

## 1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** GA-504 - Augusta-Richmond County CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** Augusta, Georgia

**1A-3. CoC Designation:** CA

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** Augusta, Georgia

## 1B. Coordination and Engagement—Inclusive Structure and Participation

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<b>1B-1.</b>	<b>Inclusive Structure and Participation—Participation in Coordinated Entry.</b>	
	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, 2023 to April 30, 2024:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:	

	Organization/Person	Participated In CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC's Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	No
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	No
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	No	No
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	No	No
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	No	No
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	No
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	No
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	No
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	No
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Nonexistent	No	No
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.				
35.				

By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

1B-1a.	Experience Promoting Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section III.B.3.c.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's experience in effectively addressing the needs of underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities, who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC is dedicated to addressing the needs of underserved Black and Brown communities disproportionately impacted by homelessness.

Through targeted outreach, data-driven strategies, and culturally competent service delivery, the CoC works to reduce racial disparities and increase equitable access to housing and support services.

**Outreach and Community Engagement:** The GA-504 CoC conducts focused outreach in areas with high Black and Brown populations, forming partnerships with local organizations, faith groups, and cultural centers trusted within these communities. These partnerships allow outreach teams, often including peer advocates, to connect with underserved individuals and ensure they are aware of available resources.

**Data-Driven Needs Assessment:** The CoC uses annual Point-in-Time counts and demographic analyses to identify and address racial disparities in homelessness. By conducting racial equity studies and focusing on neighborhoods with the greatest need, the GA-504 CoC aligns its resources to support Black and Brown populations more effectively.

**Culturally Competent Services:** To reduce service barriers, the GA-504 CoC emphasizes cultural competence in its programs, incorporating cultural awareness training for staff and tailoring services to meet diverse needs.

Collaborating with organizations well-known in Black and Brown communities, the CoC ensures that its services are accessible, respectful, and inclusive.

**Housing-Focused Interventions:** The GA-504 CoC prioritizes rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, and transitional housing programs, particularly for Black and Brown residents experiencing homelessness. By focusing on stable housing options, the CoC supports long-term housing security and mitigates the overrepresentation of these groups in homelessness.

**Employment and Economic Empowerment:** The CoC provides job training, education, and workforce programs aimed at addressing employment barriers and promoting financial stability for Black and Brown communities. Working alongside local workforce development agencies, the CoC connects participants with job opportunities critical for maintaining housing stability.

**Health and Behavioral Health Support:** Recognizing the health disparities that impact Black and Brown homeless populations, the GA-504 CoC partners with local clinics and nonprofits to provide mental health and substance abuse services that are culturally sensitive and responsive to community needs.

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 your CoC's geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC solicits and considers opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals by conducting open, public meetings for general membership, and all subcommittees and work groups. Notice of general meetings is emailed in advance to over 200 individuals and organizations with knowledge, capacity and a dedicated mission to reduce homelessness in the community. These open meetings encourage the free flow of ideas for improvements and new approaches to prevent and end homelessness in Richmond County. Our meetings are forums where we receive input from agencies and share information regarding policy and advocacy/action updates from committees. This allows the CoC to actively engage partners in the work of the committee level of the CoC. During CoC meetings, information is shared and received from partner agencies and community resources via the planned agenda and open call for information before adjourning. The CoC also hosts at least one public meeting for the City of Augusta's Annual AP/CP engagement process. Using these forums, information is regularly obtained to identify any service gaps experienced in the community as well as providing open dialogue on identifying available resources that can be leveraged to benefit the homeless populations of our service area. The CoC works to ensure information is available to everyone, regardless of disability. Most communications are made electronically and in PDF format if presented as an attachment. Coordinated Entry contact includes TTY accessibility or the hearing impaired or those who have difficulty speaking. We utilize online formats for communication through a landing page on the City of Augusta website and utilize and continue to improve communication via social media, most recently upgrading the CoC's Facebook presence from a group to an organizational page.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(3)	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information;
3.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
4.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

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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)

Any organization that is a participating member of the CoC as defined in the charter may apply for CoC funding, including entities that haven't previously received CoC funds. Partner agencies wishing to submit an application proposal must submit by the noted deadline in eSnaps and must participate in the completion of the Community application. As part of the FY2024/2025 CoC Competition, the funding opportunity was communicated to the public through publication in Augusta's recognized legal organ, the Augusta Chronicle referencing the subsequent NOFA information session for prospective applicants held at the monthly Homeless Task Force Meeting. The CA then announced the opportunity during the July quarterly CoC meeting and subsequent Augusta, GA Con Plan public meeting on July 28, 2024. Additional notifications were made through distribution list mailings, social media and online posts. Prospective applicants were briefed on eligibility as it related to new projects, priorities, performance expectations and submission requirements at the information session at the HTF Monthly meeting.

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	No
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.		



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

In the chart below select yes or no to indicate whether your CoC:

1.	Consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds?	Yes
2.	Provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area?	Yes
3.	Ensured local homelessness information is communicated and addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates?	Yes
4.	Coordinated with ESG recipients in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients?	Yes

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated?	No
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure family members are not separated?	Yes
3.	Worked with CoC and 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)	No
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)

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Who Have Recently Begun 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 have recently begun experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

To inform households who become homeless of eligibility for education services, the CoC developed and adopted policies and procedures noted within the written standards. Many individual CoC agencies have their own policies and programs for linking clients with educational services. These ensure all households are informed of their rights to access educational services and are supported in accessing these services. CoC policy requires providers to 1) designate a specialized staff person to provide direct educational supports to families who move into permanent housing from shelter as well as 2) designate staff to support families in shelter with ensuring there is no disruption in current education services. The staff person is expected to connect and work with both the families and the school system to ensure the most appropriate services are made available to households and that they are able to overcome any barriers to accessing educational services, including issues with transportation. For example, local shelter staff and supportive housing case managers are required to coordinate with local McKinney-Vento Liaisons in the families' existing school district to coordinate transportation services and ongoing enrollment for children in households experiencing homelessness.

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

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

	MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1. Birth to 3 years	No	No
2. Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3. Early Childhood Providers	No	Yes
4. Early Head Start	No	Yes
5. Federal Home Visiting Program—(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6. Head Start	Yes	Yes
7. Healthy Start	No	No

8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking—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.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	No
	Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)	
4.		

