Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

 1. The FY 2022 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
 2. The FY 2022 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
 3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
 4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
 5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

 Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
 - 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
 - 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.
 Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions
 Many questions require you to address multiple elements in a single text box. Number your responses to correspond with multi-element questions using the same numbers in the question. This will help you organize your responses to ensure they are complete and help us to review and score your responses.

 Attachments
 Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.
 - Attachments must match the questions they are associated with–if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.
 - We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: WV-500 - Wheeling, Weirton Area CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: The Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: The Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:	
1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted–including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or	
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:	

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The Northern Panhandle Continuum of Care (NPCoC) communicated its annual invitation to solicit new members to join the NPCoC through a public post on the Collaborative Applicant's Facebook page on February 28, 2022. The public invitation followed the NPCoC's annual process for solicitation of new members using a transparent and public forum for notice and included targeted language to entities not currently represented in the NPCoC, such as local correctional institutions. Additionally, the NPCoC opened its quarterly COVID-19 Response meetings to the public where members were asked to invite non-members to attend to encourage new participation. The membership expanded in 2022 with the addition of Wetzel County Family Resource Network. (2) The NPCoC ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities by offering introduction and meeting materials in physical and electronic formats, partnering with local universities to accommodate other specialized needs, and employing project staff who can communicate via American Sign Language and are fluent in Mandarin, French, Hindi, Punjabi, and British-English. (3) The NPCoC's public invitation was open to new members, including organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity. The open invitation led to a new member with the Wetzel County Family Resource Network. A goal of the Wetzel County Family Resource Network is to connect persons with disabilities to available resources. Additionally, members of the Youth Action Board became members of the NPCoC and participated in planning sessions to develop a Coordinated Community Plan to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). Planning sessions centered on promoting equity in the homeless response system for youth. The Youth Action Board is also tasked with assisting the NPCoC in conducting racial disparities assessments and youth needs assessments annually.

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

		Describe in the field below how your CoC:
	1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
	2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information; and
	3.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) Opening COVID-19 Response meetings to the public allowed the NPCoC to solicit and consider opinions from a broader array of organizations with a knowledge of and interest in homelessness. In 2021 and 2022, the NPCoC witnessed new participation from Information Helpline, the local public health administrator, Ohio County Schools, and Ohio County FRN. COVID-19 meeting discussion centered around the pandemic's impact on homelessness, the national eviction moratorium, and service provision for the sheltered and unsheltered populations. General membership meetings continued to address ongoing, non-COVID related topics, including the opioid epidemic, racial equity and antidiscrimination, education and employment, and needs of homeless youth. (2) The NPCoC communicated information during both the general membership and COVID-19 response meetings using inclusive, topic-driven, and committee-focused agendas. The NPCoC Lead Agency was a member of both a State and Federal COVID Task Force and communicated pertinent information to the membership and public during these meetings, such as CARES Act funding opportunities, American Rescue Plan Act funding opportunities, and best practices for service provision at the Federal and local levels. (3) The NPCoC took into consideration the information gathered in these public meetings to inform stakeholders and funders of the challenges experienced in the region, as well as improvements and new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness. The NPCoC communicated this information upward to Federal, State, and local partners, including HUD, City of Wheeling, City of Weirton, WV Housing Development Fund, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, WV Development Office, and the WV Bureau for Behavioral Health. Using this platform to communicate local needs resulted in the development of new projects under the Youth Homelessness Demonstration program (YHDP) and continued Emergency Solutions Grant-CV funding to meet the increased need among individuals and families at risk and literally homeless.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC notified the public it was considering project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding through the local CoC Competition notice posted to the Collaborative Applicant's website on August 9, 2022. To develop the local notice, the NPCoC followed its written reallocation process by assessing renewal projects to determine if they continued to be high performing and served a local need. All renewal projects passed performance and local priority thresholds and the local announcement encouraged eligible entities to apply for new funding opportunities as a subrecipient through the DV Bonus and CoC Bonus. (2) In the local CoC Competition notice, eligible applicants were instructed to submit a Letter of Intent to the NPCoC by August 15, 2022 using the provided Letter of Intent form. Prospective applicants who submitted a complete Letter of Intent by the deadline were provided a new project application to complete and return by the established deadline of August 29, 2022. New project applications were adopted directly from the esnaps new project application for the types of new projects identified in the Letters of Intent received by the NPCoC. In addition to the new project application, applicants were instructed to include in their submission a list of required attachments and a completed scoring criteria sheet to aid the NPCoC Review and Rank Committee complete their review. All project applications received on or before the established deadline were inputted into ensaps and provided to the NPCoC Review and Rank Committee on September 12, 2022 for review. (3) The local notice described the coordinated, inclusive, and outcome-oriented process whereby the NPCoC Review and Rank Committee reviews and ranks, reduces, or rejects proposals using objective threshold and scoring criteria developed from the CoC NOFO and local priorities. Criteria was publicly posted on the Collaborative Applicant's website at the time project applications were made available, and remained objective and standardized, placing priority on projects that improve system performance outcomes and promote racial equity. (5) The NPCoC ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities by providing the notice and all application materials in electronic formats, partnering with local universities for specialized needs and employing staff fluent in American Sign Language, Mandarin, French, Hindi, Punjabi, and British-English.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

