC score; remaining factors include: CoC collaboration with victim services providers (10), need for the project (10), quality of project applicant experience (15), use of victim-centered practices (8) and plan to include survivors with lived experience (7).
- Eligible populations for new PH-RRH and Joint TH/RRH projects. New projects may apply to serve category 1, 2 or 4 of the homeless definition. Category 2 is a household at imminent risk of homelessness. New PSH projects may only serve Category 1 & 4 homeless definition and chronically homeless or DedicatedPLUS populations.
- Multiple DV Bonus RRH and/or TH-RRH Projects may be submitted.
- Current DV Bonus projects can be expanded – projects that were funded other than as DV bonus projects can apply to expand their projects using DV Bonus funds, however the expansion may only serve survivors in the DV program expansion.

Additionally, HUD is continuing to offer some opportunities that began in prior competitions. These opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- **Expansion Projects** – new project applications that add to existing CoC projects by serving more people, providing new or additional supportive services or both.
- **Consolidation** of 2-10 grants into one project to streamline grant administration.
- **Transition grants** that allow an existing CoC grant to change components (i.e., shift from PSH to RRH) during the course of the next program year. These are new project applications.
- **Opportunities to submit** new project applications for new PSH, RRH, TH-RRH, HMIS and/or Coordinated Entry-SSO grants.
- **DV Bonus** applications for RRH or joint TH/RRH

RICoC Projects submitted through the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program MUST submit **renewal applications** as part of this competition. YHDP grants are **NOT** competitively awarded. Existing grants will be renewed but **RENEWAL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE**. Please note that the earliest YHDP communities are competitively renewing their projects for the first time this year and must be ranked in the current competition. This does **not** impact Rhode Island YHDP this year but in the near future, these grants will likely be subject to ranking and potential reallocation – providers should monitor performance to assure that funding will continue.

YHDP grantees may make **significant changes** to renewing YHDP grants by using the YHDP **replacement process**. YHDP grants may make **minor changes** to a project including adding or modifying Special YHDP activities through the **YHDP renewal** process.

Supportive Materials

Review the FY23 NOFO carefully and take full advantage of the hyperlinks included within the NOFO that link to a vast amount of HUD supportive documentation and resources.

Review the HUD issued Detailed Instructions for the applicable project type(s) being applied for. HUD CoC Competition Materials are found here: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition. Materials for the 2023 competition are still being developed and will be released on the HUD website when completed.

This information and so many more RICOC resources related to the FY23 Local Rhode Island CoC Competition are located on the RICOC website – please refer to the website routinely throughout the local competition for immediate access to the latest information on the competition.

Deadlines and Training Information

Please take careful note of the following deadlines and training dates. There are separate training dates for renewal, YHDP, and new project applicants.

New and renewal project applications submitted after the deadlines listed below may not be considered for funding in the FY2023 Rhode Island COC competition.

Renewal Project Applicants:

Renewal, YHDP renewal, and YHDP replacement applications must be submitted in the ESNAPS grants management system no later than **August 18, 2023, at 5pm** Eastern Daylight Time.

The RICOC is providing remote video webinars to support the renewal project application process. One presentation will be for all CoC projects other than those funded under YHDP. The other presentation will be solely for renewing YHDP grants. The webinars will cover the FY2023 NOFO for renewal applicants, ESNAPS training, and have time for Q&A.

Renewal Project webinar for regular CoC grants (not YHDP) details follow:

- **Thursday July 20, 2023, 11 am – 12:30pm**

  Topic: RI CoC HUD CoC NOFO 2023 Renewal Applications - NOT YHDP
  Time: Jul 20, 2023 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

  Join Zoom Meeting
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83535439992?pwd=dkZtQ2ZFNEdiWkgybHpJOVF2Tnhmdz09

  Meeting ID: 835 3543 9992

  Passcode: 498289

Renewal/Replacement Project Webinar for YHDP grantees only:

- **Tuesday July 25, 2023, 10 am – 11:30 pm**

  Topic: RI CoC HUD 2023 NOFO YHDP Renewal and Replacement Application Webinar
  Time: Jul 25, 2023 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

  Join Zoom Meeting
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82861202377?pwd=eGJ3NjQrSEV0ODN1RUhQNzY1WCtxUT09

  Meeting ID: 828 6120 2377
  Passcode: 954447

Method for Submission of Renewal Applications

All renewal applications must be submitted in the e-snaps grants management system operated by HUD by the renewal and YHDP project deadline listed above. Project applications submitted in e-snaps are received and reviewed by the RICoC. All renewal applications will be scored and ranked using the Performance Evaluation Standards and Scoring Criteria for Renewal Projects FY 2023. YHDP renewal and YHDP replacement projects will be included in the project priority list and will NOT be scored or ranked this year.

New Project Applicants:

The RICoC issued a Request for Proposals for New Projects on **June 2, 2023**. Information sessions on the opportunity were held on June 15 and June 20, 2023. Recordings of the sessions and the slides are

available on the RICOC website in the funding section. New Project Proposals are due July 12, 2023 at 3pm Eastern Daylight Time.

The CoC Planner will notify the highest scoring new project letters of interest of their approval to submit new project applications in the ESNAPS grants management system. This communication is anticipated to be in early August. For those invited to apply, the ESNAPS new project applications must be submitted in the ESNAPS grants management system no later than **August 25, 2023, at 5 pm** Eastern Daylight Time**.** Please take careful note of this two-step new project application process.

New Project letters of interest not selected for submission of an ESNAPS new project application will be notified of that decision via email. This communication is anticipated to be in early August. This notification will be made in writing and outside of the ESNAPS system.

The **RICOC is providing one remote video webinar to support the new project application process.** This webinar will cover the FY2023 NOFO for all types of new project applicants, including new projects under the DV Bonus opportunity, the regular CoC Bonus opportunity, reallocated funding, and new projects to transition, expand, and/or consolidate existing renewal projects. ESNAPS training and time for Q&A will also be included.

New project webinar details follow:

- **Tuesday August 8, 2022 from 1pm - 2:30pm**
  Howard Burchman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

  Topic: RI CoC HUD NOFO 2023 New Project Application Webinar
  Time: Aug 8, 2023 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

  Join Zoom Meeting
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81748220025?pwd=ZVNLWGpPV3dmQURjNXpybkhVaU5BUT09

  Meeting ID: 817 4822 0025
  Passcode: 985743

Applicants for all new and renewal projects will be notified in writing, outside of the eSNAPS system, on or before September 8, 2023 as to whether their project(s) will be accepted and included in the RICoC's Collaborative Application to HUD.

Please direct all questions surrounding this opportunity to:
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RICoC Stakeholders,

The RICoC is requesting proposals for New and Expanded Supportive Projects for the anticipated, upcoming 2023 Continuum of Care Program Competition.

Deadline: Complete proposals are due on July 12 by 3pm. Proposals must be submitted

electronically to the CoC Planner, Ben Darby (bdarby@rihousing.com)

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The Rhode Island Continuum of Care is requesting proposal(s) from qualified nonprofit organizations and/or local government agencies for new project applications for the 2023 Continuum of Care Program Competition. The CoC seeks projects that can make maximum efficient, economical, and effective use of the prospective allocation of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) funds.