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to 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)

Local CoC partners with subject matter expertise on victim services, SafeHomes of Augusta; Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services; and Intimate Partner Violence, strive to conduct partner training at least annually at regular, quarterly, full body CoC meetings. To ensure adherence to best practices, the focus of the training is partly to raise awareness of the impact of trauma on survivors of domestic violence, their functioning, and their ability to engage with services. Moreover, the CoC area project staff is educated about the principles of trauma-informed care with an emphasis on their implementation in the safety and planning protocols in order to enhance effectiveness of programs and facilitate a victim-centered approach to both program planning and service provision. Additionally, annual training is conducted with CE staff to ensure that interactions with clients experiencing domestic violence reflect trauma-informed philosophy, prevent re-traumatization, foster sense of safety, and empower clients to move toward engagement with community resources while establishing autonomy and independence. Consequently, the training's trauma informed focus aids in identifying domestic violence victims, developing effective safety plans, and connecting them to the local domestic violence provider where they are able to gain access to further services, such as legal advocacy, financial assistance, counseling, and case management. The information of the identified clients is not entered into HMIS for safety reasons. The CoC's DV provider uses an HMIS comparable database for data collection and client service record retention. Particular importance is placed on early involvement of domestic violence advocates and service providers with domestic violence victims to ensure continuum of care and immediate access to safety and wellness enhancing services.

1C-5b.	Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.e.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry addresses the needs of DV survivors by including:		
1.	safety planning protocols; and	
2.	confidentiality protocols.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1C-5c.	Coordinated Annual Training on Best Practices to Address the Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.e.		
In the chart below, indicate how your CoC facilitates training for project staff and coordinated entry staff that addresses best practices on safety planning and confidentiality protocols:		

	Project Staff	Coordinated Entry Staff
1. Training Occurs at least annually?	Yes	Yes
2. Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices?	Yes	Yes
3. Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices?	Yes	Yes

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4.	Identifies and assesses survivors' individual safety needs?	Yes	Yes
5.	Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations?	Yes	Yes
6.	Ensures survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated?	Yes	Yes
	Other? (limit 500 characters)		
7.			

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	whether your CoC's written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer;
3.	what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and
4.	what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

While the GA-504 CoC's CE implementation is designed to meet the needs of victims of violence accessing services through both victim service providers and providers with services that are not specific to victims, it is the policy of the GA-504 CoC to communicate to all clients, irrespective of acknowledged survivor status, the emergency transfer plan policy and procedure for requesting an emergency transfer. The plan is in compliance with and explanatory of the requirements of VAWA and explains who is eligible for an emergency transfer, documentation needed to request an emergency transfer, privacy and confidentiality protections and how an emergency transfer may occur and guidance to clients on safety and security. The CE process is designed to ensure both safety and confidentiality by the decision of the CoC to appoint SafeHomes of Augusta as CE Lead for DV clients. Assessments conducted by CE staff will explore every possibility of a participant attempting to flee domestic violence, concerned for their safety, victim of stalking and any related violence. In such cases, the following will occur:

- Assessor will ensure that there is not an immediate threat to a participant's safety. If one exists, law enforcement will be contacted
- Participants are offered an immediate referral to DV-specific resources
- Households may choose to complete an assessment and receive services via the CE project or can receive an immediate referral to a DV specific agency
- If being assessed by a DV specific agency, participant information will not be entered into HMIS. De-identified information (DV comparable database, client key, VI-SPDAT score, family size, veteran status, and chronicity) will be added to the supplemental prioritization list. Lead agency will follow the standard assessment, prioritization, and referral process. CE staff are responsible for ensuring that participants are not denied access to the CE process on the basis that the participant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

1C-5e.	Facilitating Safe Access to Housing and Services 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 ensures households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within your CoC's geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC DV Lead agency, SafeHomes of Augusta, operates an emergency shelter to immediately house victims/survivors. While in shelter, all necessities are made available to assist clients such as clothing, toiletries and food. During the sheltering process, once immediate needs are addressed, the CoC DV Lead Agency works through the CE referral process to ensure that survivors of violence have access to all the housing & services available w/in the CoC's geographic area. All household referrals to CE, regardless of who is making the referral, are automatically placed on the prioritization list for each project type w/in the CoC, including RRH, PSH and other program placements, as available. The GA-504 CoC's HMIS Lead also invested funds to create a comparable non-HMIS database for referral & prioritization list for those fleeing/attempting to flee DV. The Non-HMIS system allows agencies to create unique id for referrals & the id of the client belongs only to the referring agency. The highest prioritized by project type is offered to the client for program enrollment, regardless of which list they were on. While being a survivor of DV may create additional opps for certain housing & services only available to that subpopulation (such as DV RRH), it will never prevent a client from accessing all the other available housing & services they are eligible for & wish to pursue. All CE participating agencies work to achieve responsive & streamlined access to services; cooperate to use available resources to achieve the best possible housing outcomes; & work diligently to match interventions w/household needs, strengths & wishes. Compliance w/CE is required for all ESG/CoC funded agencies & many others chose to use the system.

Shelter advocates are specially trained to assist clients on a daily basis and encourage them along their journey through case management, parenting classes, job skills training and more. For up to 30 days in shelter, the DV Lead works to help clients obtain permanent, safe and affordable housing, including a means of financial support as well as to help identify and overcome any other barriers faced upon exit. After exiting to permanent housing, clients receive quarterly follow up and support for up to one year to ensure continued safety and success, with continued encouragement to attend support group, counseling or life skills classes as needed.

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers 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 ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:

1.	Identifying barriers specific to survivors; and
2.	working to remove those barriers.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

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1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+—Anti-Discrimination Policy and Equal Access Trainings.	
	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)?	No
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)?	No

1C-6a.	Anti-Discrimination Policy—Updating Policies—Assisting Providers—Evaluating Compliance—Addressing Noncompliance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC regularly collaborates with LGBTQ+ and other organizations to update its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary to ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and able to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families;	
	2. how your CoC assisted housing and services providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy;	
	3. your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and	
	4. your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policies, as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback. Additionally, all CoC policies will be reviewed in the next 6 mo by the new Executive Board, with a specific lens focused on DEI and anti-discrimination. Each CoC Committee is asked for feedback, input & recommendations. In 2020, the CoC approved 2 CoC-wide project-level anti-discrimination policies that mirror fed policy: involuntary Family Separation & Non-Discrimination and Equal Access & Gender Identity Rule, in line with HUD expectation. Complimentary verbiage was added to the CoC's Governance Charter, Written Standards and CE Policy & Procedures Manual as well. All HUD funded agencies are required to comply w/project-level policies & CE requirements and processes. Access to services, shelter & housing shall be free from discrimination including protections against splitting households based on composition; denying based on gender, age or familial status; & asking for proof or inquiries. Agencies must use appropriate, inclusive language in materials & other policy docs; ensure all clients understand their right to equal access, including privacy rights; be serviced in accordance with their gender identity; implement an anti-harassment policy, ensure a private space for intake/data collection; & include confidentiality practices to keep transgender status confidential. Agencies must create a formal grievance process that is rapid, thorough and openly transparent. The CoC assists partnering agencies with creating anti-discrimination policies consistent w/CoC-wide policies by requiring agencies to adopt the CoC-wide policies into their program procedures; hosting trainings on fair housing, adherence to the equal access & gender identity final rules and anti-discrimination and offer TA to address compliance concerns. The CoC evaluates compliance w/CoC's antidiscrimination policies & CE verbiage by conducting desk & in person monitoring of project every other year. Monitoring includes reviewing policies, procedure manuals, client files & interviewing program staff. The CoC addresses noncompliance w/CoC's anti-discrimination policy by issuing findings & required corrective action, which can include training & oversight. Failure to correct or repetitive noncompliance can result in loss of funding, removal of good standing status w/CoC & notification to other funders and interested parties.



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 or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 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?
		Yes-Both	Yes

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

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

In years past, CoC partner agencies and CA staff struggled to develop a relationship with the local PHA. Numerous invitations to participate often went unanswered and there was not a referral relationship between CoC providers and the local PHA. CE staff worked to continue to assist clients with completing the application process for open waiting lists. The GA-504 CoC has made great strides recently with collaborating with the Augusta Housing Authority (AHA). AHA has committed to a dedicated staff person that will regularly attend CoC meetings and is working to become a member of the CoC. Collaboration with AHA has also resulted in identification of homeless or previously homeless households who ultimately receive benefits through public housing or the HCV program and the development of preference policies that are more aligned with the needs of persons experiencing housing instability in the local community through the coordinated entry process. In addition, the AHA has committed resources, both personnel and financial, to the annual PIT count and is actively working on development of a formal relationship with the GA-504 CoC.

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	No
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	No
	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	Yes
7.	Public Housing	Yes
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	No
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	

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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

## 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) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1D-1.	Preventing People Transitioning from Public Systems from Experiencing Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.h.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the public systems 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.	Prisons/Jails?	Yes
2.	Health Care Facilities?	Yes
3.	Residential Care Facilities?	No
4.	Foster Care?	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 2024 CoC Program Competition.	2
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 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	2
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 2024 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:

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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;
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach; and
4.	what your CoC has done to improve fidelity to Housing First.

(limit 2,500 characters)

In the CoC competition, the GA-504 CoC required all renewal & new projects to fully commit to the HF approach & check HF related boxes in the project app. These apps are reviewed for consistency & commitment to Housing First. To ensure compliance, Housing 1st practices are reviewed during the regular on-site or desk monitoring the CoC conducts throughout the year using a CoC Board approved HF checklist. External to the CoC competition, CoC staff conduct monitoring visits w/all direct CoC recipients at least once every 2 years. Each project is assessed & scored on compliance with HF specific factors. Interviews are conducted w/staff & clients; written documents & program forms are reviewed, and outcomes & data are analyzed. Findings & corrections are issued on HF outside of the NOFO Competition process. CoC staff provide TA & training on HF-related topics. For the Competition, the CoC Board has begun using the results of the monitoring process to impact the scoring tool. Agencies w/out a recent assessment are sent a questionnaire to self-assess certain elements of their policies & procedures as it relates to HF. The purpose of the assessment is to ensure those committing to a HF approach are using it, prioritizing rapid placement & stabilization in PH, & removing any unnecessary barriers to services. The specific list of factors the CoC uses during the evaluation are: (1) access to housing-project must have low barriers to entry & ensure households have access despite no income, or criminal or eviction histories; (2) client input-client must be educated on housing search/placement, tenant rights & responsibilities, services offered & principles of Housing 1st, (3) Leasing/rental assistance-clients must have a choice in unit selection & be part of the process. Housing must be permanent w/clients signing lease/sublease & ensuring understanding of tenant rights & how to avoid evictions; (4) Services-clients must have a choice in services including type/intensity. Case plans must be client centered w/staff trained in strategies such as motivational interviewing & harm reduction.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Data—Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.J.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC has adopted a coordinated Street Outreach effort leveraging participation from several key partner agencies (PATH, SSVF, etc.) led by the staff of the CoC's CE Team. These Street Outreach events occur twice a month and are targeted to locations within the community that have been identified by Partners, law enforcement and community members as "high-density" areas for the congregation of residents experiencing homelessness. The CE Lead coordinates with existing street outreach programs as well as private and public agencies, social service organizations, etc. for referrals so that individuals sleeping on the streets are prioritized for assistance in the same manner as any other person that is assessed. CE project staff performs outreach at soup kitchens and other areas where the homeless are known to congregate.

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

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate your CoC's strategies to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in your CoC's geographic area:

Your CoC's Strategies		Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers	Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness
1.	Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?	Yes	No
2.	Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	No
3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	No
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
	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		

You must enter a value for both years in question 1D-5.

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.	works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including those that provide substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services, including Medicaid; and
2.	promotes SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

To keep program staff up-to-date on mainstream resources, information and availability of resources are disseminated through quarterly CoC and monthly committee meetings, a CoC newsletter, and ongoing training where new information is shared and peer learning is facilitated. The CoC works with mainstream programs that assist persons experiencing homelessness by coordinating with agencies who assist with mainstream benefit applications through the CE sponsor, as well as additional collaboration and coordination with DFCS and other benefit programs. The annual Homeless Stand Down event and other similar Resource Fairs targeted towards local homeless populations, includes healthcare providers who provide clients with onsite medical care and resources. Presenters come to partner agencies and clients to educate on available benefits, eligibility, enrollment and utilization; partner agency staff also assist with these applications on a case management level. 5)The CoC CE Sponsor at CSRA EOA is responsible for the CoC's strategy for mainstream benefits. CoC partner agency, Golden Harvest has a dedicated caseworker on staff that goes into shelters and other locations with the sole purpose of helping individuals to access benefits. Through the local Health Department, WIC program coordinators also perform this service at various locations throughout the CoC service area to include shelters.

ID-7.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that:	
	1. respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and	
	2. prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC effectively collaborated with state & local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies & procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks. CoC Lead Agency staff attended monthly inter-governmental meetings to address barriers w/in government services w/the response to COVID & other health outbreaks; bi-weekly DPH / EMA COVID emergency response strategy meetings that included local and state Health Dept. staff. CoC Lead Agency staff organized weekly local homeless forums w/local officials & CoC partners to support education & awareness of various programs & resources.