Approximately **$1,816,000 in new funding**, inclusive of **$766,000 of Reallocation/Continuum of Care Bonus** funding and an additional **$1,050,000 in Domestic Violence Bonus** funding, may be available for new projects in the local COC competition. The CoC intends to allocate this funding to multiple supportive housing projects. HUD will ultimately select the projects that are to be funded and selection by the CoC for inclusion in the collaborative application does not guarantee that the application will be funded by HUD.

The RICoC encourages nonprofit organizations with experience in serving people experiencing homelessness and who have not previously received CoC funds to apply. Organizations that assist BIPOC people and/or populations that have been marginalized are specifically encouraged. To assist organizations new to this process and funding, the RICoC will hold informational webinars on the schedule posted within the attached Request for Proposals. Existing CoC grantees may also apply through this new application process for new projects or to 'expand' a current CoC project. An 'expansion' proposal provides additional housing units and/or services and/or increases services to current participants. Expansion grants must be the same program component (e.g., RRH, PSH) and must identify the currently funded grant that is being expanded and the reasons why the expansion is needed.

See attached Request for Proposals for the full description of this opportunity including eligibility information. The same attachment also contains threshold criteria and scoring criteria for eligible new project types.

The RICoC is now issuing this request for proposals so it is positioned to respond to HUD's annual Continuum of Care competition, which is anticipated this summer. HUD has not yet issued the Notice of Funding Available (NOFO) for its Continuum of Care funding; therefore, it is possible that some modifications to this process may be necessary when the NOFO is released. **The RICoC is anticipating selecting more than one new project proposal across multiple Reallocation/COC Bonus and DV Bonus projects for supportive housing projects, specifically Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing projects, in response to this issuance.** This is expected to be the only request for proposals issued to solicit COC new project applications; interested applicant agencies should respond to this issuance on or before the deadline in order to be considered for new COC funding.

This notice is publicly posted on the RICoC website.

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RHODE ISLAND CONTINUUM OF CARE

Request for Proposals for Supportive Housing Projects

Background

The Rhode Island Continuum of Care (RICoC) is requesting proposal(s) from qualified non-profit organizations and/or local government agencies for new project applications for the 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition. The CoC seeks projects that can make effective use of the prospective allocation of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) funds.

The RICoC currently anticipates approximately $766,000 of reallocation and CoC Bonus funding and $1,050,000 in DV bonus funding may be available to apply for in the local COC competition, which is anticipated this summer. The CoC intends to allocate this funding to multiple projects. HUD will ultimately select the projects that are to be funded and selection by the CoC for inclusion in the collaborative application does not guarantee that the application will be funded by HUD.

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Timeline

June 2	CoC Releases New Supportive Housing Projects Request for Proposals (RFP)
June 15	RFP Information Session 1: **11:00am -- 12:30pm**. Zoom Link: Join Information Session #1
June 20	RFP Information Session 2: **1:00pm – 2:30pm**. Zoom Link: Join Information Session #2 (The same information will be covered in both sessions)
July 12	**Deadline to submit proposals to the COC Planner for consideration** Applications reviewed by CoC's Funding Committee/applicants may be requested to respond to questions from committee
August 4	Anticipated announcement of selected new project proposals Selected proposals will be responsible to submit new project applications in HUD's ESNAPS system in accordance with local RICoC deadlines that are to be determined, however they are anticipated for August 2022.

Recordings of the RFP Information Sessions and Esnaps Training webinars will be posted on the RICoC Webpage, in the Funding section.

Request for Proposals Information Sessions

The same content will be covered in each session; however, there will be Q and A in each session that may cover different topics based on attendee's interest. Any staff responsible for program oversight and proposal submission are strongly encouraged to attend at least one session and are welcome to attend both. Below are links to join the **remote** information sessions.

Information Session #1:
June 15th from 11:00am – 12:30pm
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87146173611?pwd=alpzbVdrTExFcE9TVVNuTHloMW9lQT09
Meeting ID: 871 4617 3611
Passcode: 488408

Information Session #2:
June 20th from 1:00 – 2:30pm
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88484023206?pwd=RnczSS9OVnRpS3J6aTVlc1Z0VkFoQT09
Meeting ID: 884 8402 3206
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Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a non-profit organization or unit of local government
- Have capacity to administer federal funding and secure required matching funds.
- Have experience administering programs and services that assist people experiencing homelessness and/or housing crises

Eligible Project Types

The RICoC is prioritizing its new project funding for supportive housing project types. All housing projects must include trauma informed services.

The RICoC currently anticipates approximately $766,000 of reallocation and COC bonus funding and $1,050,000 in DV bonus funding may be available to apply for in the local COC competition, which is anticipated this summer. The CoC intends to allocate this funding to multiple projects.

Supportive Housing Project Type	Funding Type	Estimated total COC new project awards
Rapid Rehousing	DV Bonus	Up to $1,050,000
Rapid Rehousing	Reallocation and CoC Bonus	Up to $766,000
Permanent Supportive Housing	Reallocation and COC Bonus	Up to $766,000
Joint Transitional/Rapid Rehousing	DV Bonus	Up to $1,050,000
Joint Transitional/Rapid Rehousing	Reallocation and CoC Bonus	Up to $766,000

The following chart provides additional information on these eligible supportive housing project types:

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	
Overview: PSH is a non-time-limited, permanent housing subsidy combined with a high level of supportive services. It is a model that is Housing First and is typically designed for folks with the highest needs, long experiences with homelessness, and headed by a household member with a disability.	**Key Elements:** ● Households pay a percentage of their income towards rent for an indefinite period of time ● Units can be site-based (e.g., lease up a bunch of units in an apartment complex) or scattered site ● Eligible populations: Categories 1 and 4 ● Chronic homeless or Dedicated PLUS definition applies
Rapid Rehousing (RRH)	
Overview: RRH is a supportive housing program where a household may receive up to 24 months of rental assistance and supportive services, with up to six months of	**Key Elements:**

aftercare once the rental assistance ends. Supportive services often focus on income maximization and stability planning. The participant enters into a lease directly with the landlord.	• Rental assistance models are flexible, should align with CoC's written standards for administering RRH • Households can choose their own units in the community/private market. Funded agencies must assist participant in locating and securing housing. • Eligible populations: Categories 1 and 4 • While it is a time-limited resource, there are no indicators for who will succeed in RRH - it is a resource that can work for anyone
Joint Transitional/Rapid Rehousing Projects	
Overview: Joint TH/RRH projects can provide participants with access to short-term crisis housing for those who would otherwise be literally homeless along with the option of moving to permanent housing using the rapid rehousing approach. Participants in 'Joint' projects must be able to choose between short-term and permanent housing and those choosing TH should be assisted in moving to permanent housing as soon as is practicable.	**Key Elements** • This approach is most useful where there is inadequate emergency/crisis housing for the target population • Program must be able to offer the choice of short-term transitional housing or rapid rehousing to all participants • Participants should transition to RRH as soon as practicable • TH housing can only be funded with leasing or operations costs; RRH component can only be funded with tenant-based rental assistance • Total assistance under either or both components cannot exceed 24 monthsEligible populations: Categories 1 and 4

Threshold and Scoring Criteria

Applicants must demonstrate all threshold and scoring criteria are met in their proposal for it to be considered.