As part of the DPH/EMA COVID response meetings, the CoC Lead Agency worked w/the other 3 CoC leaders, state & local partners to create policy & procedure recommendations using lessons learned during COVID to improve a response to infectious or healthcare crisis w/the goal to add to the local plan to end homelessness previously approved by the local CoC. Specific to the CoC, the CE Team established a process to adjust priorities & policy to address the pandemic when necessary. This policy is codified in the CoC's CE P&P. The CoC amended program standards to address program needs associated w/COVID, and incorporate HUD-issued waiver provisions, as applicable, to program services. The CoC works to prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness by working w/DPH, hospital systems, local clinics & EMA. The CoC Coordinator advocated at the local level for homeless vaccine priority, more PPE, support for shelters & the need for more non-political basic info on COVID, testing & vaccines. CoC Lead staff met with CE and outreach staff, provided education & talk about CE; created lines of communication w/key DPH staff to help address local challenges & hospitals to find space for those in quarantine. The CoC Lead Agency worked public health and local shelter staff to expand access & availability of testing, vaccines & supplies for those at risk, vulnerable, or staying in congregate or unsheltered settings.

ID-7a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. effectively 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)

The GA-504 CoC aimed to equip providers to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among clients by sharing info related to public health measures & homelessness on a consistent basis. At the onset of the pandemic, the CoC Lead organized weekly virtual meetings with all shelter staff and CoC/ESG providers to coordinate efforts and support the mitigation of risk to clients, especially those in congregate settings. The CoC Coordinator intentionally participated in several local, regional and statewide COVID policy groups, met w/elected officials, attended weekly emergency response meetings, joined weekly EMA meetings with local officials & other local, regional and statewide initiatives to ensure the obstacles faced by those experience homelessness were represented. During these meetings, the CoC Coordinator advocated for more partnerships between providers and Public Health and local Emergency Management. The CoC Coordinator shared info w/Partners on safety, evolving guidance & restrictions, need for advocacy, PPE, training opportunities, testing & vaccine rollout by posting on social media and sending weekly mass emails. The City of Augusta created an entire website page dedicated to COVID info, state & fed guidance, funding opportunities, best practices & approach to reduce the spread of COVID & improve system collaboration-especially between homeless services & public health. The page was updated weekly. The CoC facilitated communication btw public health agencies & homeless service providers to ensure street outreach, shelter & housing staff were equipped to prevent or limit outbreaks. Coalition partnership w/public health varied across the CoC. Some created active partnerships to prevent outbreaks & increase vaccines by ensuring coordination of benefits & services, developing policies & safety protocols, providing testing onsite @ shelters, help w/quarantine options, & creating educational material. It was a team approach to addressing false info about COVID & vaccinations which included virtual team meetings, check-ins & updates; & worked w/outreach teams to make sure they had PPE, and access to screening & testing resources.

1D-8.	Coordinated Entry Standard Processes.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
	1. can serve everybody regardless of where they are located within your CoC's geographic area;	
	2. uses a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services within your CoC;	
	3. collects personal information in a trauma-informed way; and	
	4. is updated at least annually using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Homeless individuals are provided access to services from multiple locations throughout the entire CoC geographic area, managed by a Centralized Intake and Assessment (CIA) center to ensure a fair and consistent process. Presentation at the CIA access point is not a prerequisite for service rendering as CE project staff can complete remote and, in some cases, on-site intake and assessment. Assessment can be completed in person, by phone or email, or with homeless outreach teams across the CoC. VI-SPDAT info is used to determine which housing intervention is the most appropriate. Referrals are completed through the CE workflow process in the HMIS system and are available to all HMIS CE Workflow participating programs. Households receive a score and are placed on the prioritization list with the most vulnerable at the top. The HMIS CE workflow process automatically compiles this list daily. The HMIS CE Workflow is completed and the household is enrolled within 24 hours of eligibility determination. CE staff or case managers provide the household with a list of available rental units that meet the needs of the household and assist as necessary with the goal of housing within 30 days. Once households have found appropriate housing and completed documentation, program staff will request financial assistance through the funding source referred by the CE project staff. Homeless households access the system through referrals from a wide variety of programs including, but not limited to, 211, school districts, domestic violence service providers and all members of the CoC. The CE Lead coordinates with existing street outreach programs as well as private and public agencies, social service organizations, etc. for referrals so that individuals sleeping on the streets are prioritized for assistance in the same manner as any other person that is assessed. CE project staff performs outreach at soup kitchens and other areas where the homeless are known to congregate.

1D-8a.	Coordinated Entry—Program Participant-Centered Approach.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	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 needs and preferences; and	
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry—Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies—Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC through its 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. Upon each client's request for assistance, intake, and office visit a copy of reputable and affordable housing options are provided to client via email or hard copy. The housing options is compiled of landlords who have previously worked with those in our community experiencing hardship to include but not limited those clients who are identified as homeless. These landlords have in the past made exceptions for previous evictions, low to no credit score, and lack of income to meet threshold for 3 times rent requirement. 2. During intake clients are provided with CSRA EOA's Clients Rights and Obligations, CIA Grievance Policy and HMIS Privacy Policy along with a copy of the Georgia tenant handbook and HUD website information printouts regarding Fair Housing. Any client experiencing an unjust eviction is provided contact information for Georgia Legal Services to address the legality of their eviction. 3. In addition to reporting to the Collaborative Applicant, Augusta Housing and Community Development (which is responsible for certifying consistency with the local Consolidated Plan), GA-504 CE Staff reports any unsafe living conditions to Augusta 3-1-1 or a formal report is made to Code Enforcement. Clients are also encouraged to self-report the aforementioned entities if they decline to provide all information required for report from Coordinated Entry staff.

1D-9.	Advancing Racial Equity In Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	No
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	10/01/2021

1D-9a.	Using Data to Determine if Racial Disparities Exist in Your CoC's Provision or Outcomes of CoC Program-Funded Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	the data your CoC used to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance; and
2.	how your CoC analyzed the data to determine whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC's process for analyzing whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance includes data analysis, client surveys & participant input during monitoring visits. Data includes a HMIS reporting, PIT & CE demographic info. Client surveys include the annual gaps & needs survey, CoC Board approved questions for participants of CoC funded programs, & feedback provided by CoC Partner staff. In comparing the overall rate of homelessness w/the rate by race & ethnicity, the CoC can determine whether there is a disparity. If there is no disparity, the rates will be within reasonable equilibrium of one another. In these assessments, the total population is derived from the US Census Bureau Decennial 2020 count & the count of clients comes from HMIS service data. Using the analysis described, the GA-504 CoC identified that while there are racial disparities in the data relative to the % of the total population experiencing homelessness that Black/African-American and Hispanic, the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance do not evidence a disparity in the provision of assistance. When looking at who experiences homelessness by race, people who are Black are significantly more likely as to experience homelessness in 20-21 compared to White; Multi-race, Am Indian, Native Hawaiian, & Asian. Hispanic/Latino are as likely as non-Hispanic/Latino. The data includes those identified by CE or served in shelter, outreach, , & transitional housing projects. Looking at who entered into CoC-funded RRH or PSH during the same reporting period: showed no statistically significant variance from the trend lines established by those experiencing homelessness. Looking at those exiting successfully to permanent destinations from CoC-funded RRH or PSH in the same reporting period, the overall success rate is higher among racial minorities than whites. By race, success rates for Black, Multi-racial, Asian, Hispanic/Latino are greater than for whites. In summary, those identifying as Black, Am Indian & Native Hawaiian are more likely to experience homelessness than people who are white. Yet, they are also more likely to enter CoC-funded RRH or PSH projects as well.

1D-9b. Implemented Strategies to Prevent or Eliminate Racial Disparities.
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NOFO Section V.B.1.p
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Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the strategies your CoC is using to prevent or eliminate racial disparities.
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1. Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	Yes
2. Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3. Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
4. Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	No
5. Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	No
6. Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	No
7. Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	No

8.	Is your CoC educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity?	No
9.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	No
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	No
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	No
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-9c.	Plan for Ongoing Evaluation of System-level Processes, Policies, and Procedures for Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's plan for ongoing evaluation of system-level processes, policies, and procedures for racial equity.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC has a structured plan for ongoing evaluation of its processes, policies, and procedures to promote racial equity across its service system. Key components include:

- 1.Data Collection and Analysis: The GA-504 CoC regularly collects and analyzes demographic data through Point-in-Time counts, the HMIS, and Coordinated Entry. Data is disaggregated by race to identify disparities in service access and housing outcomes, allowing the CoC to target resources and address any trends that indicate racial inequities.
- 2.Racial Equity Metrics: The CoC has established performance metrics that focus on equity, tracking service access, shelter entry rates, housing stability, and recidivism by race. This evaluation helps ensure that all groups have equitable access and outcomes.
- 3.Annual Equity Audits: The CoC conducts yearly equity audits to identify systemic biases within policies and eligibility criteria. Findings from these audits guide adjustments to remove barriers that may disproportionately impact Black and Brown individuals.
- 4.Stakeholder Engagement: Engaging individuals with lived experience, especially from Black and Brown communities, is a priority. The CoC uses focus groups, surveys, and advisory panels to gather feedback, which informs policy and program adjustments.
- 5.Training and Capacity Building: The GA-504 CoC provides ongoing training on racial equity, implicit bias, and cultural competence for staff, partners, and service providers. These sessions help build an awareness of racial equity issues and promote consistent, inclusive practices.
- 6.Racial Equity Workgroup: A dedicated Racial Equity Workgroup meets regularly to review data, assess policy effectiveness, and recommend changes. Comprising diverse CoC members, this workgroup drives accountability and helps identify new strategies to address disparities.
- 7.Transparency and Reporting: The CoC publishes an annual racial equity report detailing progress on performance metrics, audit findings, and stakeholder feedback. By making these reports public, the CoC fosters transparency and accountability.
- 8.External Partnerships: Collaborating with universities, research groups, and advocacy organizations enhances the CoC's racial equity evaluation. These partnerships provide expertise and help integrate evidence-based practices into CoC policies.
- 9.Adaptive Policies and Long-Term Goals: Evaluation findings directly inform policy changes and program adaptations.

1D-9d.	Plan for Using Data to Track Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. the measures your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
	2. the tools your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC has established various measures to track progress on prevention or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance. At the CoC level, CoC staff will continue to refine and utilize the customized Racial Disparity HMIS report created by the HMIS lead. Run annually, this data will help the CoC review the overall rate of homelessness by race & ethnicity, program entry and successful exits. Tracking progress CoC-wide year-to-year provides the ability for projects and collaborators to make changes that can impact the data. It is the goal of the GA-504 CoC to see no difference by race in who is experiencing homelessness, that the percentage of those getting into programs matches w/the percentage that is homeless, & that there is no disparity related to race when looking at successful outcomes. This report will be used to educate & inform local CoC partners on their data & continue to use it to assess local progress. CoC staff will continue to use the PIT count demographics to measure change among those sheltered & unsheltered w/in the GA-504 CoC & drilling down to Project level data. PIT data also compartmentalizes fleeing/attempting to flee DV, veterans & youth which can be additional subpopulations to analyze for disparities in service provision. CoC staff will continue to use CE Priority List data to measure change among those experiencing homelessness & those prioritized for interventions. By analyzing these data elements, the CoC can track progress w/the goal to eliminate disparities both in homelessness, access to programs/services & outcomes. The CoC is working on identifying additional complimentary measures or elements that should be collected to analyze progress. The GA-504 CoC has measures in place in the recently approved Strategic Plan to end homelessness including enhancing the way we identify, prevent & eliminate disparities. There has also been an expressed interest in expanding the review to include other types of inequities including gender, LBGTQ & disability status.

1D-10.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC's Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
	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 decisionmaking processes.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Potential CoC members are identified and invited on a rolling basis throughout the year. The CoC has at least one formerly homeless member of the Executive Committee at all times. Through progressive outreach through Partner Agencies, community networking and CE Outreach efforts, new members with lived experience of homelessness are recruited to join and participate in Continuum activities, including participation in Committees and Workgroups, including the CoC's Executive Committee. Participation in the CoC's Executive Committee provides opportunity for local residents with lived experience of homelessness to assume leadership roles and contribute to the decision-making processes of Continuum activities.



1D-10a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter 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.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	3	
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.		
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.		
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.		

You must enter a value of '0' or more for elements 1 through 4 in both columns in question 1D-10a.

1D-10b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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 GA-504 CoC & partner agencies have not historically intentionally provided professional development & employment opportunities to people w/lived exp. This is a component of GA-504's local strategy that is a high-priority for systemic change in 2023. At CoC Board and Committee level, people w/lived experience that participate on the Board, and in CoC Committees in both leadership and non-leadership roles, are provided onboarding support on policy, past practice, homeless service funding & priorities. All are encouraged to join CoC hosted training on housing issues (fair housing, ADA); sub-population specific (LGBTQ, HIV/AIDS, DV, Vets, etc.) subjects; & outreach / engagement strategies. There is never a cost to participate in any trainings for CoC members w/lived exp. Consideration has been given to the hiring process for CoC staff to potentially adjusting recruitment strategies, language in ad & requirements for higher education to actively seek someone w/lived experience for the Homeless Coordinator position tasked w/overseeing the CoC's approved Strategic Plan. In next hiring process for additional positions, efforts to prioritize those w/lived experience & actively seeking people w/direct knowledge of the homeless service system services from a participant perspective. Former clients & others w/lived experience are recruited and encouraged to apply for the CoC Board, CoC leadership positions & join the CoC and CoC committee where they feel that they can make impact. Within partner agencies, staff seek recommendations for people w/lived experience to serve on boards & other policy making entities. Supervisors seek to hire people w/lived experience as CM and/or peer specialists to work alongside clients in housing & shelter programs. Shelters seek volunteers to help w/daily upkeep; operate groups; & provide service feedback & suggestions. Agencies provide staff dev training, volunteer support & onboarding activities to help adjust to the role, provide background knowledge & create a culture of communication & support.