Threshold criteria: Project must demonstrate its ability to pass **all** of the threshold criteria in order for the project to be reviewed and scored by the Recipient Approval and Evaluation ("Funding") Committee.

a) Certify the project will use HMIS. For DV providers, certify use of RI's comparable database for survivors of domestic violence.
b) Certify the project will follow Coordinated Entry policy and procedure
c) Certify the project will use Housing First and a low-barrier approach; describe this approach in scoring criteria part (a)
d) Certify the applicant has no outstanding delinquent federal debts; no debarments and/or suspensions from doing business with the federal government

e) Certify the applicant has an accounting system that meets federal standards as described at 2 CFR 200.302
f) Certify commitment to compliance with HUD's Equal Access and Fair Housing Rules and commitment to ongoing training on both regulations that include implementation strategies
g) Describe Trauma-Informed Care approach and how TIC will be demonstrated in practice in the project
h) Target population must meet HUD homeless definition of Category 1 or 4. Identify which target and priority population(s) will be served by the project.
i) Demonstrate in the project budget that no more than 10% of the total COC program budget is for administrative costs
j) Demonstrate in the project budget that all COC funds requested are matched with an amount that is at least 25% of the COC funds requested (excluding any amount in the leasing budget line item) with cash or in-kind resources. Demonstrate clearly that all matching funds are COC eligible expenses.

Scoring Criteria: A project will be awarded points up to the maximum amount listed below for its ability to demonstrate the expectations of the scoring criteria. There are a total of 100 points plus bonus points available. Projects with higher scores relative to other project proposals of the same type will be prioritized for COC funding.

a) Applicant understands the Housing First Philosophy and its low barrier approach; describes a solid plan to implement this philosophy and approach within the project **(10 points)**
b) Experience with proposed project type and homeless population or other relevant/related supportive service expertise, especially with housing insecure or homeless households **(10 points)**
c) Demonstrate the capacity to appropriately manage state/federal funds and to leverage other funding **(5 points)**
d) Demonstrate that applicant has the organizational infrastructure and administrative/financial capacity to deliver the project as proposed **(5 points)**
e) Describe collaboration with other community partners to expand resources available to clients within the program **(10 points)**
f) Program design includes provision of appropriate housing, and the type, scale, and location of the housing are adequate to meet the needs of the program participants described to be served. Includes meaningful evaluation, mention of whether or not housing units are already secured, and cultural/linguistic competency. Program design is fully described, accessible, and appropriate to the project proposed and fits the needs of the target population. Core outcomes are discussed (exs: stable housing, education, employment and social-emotional wellbeing/community connections). **(10 points + an additional 5 points if the units are demonstrated within this section to already be secured)**
g) Describe how the project will incorporate lived experience of homelessness in organizational governance, as well as in program design, implementation (including staffing) and evaluation/improvement. Includes discussion of compensation for expertise if that is applicable within the program. **(10 points)**
h) There is a reasonable timeframe to plan and implement the project and a quality staffing plan sufficient to implement proposed activities; includes justification of caseload range for each

direct services position and description of strategies to ensure staff have lived experience of homelessness and/or reflect the identities of prioritized populations **(10 points)**

i) Proposed Supportive Services are adequate to support the target population; the strategies to and level of focus on priority subpopulations is described **(10 points)**

j) Costs are reasonable, competitive, and activities listed are eligible.
NOTE: the Recipient Approval and Evaluation Committee may tentatively approve a project with suggested budget changes **(10 points)**

k) Letters of support from at least one collaborating agency is submitted at the time of proposal submission (these letters are excluded from page count requirements and should be attachments separate from the proposal). No letters will be accepted after the proposal deadline. **(10 points)**

l) **Healthcare/housing leverage bonus points. (a) Housing leverage –** the applicant demonstrates that it has leveraged housing assistance from sources other than CoC or ESG to include at least 25% of the units included in the project for PSH or at least 25% of the projected participants for RRH and/or **(b) Healthcare Leverage –** the applicant is able to demonstrate that it has a commitment from a substance use treatment provider to provide access to care for all program participants who qualify and choose those services or a healthcare organization will commit to funding at least 25% of the funds requested through mainstream healthcare resources. **(10 points for housing leverage and 10 points for healthcare leverage)**

Submission Instructions and Deadline

Deadline: July 12 at 3pm Eastern Daylight Time.
The proposal must be submitted electronically to the COC planner at BDarby@RIHousing.com on or before **3pm** Eastern Daylight Time. PDF format is preferred. Please take note of page limits listed below.

Instructions: A successful proposal will not exceed 10 pages (does not include budget worksheets or letter(s) of support) with 1-inch margins and 12-point font and contain the four sections outlined below. Each proposal should include:

1. **Introduction page** (1 page limit)
   (a) Organization name, name and contact information with point of contact most familiar with the application
   (b) Confirmation of eligible COC applicant type, type of project being applied for in this proposal
   (c) UEI number, and EIN Number . If the agency has an approved federal indirect cost rate, or plans to use the 10% de minimis rate that should be identified here.
   NOTE: Indirect costs are not the same as direct administrative costs charged to the Administration ("Admin") BLI in CoC projects. For more information on the differences please click here: CoC and ESG Financial Management - Direct vs. Indirect Costs - HUD Exchange
   (d) A brief introduction to the organization(s), including subrecipient(s)

2. **Demonstration of Threshold Criteria** (3-page limit)
   Applicants should **letter each Threshold criteria** in accordance with the lettering convention used in the Threshold Criteria section of this RFP.

Additionally, for new COC applicant agencies who are nonprofit agencies, please include documentation demonstrating 501c3 status (this documentation will not be included in the 3-page limit).

3. **Response to the Scoring Criteria** (6-page limit)
   Applicants should **letter each Scoring Criteria** in accordance with the lettering convention used in the Scoring Criteria section of this RFP.

4. **COC Project Budget** (not included in 10-page limit for the narrative)
   A complete/total project budget with clear delineation of CoC costs and matching costs should be submitted using the COC budget tool provided. Administrative costs are capped at 10% of total project costs; applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for the 10% admin costs although they could manually adjust the budget form to decrease that budget line item. Please submit the budget as an attachment. (Excel format preferred for this attachment only).
   NOTE: Admin Costs charged to the Administration ("Admin") BLI in COC projects are **not** the same as indirect costs. For more information on the differences please click here: CoC and ESG Financial Management - Direct vs. Indirect Costs - HUD Exchange
   If an agency already has a federally approved indirect cost rate, please include that documentation along with the budget form. If an agency is using the 10% de minimis rate for indirect costs (NOT admin) please use the budget form with "de minimis" in the title. All other applicants without an indirect cost rate and who are not using the "de minimis" rate should use the budget form that says "no indirect" in the title.

Award Notifications and Appeal Process

All applicants will be informed via email if their project was selected to be submitted as part of Rhode Island's Collaborative Application for COC funding or rejected in accordance with the project timeline. Accepted/selected email notifications will include a total approved project budget authority. All project selections are pending final approval from HUD and may be amended per feedback from the CoC's Recipient Approval and Evaluation ("Funding") Committee, the RICoC and from HUD.
Applicants with projects that are rejected for funding may appeal the decision by submitting an appeal in writing to the COC Planner at BDarby@rihousing.com on or before the appeals deadline in the timeline. Appeals will be considered by unconflicted members of the RICoC Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final.

Additional Resources

- The RICoC website: Continuum of Care | RIHousing
  Resources specific to FY2022 Competition will be in the Funding Section under the **FY2023 RICoC Competition** heading
- Budget Line Item Eligible Costs this chart show what is eligible under each of the eligible supportive service costs (case management, education services, outreach, etc.)
- HUD's definitions of homelessness At a Glance Criteria and Recordkeeping Requirements for Definition of Homeless (hudexchange.info)

- Continuum of Care Interim Rule: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/part-578

Performance Evaluation Standards & Scoring Criteria for CoC Renewal Projects FY2023

Renewal Performance Evaluation Criteria FY2023 COC Competition	Universe	Source	Proposed Benchmark/ Standard		2023 Max Points	
PERFORMANCE			**PSH**	**RRH**		
1. Occupancy/Utilization	Average annual utilization rate	HMIS lead dashboard report	95% or higher = 5*		5	Objective
2. 100% of admissions in program year were referred from Coordinated Entry	New entries during last program year	HMIS report	100% = 5		5	Address specific severe barriers
3. Percentage of new admissions during last program year who have multiple disabling conditions: Physical, Developmental, Chronic Health, HIV/AIDS, Mental Health, Substance Use, Survivor of Domestic Violence	New entries during last program year	CES Report	Greater than or equal to 50% = 10	N/A	10	Address specific severe barriers
4. Percentage of new admissions during last program year who have one disabling condition: Physical, Developmental, Chronic Health, HIV/AIDS, Mental Health, Substance Use, Survivor of Domestic Violence	New entries during last program year	CES Report	N/A	Greater than or equal to 50% = 10	10	Address specific severe barriers
5. Percentage of all participant leavers who exited to shelter, streets or unknown (including don't know/refused/no exit interview) during last program year	Participants - Leavers	CoC APR Q23b and Q 23a	Less than or equal to 5%** = 5		5	System Performance
6. Percentage of all participants who remain in PH and/or exited to PH destination	All Participants	APR 5a.8 and 23a	90%** - 100% = 5	85%** - 100% = 5	5	System Performance
7. Percentage of participants with earned income	All Participants	APR	10% or more = 5	20% or more = 5	5	System Performance
8. Increased unearned income of at least 10% between program entry to reassesment/exit	All Participants	APR	10% or more = 5	20% or more = 5	5	System Performance
9. Length of time from CE referral to program enrollment in PSH; length of time from CE referral to move-in date for RRH	New entries during last program year	CES Report	Scattered Site: 60 days or less = max points; 61 - 90 days = half points. Project-Based: 15 days or less = max points; 30 days or less = half points		10	System Performance
10. Returns to Homelessness after PH Placement - 12 months	Participants - Leavers	SPM report	Below 5% = 5**		5	System Peformance
HMIS						
11 . HMIS Data Quality	All Participants	CoC APR 6b	Data quality score of at least 95%		5	System Performance
12. HMIS Data Quality - Chronic Homelessness Questions	All participants	CoC APR 6d	Data quality score of at least 95%		5	System Performance
13. Attendance at Agency Manager Meetings	Agency HMIS Managers	Training Attendance Log (HMIS Lead)	Participation in 80%+ of meetings held since 7/1/2022 - present = 10		10	Objective
14. Security Compliance Checklist	HMIS Participating Agencies	HMIS Lead Report	Security Checklist submitted to HMIS on or before March 14, 2023 deadline		5	System Performance
COST EFFECTIVENESS						
15. Cost/Permanent Housing retention and/or PH Placement (Total project budget/Number of all participants who remain in PH and exited to PH)	Participants exiting to permanent housing destinations and remaining in permanent housing	APR	$15,000 or less = 10	$10,000 or less = 10	10	Objective
ENHANCING EQUITY						
16. Agency conducted an equity-focused assessment internally within agency inclusive of board and all levels of staff that incorporates policy and procedures, compensation equity review, and stakeholder input	All participants, agency frontline staff, executive staff, board of directors	Equity Committee Report	Yes=10 - No=0		10	Objective
EXTENDING RESOURCES						
17. Agency (or a partner the agency has an MOU with) has been reimbursed by Medicaid for the provision of Home Stabilization and/or Peer Recovery Services	Medicaid eligible program participants	EOHHS Report	Yes = 15 or No = 0		15	Objective
Grand Total					115	

*If the program does not meet the threshold for this measure due to the outcome of a single client, it may submit an appeal describing the challenges the program faced meeting the occupancy/utilization threshold for consideration of partial or full points.

**If the program does not meet the threshold for this measure due to the outcome of a single client, it may submit an appeal describing the reasons for this client's outcomes and how it tried to address their needs for consideration of partial or full points.

Maximum Points Available Total	115
Max Points for Objective Criteria	50
Max Points for System Performance	50
Max Points for Addressing Severe Barriers	15

Scoring Sheet
Proposals for New/Expanded CoC Projects FY2023

Instructions: Please complete one scoring sheet for each proposal you are reviewing. Please save an electronic version of the scoring sheet for each proposal reviewed, so it can be submitted after the scoring session is complete. Thank you!

Proposal:	
Agency:	

Project Type (Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing):	

Scoring criteria:	Description	Total Points Available:	Score:	
(a)	Applicant understands the Housing First Philosophy and its low barrier approach; describe a solid plan to implement this philosophy and approach within the project.	10		System Performance
(b)	Experience with proposed project type and homeless population or other relevant/related supportive service expertise, especially with housing insecure or homeless households	10		Address specific severe barriers
(c)	Demonstrate the capacity to appropriately manage state/federal funds and to leverage other funding	5		Objective
(d)	Demonstrate that applicant has the organizational infrastructure and administrative/financial capacity to deliver the project as proposed	5		Objective
(e)	Describe collaboration with other community partners to expand resources available to clients within the program.	10		Objective
(f)	Program design includes provision of appropriate housing, and the type, scale, and location of the housing are adequate to meet the needs of the program participants described to be served. 6 Includes meaningful evaluation, mention of whether or not housing units are already secured, and cultural/linguistic competency. Program design is fully described, accessible, and appropriate to the project proposed and fits the needs of the target population. Core outcomes are discussed (exs: stable housing, education, employment and social-emotional wellbeing/community connections). (Scoring note: 10 points + 5 if units are already secured)	15		System Performance
(g)	Describe how the project will incorporate lived experience of homelessness in organizational governance, as well as in program design, implementation (including staffing) and evaluation/improvement. Includes discussion of compensation for expertise if that is applicable within the program.	10		System Performance
(h)	There is a reasonable timeframe to plan and implement the project and a quality staffing plan sufficient to implement proposed activities; includes justification of caseload range for each direct services position and description of strategies to ensure staff have lived experience of homelessness and/or reflect the identities of prioritized populations	10		Objective
(i)	Proposed Supportive Services are adequate to support the target population; the strategies to and level of focus on priority subpopulations is described	10		Address specific severe barriers
(j)	Costs are reasonable, competitive and activities listed are eligible. NOTE: the Recipient Approval and Evaluation Committee may tentatively approve a project with suggested budget changes	10		Objective
(k)	Letters of support from at least one collaborating agency is submitted at the time of proposal submission (these letters are excluded from page count requirements and should be attachments separate from the proposal).	10		System Performance
(l)	**Bonus Points**: Healthcare/Housing Leverage. (a) Housing leverage -- the applicant demonstrates that it has leveraged housing assistance from sources other than CoC or ESG to include at least 25% of the units included in the project for PSH or at least 25% of the projected participants for RRH and/or (b) Healthcare leverage - the applicant is able to demonstrate that it has a commitment from a substance use treatment provider to provide access to care for all program participants who qualify and choose those services or a healthcare organization will commit to funding at least 25% of the funds requested through mainstream healthcare resources. (**10 points for housing leverage and 10 points for healthcare leverage.**)	20		Objective
	TOTAL	125	0	