1D-10c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;	
	2. how often your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;	
	3. how your CoC gathers feedback from people who received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program;	
	4. how often your CoC gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program; and	
	5. steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The GA504 CoC has incorporated entry and exit surveys to better determine the risk factors that contribute to persons experiencing homelessness, including those experiencing homelessness for the first time. 2. The CoC routinely gathers feedback from participants in CoC and ESG funded programs to better understand barriers they experience and how program services can better address those barriers. 3. The GA504 CoC is implementing diversion strategies to avoid first time homelessness including collaboration with the faith-based community to provide assistance where Federally funded programs cannot assist. Identifying the clients' obstacles, available personal and community resources and utilizing case management to ensure maintenance of housing stability and reduce the potential of experiencing continued or repetitive episodes of homelessness. Identifying and working with housing subsidy providers and linking eligible households to providers affords the opportunity to have the strongest effect on lowering rates of homelessness. The GA504 CoC also places a strong emphasis on supportive services coupled with permanent housing opportunities for persons with disabling conditions, including addiction. The GA504 CoC also works with the local Legal Aid organization to provide representation and services for families facing eviction.

1D-11.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	
	Describe in the field below at least two 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)

Through the GA504 CoC's Homeless Task Force Strategic Plan, as Approved by the Augusta, GA Commission in May 2022, the CoC has incorporated through special exemption the opportunity to develop "tiny-home villages" intended specifically for the use of serving the housing needs of residents experiencing homelessness. With the adoption of the Code Amendment in July of 2022, Augusta now has the ability to add this housing and land use type to the community's inventory of available residences for clients served by CoC Partner Agencies. Further, additional actions have been presented and are under consideration for Commission adoption to further modify existing Code and Land Use policies to allow for the incorporation of "Accessory Dwelling Units" to further diversify and add to the inventory of affordable housing in Augusta, Georgia.

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Advance Public Notice of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline, Scoring and Rating Criteria.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.	

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	

**You must enter a date in elements 1 and 2 in question 1E-1.**

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

5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	
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.	

**You must select a response for elements 1 through 6 in question 1E-2.**

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)?	
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	

**You must provide a response for elements 1 through 3 in question 1E-2a.**

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.	the severe barriers your CoC considered.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC revises the process for scoring & selecting project annually by collecting & analyzing data, past comp results & getting feedback. PIT, CE & SPM project & CoC level data & trends are reviewed & shared @ CoC mtgs. Scoring Tool criteria includes project performance & outcomes, CE, Housing 1st compliance, SPM & CoC-level action steps. Data sources include project APRs, CE data, monitoring results, customized HMIS reports on project-level SPM & other population & vulnerability metrics. Scoring criteria changes for each housing type (PSH/RRH) given the specific needs of the target population. The CoC collected & analyzed data relative to each project that successfully housed clients in PH by reviewing APR data on housing stability-calculating exits to PH & those retaining PH.

The CoC analyzed data on how long it takes to house people in PH by reviewing CoC APRs & a customized HMIS report that shows LOT btw client entry & move in date. These can be reviewed by project type provider. The CoC also considered specific severity of needs & vulnerabilities experienced by those with difficulties locating, attaining and maintaining PH by awarding pts to those projects serving higher % of clients w/disabilities (including mental health, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders); chronic homeless; no income @ entry; & from unsheltered living situations. Data comes from project APRs & custom HMIS reports to show new entries during Program year. Projects serving those w/the highest barriers may have lower outcome data scores (% exits to PH, increase income, reoccurrence) but have higher scores because of client characteristics (chronicity, disability, no income, coming from unsheltered situation). For new projects, the GA-504 CoC considers proposals to provide housing & services to the hardest to serve populations, particularly in an underserved area. Need based on data is requested & scored in review process. In CE, the assessment score is based on vulnerability and high needs.

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 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 that proposed 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 steps the projects took or will take to eliminate the identified barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA-504 CoC obtained input & included people of different races, particularly those overrepresented in our local homeless population by sending out the request for feedback & comments on the scoring tool used to score & rank projects to all local CoC/ESG-funded partners, posting on website, intentional outreach to those working w/BIPOC, LGBTQ & people w/disabilities. All feedback is encouraged & welcome to ensure a strong tool reflective of diverse opinions, experiences & backgrounds is used. The GA-504 CoC used input received to determine the rating factors & scoring metrics used to review project applications. As a result of input, no new factors were added or changes made to the FY22 tool. The CoC included people of different races in review, selection & ranking process to approve all review, selection & ranking policies for renewal & new projects, including scoring & selection criteria; the final CoC app & priority listing w/final rank of all projects. The GA-504 CoC Board includes a representative w/lived experience. Several Board members & CoC Lead staff review each project applications using the approved rubric, scoring & ranking for renewal projects. The CoC rated & ranked projects based on how well they identified barriers to participation faced by people of different races & ethnicities & the steps the project has taken or will take to eliminate those barriers by scoring action plans (which include work on racial disparity & addressing barriers) & CE review. The CE review of demographics includes race & is done w/in the local CoC-level annually. Specifically looking at the difference between race, ethnic and gender disparities. CoC Lead staff reviews data annually & present to local stakeholders and CoC members a snapshot of reoccurrence data & demographics -including whether 1 group is more/less likely to reoccur into homelessness. CoC project monitoring will start including an evaluation on whether projects identified barriers to participation & what steps were taken to address & eliminated those barriers.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC conducts an annual ranking and review process for all CoC-funded projects to determine continuation based on objective criteria, population vulnerability, and the system's capacity to reduce homelessness and promote housing stability. This year, the HUD Project Ranking and Rating tool, with 12 performance measures, was used to prioritize projects serving the most vulnerable populations, particularly those eligible for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Priority is also given to 100% Dedicated projects serving chronically homeless individuals and families. Additional criteria include performance in serving highly vulnerable individuals, especially those with multiple conditions or a history of domestic violence, abuse, trafficking, or exploitation. Low-performing projects or those with unsatisfactory measures like occupancy rate and costs face reallocation or replacement by higher-scoring projects.