Maximum Poins Available Total	125
Max Points for Objective Criteria	60
Max Points for System Performance Criteria	45
Max Points for Addressing Severe Barriers	20

Agency Name:	Crossroads Rhode Island					Project 7	
Performance Evaluation Standards & Scoring Criteria for CoC Renewal Projects FY2023							
Renewal Performance Evaluation Criteria FY2022 COC Competition	**Universe**	**Source**	**Proposed Benchmark/ Standard**		**2023 Max Points**	**Harold Lewis House (CoC #28) & Harold Lewis House (CoC #55)**	
						RI0028	
						Date Range	11/1/2021-10/31/2022
PERFORMANCE			**PSH**	**RRH**		**PSH Single Site**	**Points**
1. Occupancy/Utilization	Average annual utilization rate	HMIS lead dashboard report	95% or higher = 5*		5	90.90%	0
2. 100% of admissions in program year were referred from coordinated entry	New entries during last program year	HMIS report	100% = 5		5	100.00%	5
3. Percentage of new admissions during lastprogram year who have multiple disablingconditions: Physical, Developmental, ChronicHealth, HIV/AIDS, Mental Health, SubstanceUse, Survivor of Domestic Violence	New entries during last program year	HMIS report	Greater than or equal to 50% = 10	N/A	10	100.00%	10
4. Percentage of new admissions during lastprogram year who have one disabling condition: Physical, Developmental, ChronicHealth, HIV/AIDS, Mental Health, SubstanceUse, Survivor of Domestic Violence	New entries during last program year	CES Report	N/A	Greater than or equal to 50% = 10	10	N/A	0
5. Percentage of all participant leavers whoexited to shelter, streets or unknown (including don't know/refused/no exitinterview) during last program year	Participants - Leavers	CoC APR Q23b and Q23a	Less than or equal to 5%** = 5		5	100.00%	0
6. Percentage of all participants who remain in PH and/or exited to PH destination	All Participants	APR 5a.8 and 23a	90%** - 100% = 5	85%** - 100% = 5	5	0.00%	0
7. Percentage of participants with earnedincome	All Participants	APR	10% or more = 5	20% or more = 5	5	7.00%	0
8. Increased unearned income of at least 10% between program entry to reassesment/exit	All Participants	APR	10% or more = 5	20% or more = 5	5	86.00%	5
9. Length of time from CE referral to program enrollment in PSH; length of time from CE referral to move-in date for RRH	New entries during last program year	HMIS report	Scatter site: 60 days or less = max points; 61 - 90 days = half points. Single site: 15 days or less = max points; 30 days or less = half points		10	5	10
10. Returns to Homelessness after PH Placement - 12 months	Participants - Leavers	SPM report	Below 5% = 5*		5	0.00%	5
HMIS							
11 . HMIS Data Quality	All Participants	CoC APR 6b	Data quality score of at least 95%		5	100.00%	5
12. HMIS Data Quality - ChronicHomelessness Questions	All Participants	CoC APR 6d	Data quality score of at least 95%		5	100.00%	5
13. Attendance at Agency Manager Meetings	Agency HMIS Managers	Training Attendance Log (HMIS Lead)	Participation in 80%+ of meetings heldsince 7/1/2022 - present = 10		10	100.00%	10
14. Security Compliance Checklist	HMIS Participating Agencies	HMIS Lead Report	Security Checklist submitted to HMISon or before March 14, 2023 deadline		5	YES	5
COST EFFECTIVENESS							
15. Cost/Permanent Housing retentionand/or PH Placement (Total project budget/Number of all participants whoremain in PH and exited to PH)	Participants exiting to permanent housing destinations and remaining in permanent housing	APR	$15,000 or less = 10	$10,000 or less = 10	10	$6,883.43	10
Total Disbursed (LOCCS)						$96,368.00	
Retention SPM measure 7.2 - 7b.2.C3 - Exit to PH or remained in PH after move-in						14	
ENHANCING EQUITY							
16. Agency conducted an equity-focusedassessment internally within agency inclusive of board and all levels of staff thatincorporates policy and procedures, compensation equity review, andstakeholder input	All participants, agencyfrontline staff, executive staff, board of directors	Equity Committee Report	Yes=10 - No=0***		10	YES	10
EXTENDING RESOURCES							
17. Agency (or a partner the agency has anMOU with) has been reimbursed by Medicaidfor the provision of Home Stabilizationand/or Peer Recovery Services	Medicaid eligible program participants	EOHHS Report	Yes = 15 or No = 0		15	YES	15
Grand Total					115	82.61%	95

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**If the program does not meet the threshold for this measure due to the outcome of a single client, it may submit an appeal describing the reasons for thisclient's outcomes and how it tried to address their needs for consideration of partial or full points.

*** The RICoC's equity committee has a ruberic to award partial points on a sliding scale to agencies that demonstrate progress towards a completeassessment as defined.

From: Ben Darby
To: Paula McFarland; Elizabeth Naser; Marilyn daPonte; Kimberly Gervais
Subject: RICoC Board Funding Reallocation Decision
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 8:46:15 AM
Attachments: image570563.png
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Reallocation Notification Appeal Decision Pawtucket Housing Authority.pdf

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Hi Pawtucket Housing Authority,

The RICoC Board voted on June 1st to reallocate 50% of the unspent funds from the last full grant term (FY20) for Grant 90. This recommendation was made after the Funding Committee considered the appeal the Pawtucket Housing Authority submitted at their May meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Ben

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RHODE ISLAND CONTINUUM OF CARE

June 5, 2023

Dear Pawtucket Housing Authority,

Please be advised that, at their June 1st, 2023 RICOC Board of Directors meeting, the board voted to partially reallocate the following COC project during the FY23 Continuum of Care Competition:

Recipient	COC PIN #	**Amount being Reallocated**
Pawtucket Housing Authority	RI0090L1T002003	-$33,085

This action is planned as a result of the RICoC Funding Committee's recommendation that the Board reallocate CoC grants that were less than 60% spent in the last full grant term (FY20 grants) consistent with the RICoC's FY23 Ranking and Reallocation Policy. Their initial recommendation was to reallocate the amount of unspent funds on the FY20 grant.

According to the aforementioned FY23 Ranking and Reallocation Policy, and the notification letter sent on May 9th, 2023, the Pawtucket Housing Authority appealed the initial decision made by the RICoC Board to reallocate the full amount of the unspent funds on the FY20 grant. This appeal was brought to the Funding Committee at their May meeting, and the committee amended their recommendation to the RICoC Board.

The new recommendation, which was approved at the RICoC Board's June 1st, 2023 meeting, was to reallocate 50% of the unspent grant funds and notify the grantee that during next year's CoC competition, if the above grant continues to be underspent, the committee will recommend the full reallocation of the unspent funds.

The CoC Planner notified the Recipient informally of this potential reallocation recommendation in March and April, and formally in May. This is the formal notification to the agency that the RICoC has decided to reallocate 50% of the unspent funds from FY20, after hearing the agency's appeal.

Sincerely,

Ben Darby
RICoC Planner

From: Ben Darby
To: Karen Santilli; Michelle Wilcox
Cc: Jenna Nutting; "jmcdonald@crossroadsri.org"; jhoneycutt@crossroadsri.org; Monica Spicer
Subject: RICoC Board Funding Reallocation Decision
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 8:41:52 AM
Attachments: image041725.png
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Reallocation Notification Appeal Decision Crossroads.pdf

Hi Karen and Michelle,

The RICoC Board voted on June 1st to reallocate 50% of the unspent funds from the last full grant term (FY20) for Grant 98. This recommendation was made after the Funding Committee considered the appeal Crossroads Rhode Island submitted at their May meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Ben

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RHODE ISLAND CONTINUUM OF CARE

June 5, 2023

Dear Crossroads Rhode Island,

Please be advised that, at their June 1st, 2023 RICOC Board of Directors meeting, the board voted to partially reallocate the following COC project during the FY23 Continuum of Care Competition:

Recipient	COC PIN #	**Amount being Reallocated**
Crossroads RI	RI0098D1T002001	-$84,758

This action is planned as a result of the RICoC Funding Committee's recommendation that the Board reallocate CoC grants that were less than 60% spent in the last full grant term (FY20 grants) consistent with the RICoC's FY23 Ranking and Reallocation Policy. Their initial recommendation was to reallocate the amount of unspent funds on the FY20 grant.

According to the aforementioned FY23 Ranking and Reallocation Policy, and the notification letter sent on May 9th, 2023, Crossroads Rhode Island appealed the initial decision made by the RICoC Board to reallocate the full amount of the unspent funds on the FY20 grant. This appeal was brought to the Funding Committee at their May meeting, and the committee amended their recommendation to the RICoC Board.

The new recommendation, which was approved at the RICoC Board's June 1st, 2023 meeting, was to reallocate 50% of the unspent grant funds and notify the grantee that during next year's CoC competition, if the above grant continues to be underspent, the committee will recommend the full reallocation of the unspent funds.

The CoC Planner notified the Recipient informally of this potential reallocation recommendation in March and April and formally in May. This is the formal notification to the agency that the RICoC has decided to reallocate 50% of the unspent funds from FY20, after hearing the agency's appeal.

Sincerely,

Ben Darby
RICoC Planner

From:	Ben Darby
To:	Michelle Taylor; Benedict Lessing (BLessing@CommunityCareRI.org)
Cc:	Elizabeth Bioteau
Subject:	RICoC Board Funding Reallocation Decision and Appeal Process
Date:	Tuesday, May 9, 2023 7:01:42 AM
Attachments:	image067187.png image801075.png image723861.png image841075.png Reallocation Notification Community Care Alliance.pdf

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Hi Michelle and Benedict,

The RICoC Board voted on May 4th to reallocate the unspent funds from the last full grant term (FY20) for Grant 89. This recommendation was made to the RICoC Board by the Funding Committee.

I've attached a letter detailing this decision, the amount to be reallocated, and the process and timeline for you to submit an appeal, if you so choose.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ben

Ben Darby | RI Continuum of Care Planner

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RHODE ISLAND CONTINUUM OF CARE

May 9, 2023

Dear Community Care Alliance,

Please be advised that, at their May 4, 2023 RICOC Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to partially reallocate the following COC project during the FY23 Continuum of Care Competition:

Recipient	COC PIN #	**Amount being Reallocated**
Community Care Alliance	RI0089L1T002003	-$25,391

This action is planned as a result of the RICoC Funding Committee's recommendation that the Board reallocate CoC grants that were less than 60% spent in the last full grant term (FY20 grants) consistent with the RICoC's FY23 Ranking and Reallocation Policy. Their recommendation was to reallocate the amount of unspent funds on the FY20 grant.

The CoC Planner notified the Recipient informally of this potential reallocation recommendation in March and April. This is formal notification to the agency that the RICoC Board has decided to reallocate the unspent funding.

If you wish to contest this reallocation decision, you may appeal the decision. An appeal must be submitted in writing, electronically to bdarby@rihousing.com by 12pm on Monday, May 22, 2023 to be considered.

Sincerely,

Ben Darby
RICoC Planner

From:	Eileen Hayes
To:	Elizabeth Bioteau
Cc:	Ben Darby; Tyla Pimentel; Karen Raus
Subject:	COC program
Date:	Monday, May 22, 2023 8:30:47 AM
Attachments:	COC may 21-23.pdf

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Ensure content is safe.

Dear Elizabeth:

I hope all is well. Please see attached letter notifying you of our decision to withdraw from future rounds of COC funding. After a lot of thought and discussion with our staff we feel like this is the best decision for Amos House. Based on my conversation with Ben, I understand that we can continue to draw down on funds through October, 2024.

Please let me know if there are further steps we need to take.

Thank you for all of your hard work on the COC.

Best,

Eileen

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May 22, 2023

Elizabeth Bioteau

Director, Strategic Initiatives &Partnerships

Rhode Island Housing

RE: RI Continuum of Care (RI 0002LT002114)

Dear Elizabeth:

Please be advised that Amos House is requesting to withdraw from the next application round for COC Grant RI0002LT002114 (251 Swan Street and 414 Friendship Street). By withdrawing now, we hope that these funds can be reallocated. Our goal is to end our contract obligation by 10/31/2024.

We have been a part of the COC for many years and believe that we have helped many men and women who were chronically homeless stabilize and remain housed. We recognize that our model of care is not fully aligned with the goals of COC and see no alternative but to relinquish our funds in the next application round.

Please let me know if there are steps beyond this letter that you would like me to take.

All my best,

Eileen Hayes

President/CEO

c.c. Ben Darby

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From: Ben Darby
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Cc: Tyla Pimentel; Karen Raus
Subject: RICoC Board Voluntary Reallocation Decision
Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 9:16:58 AM
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Voluntary Reallocation Notification Amos House.pdf

Hi Eileen,

Attached is the formal notification of the RICoC Board's decision, made at last Thursday's meeting, to approve the request to voluntarily reallocate your CoC grant.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!
Ben

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RHODE ISLAND CONTINUUM OF CARE

June 6, 2023

Dear Amos House,

Please be advised that, at their June 1st, 2023 RICoC Board of Directors meeting, the board voted to reallocate the following CoC project during the FY23 Continuum of Care Competition:

Recipient	COC PIN #	**Amount being Reallocated**
Amos House	RI0002	-99,226

This action is planned as a result of Amos House's interest in voluntarily reallocating this project, expressed in the email and letter sent by Amos House to the RICoC Planner on Monday, May 22nd, 2023. The CoC Planner brought this request to both the RICoC Funding Committee, and then the RICoC Board in May and early June.