The GA-504 CoC Board annually approves the scoring tool and reallocation policy, with materials posted online and shared with CoC members. The reallocation process includes voluntary reallocation, voluntary relinquishment, and involuntary reallocation. Voluntary reallocation allows projects to transition to PSH; two projects applied this year. Involuntary reallocation occurs due to unresolved monitoring issues or poor performance identified in the Scoring Tool. Projects scoring 70% or higher are automatically eligible for renewal. Projects below this threshold must choose to relinquish, reallocate, or request reconsideration by explaining performance issues and corrective steps. Two projects fell below the 70% threshold this year, one of which also had less than 80%-unit utilization or spent less than 75% of their funds. All requested reconsideration, outlining plans for improvement. As this was their first time below threshold, no involuntary reallocations were made, but two low-performing projects voluntarily reallocated to PSH to better meet community needs. The CoC staff will monitor these projects, provide technical assistance, and ensure corrective actions are completed.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2019 and FY 2024.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced—Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	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 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/14/2024
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1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/14/2024
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-.	Yes
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	
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You must enter a date in question 1E-5c.

1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email 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.	
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**You must enter a date in question 1E-5d.**

## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	
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**You must enter a date in question 2A-3.**

2A-4.	Comparable Databases 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; and	

2. state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database—compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC and HMIS Lead for GA504 coordinates with the Statewide GAHMIS Steering Committee to ensure access to and participation in an HMIS comparable database for Augusta's DV Providers. This HMIS-comparable database is developed and maintained, in compliance with HUD HMIS Data Standards, by the GAHMIS Implementation's HMIS vendor, Eccovia Solutions. Through consultation, oversight and engagement with the GAHMIS Steering Committee, GA504 is able to ensure that the GA504 CoC is in compliance with HUD's 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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

Using the 2024 HDX Competition Report we issued your CoC, enter data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds				
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds				
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds				
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds				
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds				
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds				

You must enter a value for elements 1 through 6 in all four columns. If the project type does not exist in your CoC, enter '0' in all three columns for that project type.

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:

- 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
- how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

GA-504's biggest deficits have been in having operating RRH Beds on-line due to provider staffing issues and funding delays. Additionally, the CoC has not been successful thus far in integrating HUD VASH inventory on to HMIS, which is indicative of the 159 OPH beds listed not in HMIS. Continued conversation with local VA Leadership is being pursued to better align this program with the CoC's efforts to consolidate efforts and data. Also, GA-504 continues to work to bring our faith-based missions that provide emergency shelter into our HMIS database, but continued efforts to incentivize their participation have failed to gain their support. The CoC intends to further these efforts through new initiatives conducted by Coordinated Entry staff performing direct outreach to clients served by these providers, with hopes that they will bring their programs online in the coming program year.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission In HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 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 January 24, 2024, 11:59 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 2024 PIT count.	
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**You must enter a date in question 2B-1.**

2B-2.	PIT Count Data—HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	
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**You must enter a date in question 2B-2.**

2B-3.	PIT Count—Effectively Counting Youth In Your CoC's Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The GA-504 CoC implemented several changes to improve its 2022 count to better represent the following sub-populations (1) persons experiencing CH; (2) families w/children and (3) homeless Veterans, (4) homeless youth. Changes included increased coordination with partner agencies and improved HMIS data analysis. The GA-504 PIT count sub-committee held meetings starting in summer of 2021 with agencies that specifically serve each of these populations to identify any potential they may have been unrepresented in the 2020 count and to formulate an improved process for this year. For all populations, including youth, GA-504 improved sheltered data integrity by having the HMIS admin analyze shelter PIT reports and engage in direct TA to ensure data quality, validity and integrity related to CH designation, especially in local emergency shelters. In an effort to improve the sheltered PIT count for homeless families, the HMIS admin provided training to partner agencies who are the main provider of ES services for families within the CoC. Training focused on ensuring accurate intake dates and family composition. To better count homeless youth, PIT Count Coordinators worked with other members of PIT Count Committee to engage youth peer volunteers to identify locations where homeless youth are known to frequent and to participate in the count. The PIT Count Coordinators will continue to work w/stakeholders, community members, business owners & people w/lived experience to review past locations & identify new locations during each PIT planning period. Specifically for youth, the CoC will continue to work w/youth providers & local youth to revamp the night of the count process to select locations where homeless youth would most likely be identified. Feedback was also requested on partners, locations & approaches to use during the post-PIT count (up to 7 days after count). Emphasis is placed on using non-traditional partners, other systems of care, and other "touch points" to help engage w/anyone that may have been missed on the night of the count. In a large geography, the post-blitz PIT service-based count provides more opportunity to reach eligible respondents, especially ones that are harder to identify, such as homeless youth. The CoC will continue to increase coordination with community partners and improve HMIS data quality again to ensure and accurate reflection of sub-populations in future counts.

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 2023 and 2024, if applicable;	
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;	
3.	describe whether your CoC's PIT count was affected by people displaced either from a natural disaster or seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance who recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic; and	
4.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or	
5.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2024.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Going into PIT 2023, GA-504 instituted data quality protocol changes to improve the validity of the unsheltered PIT data. There was a heavier focus on providing one-on-one technical assistance with non-HMIS agencies and providing through HMIS data quality training with HMIS-participating agencies these data quality changes improved the validity and reliability of the data. The CoC facilitated increased training opportunities for the community on PIT requirements and specifically worked with the DV shelters and non-HUD-funded transitional housing programs to ensure a complete census on the night of the count. Training focused on ensuring the numbers reported reflect timely data entry and data accuracy from each contributing partner agency. In addition, improved data quality training with HMIS-participating agencies lead to better data collection, resulting in an increase of persons reported from 2022. The CoC lead, organized and analyzed PIT data reports from HMIS and had individual communication with each contributing partner agency to ensure timely data entry and data accuracy. Review of intake dates noted within HMIS ensured a proper count of those utilizing shelter services on the night of the count. The result of this review and subsequent data correction by agencies was a reported increase of persons utilizing emergency shelter on the night of the count.



## 2C. System Performance

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2C-1.	Reducing 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 has incorporated entry and exit surveys to better determine the risk factors that contribute to persons experiencing homelessness including those experiencing homelessness for the first time. The GA-504 also analyzes the supply of permanent housing units for persons with low income throughout the community compared to the number of individuals receiving services through CoC partners annually and the number of days/nights that temporary shelter options are being utilized. (2) Implementing diversion strategies to avoid first time homelessness including collaboration with the faith-based community to provide assistance where federally funded program and service dollars cannot; identifying the clients' obstacles, available personal and community resources and utilizing case management to ensure maintenance of housing stability and reduce the potential of experiencing homelessness. Identifying and working with housing subsidy providers and linking eligible households to providers affords the opportunity to have the strongest effect on lowering homelessness rates. The GA-504 also places a strong emphasis on supportive services coupled with permanent housing opportunities for persons with disabling conditions, including addiction. The CoC also works closely with the local Legal Aid organization to provide representation and services for families facing eviction. (3) Coordinated entry through CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority's Centralized Intake and Assessment/Resource Center for the Homeless.