This is the formal notification of the decision of the RICoC Board, made at the June 1, 2023 RICoC Board meeting, to reallocate this grant.

If the recipient wants to appeal this reallocation, it may appeal the decision. An appeal must be submitted electronically to bdarby@rihousing.com by 12pm on Monday, June 26th to be considered.

Sincerely,

Ben Darby
CoC Planner

From: Bill Stein
To: Elizabeth Bioteau; Breah Anderson; Laura Jaworski
Cc: Ben Darby
Subject: Re: Follow up from yesterday"s meeting - HOH and COC/RIhousing
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2023 3:11:49 PM
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Hello Elizabeth! My apologies for the delayed response. I did confirm today that Anthony is/will be working on the CoC #31 billing today and is planning to have at least a couple submitted by tomorrow with the rest to follow shortly.

I also wanted to let you know that our team met again today and we have decided not to renew Grant #76 in the upcoming NOFO. This was not an easy decision to make but we ultimately feel that given the small size of the award coupled with the ongoing challenges we are facing with utilization, it was in our best interest to move away from CoC funding for this project. We wish we could have reached a decision sooner, but conducting due diligence with all key decision makes present took longer than expected. -Bill

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From: Elizabeth Bioteau <ebioteau@rihousing.com>
Date: Monday, August 7, 2023 at 11:33 AM
To: Bill Stein <bill@thehouseofhopecdc.org>, Breah Anderson <BAnderson@thehouseofhopecdc.org>, Laura Jaworski <Laura@thehouseofhopecdc.org>
Cc: Ben Darby <bdarby@rihousing.com>
Subject: RE: Follow up from yesterday's meeting - HOH and COC/RIhousing

Bill,
How did the follow up go with Anthony on the grant 31 billing? Please let me know when that will be submitted.
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Elizabeth Bioteau | *Director Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships*

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From:	Ben Darby
To:	Bill Stein (bill@thehouseofhopecdc.org); Laura Jaworski (Laura@thehouseofhopecdc.org)
Cc:	Elizabeth Bioteau; Portia Jacobs
Subject:	Voluntary Reallocation Formal Notification
Date:	Tuesday, August 22, 2023 9:39:13 AM
Attachments:	image960237.png image666484.png image512443.png image803273.png Reallocation Notification House of Hope 08.22.23.pdf

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Hi Bill and Laura,

Attached is a letter providing formal notification of your decision to voluntarily reallocate Grant 76. This decision will be going to the RICoC Board for approval at their September 7th meeting.

If you wish to appeal this decision (the decision House of Hope made to voluntarily reallocate), please submit that appeal electronically to me, Ben Darby, by 12pm on Friday, September 1st.

Thanks, and let me know if you have any questions.
Ben

Ben Darby | *RI Continuum of Care Planner*

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RHODE ISLAND CONTINUUM OF CARE

August 22, 2023

Dear House of Hope,

Please be advised that at their September 7, 2023 RICoC Board of Directors meeting, the board will be voting to reallocate the following CoC project during the FY23 Continuum of Care Competition.

Recipient	COC PIN #	**Amount being Reallocated**
House of Hope	RI0076L1T002215	-$39,464

This action is planned as a result of House of Hope's interest in voluntarily reallocating this project, expressed in the email sent by Bill Stein, Director of Clinical Services, to Ben Darby, CoC Planner, on August 10, 2023. The CoC Planner will bring this request to the RICoC Board of Directors at their September meeting.

If the recipient would like to appeal this voluntary reallocation, it may appeal the decision. An appeal must be submitted electronically to bdarby@rihousing.com by 12pm on Friday, September 1st in order to be considered.

Sincerely,

Ben Darby
RICoC Planner

From: Ben Darby
To: Ben Darby
Cc: Portia Jacobs
Bcc: blessing@communitycareri.org; rgandhi@communitycareri.org; ddubeau@communitycareri.org; DMagaw@CommunityCareRI.org; bgallogly@communitycareri.org; mtaylor@communitycareri.org; msilva@communitycareri.org; Michelle Wilcox; ksantilli@crossroadsri.org; Monica Spicer; jwatkins@crossroadsri.org; Jenna Nutting; jmacdonald@crossroadsri.org; mjones@crossroadsri.org; jhoneycutt@crossroadsri.org; rjerry@EBCAP.org; droy@ebcap.org; crossleyr@ebcap.org; adowning@ebcap.org; abaltazar@ebcap.org; jdealy@ebcap.org; ksatterley@ebcap.org; rfeyisitan@ebcap.org; victoria.ferrara@fosterforward.net; scott.marcil@fosterforward.net; lisa.guillette@fosterforward.net; dan.quinn@fosterforward.net; caitlin.divver@fosterforward.net; Laura@thehouseofhopecdc.org; bill@thehouseofhopecdc.org; banderson@thehouseofhopecdc.org; Sara@thehouseofhopecdc.org; SalemiAs@lucyshearth.org; pmcfarland@pawthousing.org; Elizabeth Bioteau; Kimberly Gervais; Christine Hunsinger; vvolz@sojournerri.org; khenry@sojournerri.org; aberno@sojournerri.org; tcorreia@sojournerri.org; kdavis@sojournerri.org; kchretien@sojournerri.org; Kyle Macdonald; rpartridge@warmshelter.org; croberts@warmshelter.org; jwassmer@warmshelter.org; hnordstrom@warmshelter.org; ywcaofnri@aol.com; Holly Courtemanche; Jen Hayzelden; ktavares@adoptionri.org; mbakerhinds@adoptionri.org; aderita@adoptionri.org; dyhrbergca@familyserviceri.org; johndrowca@familyserviceri.org; rainoneje@familyserviceri.org; taftre@familyserviceri.org; weinerbe@familyserviceri.org; Gem@HausofCodec.org; julio@hausofcodec.org; caitlin@rihomeless.org; jennifer@rihomeless.org; amber@rihomeless.org; tatiana@rihomeless.org; melissa@rihomeless.org; mvargas@rihomeless.org; rebecca@rihomeless.org; andy@youthprideri.org; Rush Frazier; Joe Di Mauro; mduso68@gmail.com; Tee Baker; kcote@thrivebhri.org; dkubasmeyer@thrivebhri.org; atouhey@thrivebhri.org; mpeterson@thrivebhri.org; tringeling@thrivebhri.org; hawkins@onenb.org; Kearns@onenb.org; arodriguez@onenb.org; zuniga@onenb.org; dgladstein@newportmh.org; jlehane@newportmh.org; dboscia@newportmh.org; mgunning@newportmh.org
Subject: CoC Project Applications - Accepted and Ranked Notification
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 10:36:18 AM
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Hi RICoC Recipient and Subrecipient Agencies,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the **attached list of CoC Renewal and New Project applications have been accepted by the RICoC** to submit to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) within the Rhode Island Statewide Continuum of Care's Collaborative Application for FY23 CoC funding. In accordance with the RICoC's ranking and reallocation policy and HUD's FY23 NOFO for the CoC program, all eligible and accepted projects have been ranked for funding. **The attached document summarizes the ranking of the accepted project applications**. The list of accepted and ranked projects is also available on the RICoC Website.

Thank you for your participation in the Rhode Island Local Continuum of Care Competition this year. Please review the attached carefully and contact me directly with any questions.