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 CoC's geographic area?	No
2C-2.	Reducing Length of Time Homeless--CoC's Strategy.	
	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) Strategy to Reduce the Length of Time Individuals and Families Remain Homeless: The GA-504 CoC implements a multi-faceted strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless by focusing on rapid rehousing, Housing First principles, and coordinated entry (CE). The CoC prioritizes quickly moving individuals into permanent housing without preconditions, such as sobriety or employment, and provides tailored support services to help individuals stabilize. The CoC works to streamline the process by removing barriers to accessing housing and reducing time spent in emergency shelters or transitional housing. Additionally, the CoC engages with landlords to increase the availability of housing units for rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing, while leveraging local, state, and federal resources to expand housing opportunities and maintain affordability. (2) Identification and Housing of Individuals with the Longest Lengths of Time Homeless:

The GA-504 CoC uses its coordinated entry system to track and identify individuals and families experiencing the longest periods of homelessness. Through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), the CoC collects data on each client's length of time homeless and other vulnerability factors, such as chronic homelessness status and disabling conditions. Clients with the longest homelessness durations are prioritized for housing interventions, including permanent supportive housing (PSH) and rapid rehousing programs. The CoC also uses a standardized assessment tool to rank individuals based on their vulnerability, housing needs, and length of homelessness, ensuring that those with the greatest need are prioritized for immediate housing placements. (3) The organization responsible for overseeing the GA-504 CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless is the Lead Agency, which coordinates the CoC's efforts and ensures that data-driven decisions are made. This role is often filled by the CoC Coordinator or Director of Homeless Services within the Lead Agency. This position is responsible for implementing and monitoring the strategies, ensuring compliance with federal guidelines, and reporting progress to the GA-504 CoC Board. They also work closely with service providers, housing authorities, and community stakeholders to reduce homelessness durations across the region.

2C-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention –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)

GA-504 has developed strategies to increase the rate at which households in ES, TH and RRH exit to permanent destinations. Current strategies are: (1) connect the most vulnerable households to RRH and PSH through an efficient and effective CE system (2) build relationships with local landlords to increase access to affordable housing units (3) connect households to mainstream housing subsidies (4) connect households to support services and mainstream benefits (5) connect households to education/employment training opportunities to improve their self-sufficiency. In unison, these strategies ensure households are linked to affordable housing options, have the necessary income to afford access and sustain that housing and have services available that are appropriate to ensure ongoing housing stability. Strategies to increase the rate at which households in permanent housing projects, other than RRH, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations have been more successful with a rate of 97% in FY22. Current strategies are (1) engage with consumers to ensure they are meeting their individualized service goals and are stable within housing (2) implement the CoC Move On Strategy, which includes providing pre-transition services such as basic living skills training, employment and community integration supports – as well as strong aftercare supports to ensure a successful transition over the long-term and (3) partner with affordable housing providers and cultivate relationships with local landlords to maintain an ongoing list of affordable housing vacancies. These strategies ensure clients in PSH programs are supported in maintaining housing, while fostering opportunities for greater housing self-sufficiency within the community. The position in charge of overseeing all of those strategies is the housing and services committee who reports to the GA-504 Executive Committee.

2C-4.	Reducing Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy.	
	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 that individuals and families return to homelessness; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Ga-504 CoC has implemented the utilization of entry/exit surveys to identify the risk factors clients experience allowing for analysis of the impact of these factors on the outcomes the clients experience. The CoC has designated the management of this responsibility to the HMIS admin. Partner RRH/PSH agencies offer wrap around services and intensive case managements to address the barriers that made or kept clients homeless so as to prevent a return. Partner RRH/PSH agencies continue support of clients upon program exit for approximately six months to ensure housing stability and/or provide resources as needed to maintain housing status. Prevention and shelter diversion are key interventions in the CoC's fight to reduce returns to homelessness. Immediate screening for these possibilities at entry preserves emergency beds for those who truly have nowhere else to go. Access to rental subsidies and CM at entry is often enough to ensure formerly homeless households successfully maintain stable housing. The CoC utilizes these tactics interchangeably in its strategy. Prevention targets those at imminent risk of homelessness and diversion targets people as they are applying for entry into shelter. Once a household enters in the system, it is assessed to determine needs through a series of questions during assessment.

Diversion activities include:

- Financial assistance;
- Mediation;
- Legal assistance;
- Exploration of other short-term housing options;
- Referral for mainstream resources;
- Other emergency assistance

The determining factor that CE staff will weigh when considering diversion assistance is "but for" the assistance be requested; the household would return to homelessness. This ensures that diversion assistance will be provided to the households in most need.

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 access to employment income is through collaboration with employment agencies and implementing and strengthening supported employment programs. This process begins at the Coordinated Entry project, our CoC's Centralized Intake and Assessment resource center. When families and individuals are assessed at the point of entry, they will be connected with local agencies who provide the necessary services that are appropriate for addressing their specific barriers to self-sufficiency. Some examples of employment resources are: Salvation Army Job Skills Training Program, Walton Options for Independent Living for those with disabilities, Vocational Rehabilitation through the GA DOL for those living with disabilities. (2) To increase access to employment, the CoC continues collaborations with providers like Goodwill to help clients gain work skills and employment opportunities. CoC agencies also collaborate on hosting job fairs to help bring employers to clients. CoC Partners work to identify and utilize additional employment opportunities through referrals to local apprenticeship, job training and soft-skills training programs such as Second Chances, RPM, and the EOA High Demand Career Initiative. (3) The CoC's Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase jobs and income from employment.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income is to coordinate training and outreach and strengthen partnerships with agencies that assist with benefits. The CoC has a SOAR trained staff who act as liaisons with the social security office. The SOAR process can be started even before a client gets into housing to help get clients income sooner. These specialists work with clients to help them in the process of obtaining SSI/SSDI benefits to increase non-employment income. The CoC strategy for increasing access to non-employment cash income is to increase non-employment resources the CoC assists clients in connecting with resources through our local Dept. of Human Service programs (TANF, WIC, EBT, etc.) through a partnership agreement between our CE project and the local DFCS office. Multiple CoC agencies work to provide clients with access to agencies that assist with SSI/SSDI, VA disability compensation, and retirement income to ensure clients are able to access benefits or begin the process as soon as possible. For Veteran clients, CoC veteran service providers utilize the VA's Homeless Providers Assistance Program to determine benefits client can access. (2) The CoC Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

## 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources—List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

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

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

## 3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:
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1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and
2.	HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A



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

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

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

	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
	If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:
1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

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