Congrats!
Ben

Ben Darby | *RI Continuum of Care Planner*

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Total Request	$14,493,702.00
Non-Competitive YHDP Amount	$1,616,769.00
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N/A***	Rhode Island Housing	RI-500 CoC Planning Project	Planning	New Project	N/A***	$638,188.00	N/A***	Statewide

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**YHDP projects that are Round 2 or later are not ranked during the FY23 CoC Competition, this applies to the RICoC's YHDP projects
***This planning project is not ranked in accordance with the FY2023 CoC NOFO

Total Request	$14,493,702.00
Non-Competitive YHDP Amount	$1,616,769.00
Total Renewal Request	$10,865,068.00
Total New Project Request	$1,373,677.00

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Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	**1104**	**1267**	**1577**	**1810**
Emergency Shelter Total	742	869	1,152	1289
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	254	217	177	187
Total Sheltered Count	**996**	**1086**	**1329**	**1476**
Total Unsheltered Count	**108**	**181**	**248**	**334**

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	**226**	**357**	**497**	**629**
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	201	293	366	400
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	25	64	131	229

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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	**121**	**153**	**155**	**183**
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	121	152	155	181
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	0	1	0	2

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	**123**	**92**	**97**	**113**	**100**
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	121	84	91	104	94
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	2	8	6	9	6

*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	868	729	823	88.58%	45	45	100.00%	774	89.17%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	224	120	145	82.76%	79	79	100.00%	199	88.84%
RRH Beds	407	306	327	93.58%	80	80	100.00%	386	94.84%
PSH Beds	1,375	1,304	1,304	100.00%	71	71	100.00%	1,375	100.00%
OPH Beds	919	910	910	100.00%	9	9	100.00%	919	100.00%
Total Beds	3,793	3,369	3,509	96.01%	284	284	100.00%	3,653	96.31%

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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	540	532	532	640

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	75	75	87	74

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	394	445	432	407

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Summary Report for RI-500 - Rhode Island Statewide 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)			
	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	2120	2546	164	159	155	-4	110	105	96	-9
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	2325	2710	189	185	168	-17	122	114	102	-12

b. This measure is based on data element 3.17.

This measure includes data from each client's Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added 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.

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	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)				Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)			
	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	2351	2817	532	528	544	16	269	264	252	-12
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	2539	2971	543	539	545	6	294	281	259	-22

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	
	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	% of Returns	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	% of Returns	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	175	191	32	28	15%	14	19	10%	13	16	8%	63	33%
Exit was from ES	823	640	113	58	9%	55	23	4%	51	37	6%	118	18%
Exit was from TH	108	60	4	2	3%	8	1	2%	2	3	5%	6	10%
Exit was from SH	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	
Exit was from PH	729	645	54	21	3%	19	29	4%	58	39	6%	89	14%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	1835	1536	203	109	7%	96	72	5%	124	95	6%	276	18%

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	1267	1577	310
Emergency Shelter Total	869	1152	283
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	217	177	-40
Total Sheltered Count	1086	1329	243
Unsheltered Count	181	248	67

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	2268	2362	2916	554
Emergency Shelter Total	2059	2155	2751	596
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	217	218	171	-47

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	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	545	539	519	-20
Number of adults with increased earned income	33	34	52	18
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	6%	6%	10%	4%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	545	539	519	-20
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	182	186	176	-10
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	33%	35%	34%	-1%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	545	539	519	-20
Number of adults with increased total income	201	206	217	11
Percentage of adults who increased total income	37%	38%	42%	4%

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Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	101	105	108	3
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	10	10	10	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	10%	10%	9%	-1%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	101	105	108	3
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	40	43	33	-10
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	40%	41%	31%	-10%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	101	105	108	3
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	45	48	40	-8
Percentage of adults who increased total income	45%	46%	37%	-9%

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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	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	1802	1888	2432	544
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.	495	520	695	175
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)	1307	1368	1737	369

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	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	2416	2500	3016	516
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.	829	850	965	115
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.)	1587	1650	2051	401

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	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	486	569	959	390
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	139	136	132	-4
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	124	125	108	-17
% Successful exits	54%	46%	25%	-21%

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

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	Submitted FY 2021	Revised 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	1678	1762	2073	311
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	800	823	731	-92
% Successful exits	48%	47%	35%	-12%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	1818	1828	1910	82
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	1779	1785	1849	64
% Successful exits/retention	98%	98%	97%	-1%

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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	648	520	572	178	171	111	1844	1955	2273	332	422	310			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	552	472	505	178	171	111	1549	1678	2273	332	422	304			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	85.19	90.77	88.29	100.00	100.00	100.00	84.00	85.83	100.00	100.00	100.00	98.06			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	2102	2157	2751	248	218	171	1803	1879	1959	967	912	982	1483	1059	1394
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	1656	1537	2026	114	134	77	272	234	200	474	560	511	1075	577	972
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	188	113	319	16	7	1	3	3	4	1	0	7	469	135	549
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	11.35	7.35	15.75	14.04	5.22	1.30	1.10	1.28	2.00	0.21	0.00	1.37	43.63	23.40	56.48

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Submission and Count Dates for RI-500 - Rhode Island Statewide 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	2/15/2023	Yes

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September 18, 2023

Ben Darby
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Re: Housing Leverage Commitment for FY23 RICoC Competition- RI0040 Expansion

Dear Mr. Darby:

Crossroads RI owns, operates, and manages Travelers Aid Housing, LP, which is a LIHTC and Sect. 8 Mod Rehab property with 176 Single Room Occupancy units for homeless individuals. Crossroads RI, as owner, commits the availability of 100 of these units, and its subsidy from either Providence Housing Authority or RI Housing Authority, to serve as both match and leveraged funding, exceeding the minimum subsidy of 25% units, as required for the 2023 HUD Continuum of Care applications. These units will be available at the time of the award, 10.01.24, and as they become vacant in the first few months of the award.

Prior to the execution of this contract, Travelers Aid Housing LP and Crossroads RI will enter in to an MOU if required in order to satisfy conditions established by HUD for documentation of leveraged funding.

Sincerely,

Monica Spicer
Vice President, Housing
Crossroads RI

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September 19, 2023

Re: Letter of Support for Crossroads Rhode Island

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of Amos House, I am writing to lend full support to Crossroads Rhode Island's grant application to the Rhode Island Continuum of Care's request for permanent supportive housing project RI0040 Tower Expansion Grant. Amos House is particularly excited by the possibility of expanded supportive services at the Travelers Aid Housing program. This program will provide critical and much needed supportive services to vulnerable homeless individuals.

Amos House offers a wide range of primary care, behavioral health and substance use treatment programs. Amos House will provide tenants in Travelers Aid Housing who are seeking treatment and qualify for services access to our range of treatment programs regardless of their insurance or their ability to pay. Amos House understands Crossroads' Tower Expansion Grant is subject to Fair Housing requirements. Amos House services include primary care, psychiatric care, addiction medicine care and substance use group therapy. We are looking forward to providing these services for the Tower Expansion Grant beginning 10/1/2024. Amos House anticipates the services provided to Travelers Aid residents in the Expansion Grant will exceed $60,000 per year.

We look forward to continuing our work with Crossroads, and supporting their work to strengthen communities by helping homeless or at-risk individuals and families secure stable homes. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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