	In the chart below:	
1.	select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
2.	select Nonexistentif 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)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

18.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC consulted with the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) recipient, the West Virginia Community Advancement and Development Office (WVCAD), in the planning and allocation of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds by conducting its annual CoC Letter of Recommendation for each prospective ESG applicant during the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. During the PY22 ESG RFP process, the NPCoC Co-Chairs developed CoC Letters of Recommendation that certified the level to which each ESG applicant participated in the NPCoC, the applicant's mission alignment with the ESG program, the reflection of evidence-based practices in the project design, and level of fiscal and grant writing experience necessary for carrying out the proposed project. The NPCoC also consulted with WVCAD in the planning and allocation of ESG-CV funds by participating in the State's COVID Response calls between the WV Dept. of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Behavioral Health, WV Community Advancement and Development Office, and the other three WV Continua. (2) The NPCoC participates in the evaluation and reporting performance of ESG program recipients and subrecipients by analyzing CoC-wide homeless data reports, such as the System Performance Measures (SPM) report, and ensuring the submission of quarterly CAPER data for the ESG program to WVCAD. The NPCoC's HMIS Systems Administrator evaluates each ESG subrecipient's performance using Annual Performance Reports and Data Quality Reports, while assessing their impact CoC-wide using the SPM report. The NPCoC shares data from the SPM report, which includes ESG-funded projects, with local emergency shelters and homeless service providers to evaluate the progress in achieving program outcomes. (3) Annually, the NPCoC Lead Agency (LA) submits Point in Time (PIT) Count and Housing Inventory Count data to Urban Design Ventures, a consulting firm hired by the City of Wheeling and City of Weirton, to draft the Annual Action Plan. PIT Count and HIC data is also provided to both Consolidated Plan jurisdictions upon request. (4) To ensure each Consolidated Plan jurisdiction is provided inclusive data on homelessness, the NPCoC LA solicits input from direct service providers for inclusion in both the Annual Action Plan update and the CAPER. Upon submission of the FY21 CAPER requested information, the NPCoC LA requested the timeframe for public review and comment from Urban Design Ventures and relayed the timeframe to the general membership.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The NPCoC maintains formal partnerships with various youth educations providers, State Education Agencies, Local Education Agencies, and School Districts. As established in the NPCoC's Coordinated Entry System Policies and Procedures, the NPCoC conducts warm handoff referrals at Centralized Intake and Assessment (CIA) to providers of specialized services, including those offering youth education. Referrals are made to Crittenton Services, Kings Daughter's Day Care, Northern Panhandle Head Start, Northern Panhandle Workforce Development Board (NPWDB), Youth Services System (YSS), Ohio County Schools (OCS) and Catholic Charities, and are based on each participant's housing assessment and unique service needs. Kings Daughter's Day Care, Northern Panhandle Head State, NPWDB, OCS, YSS, and Catholic Charities are all members of the NPCoC with signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) and attend regular general membership and Provider Committee meetings. OCS is formally represented on the NPCoC Board of Directors, NPCoC Provider Committee, NPCoC Youth Action Board, and serves as an NPCoC Co-Chair. The NPCoC Lead Agency also maintains a formal partnership with NPWDB via a MOU where referrals are made to NPWDB's job training program for youth. Both the SEA and LEA are represented by the OCS's Homeless Liaison, whose collaboration with the NPCoC is multi-faceted and robust. The OCS Homeless Liaison attends monthly Provider Committee meetings and outreaches to the Coordinated Entry System's (CES) main access point to identify homeless families with school-aged children to provide linkage to necessary health, education and transportation assistance. The OCS Homeless Liaison also represents the local school district and co-leads the Youth Action Board alongside the Community Service Manager of the WV Department of Health and Human Resources. The OCS Homeless Liaison contributed to the development of the NPCoC's Coordinated Community Plan to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness and continues to meet weekly with the YAB, the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Technical Assistance providers, and the recipient of YHDP funding to implement YHDP projects.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The NPCoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policy and Procedure Manual establishes the referral process for homeless families with children which is to ensure referrals are made to the appropriate CES access point at the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH). Referral to GWCH is required for families with children to receive a standardized assessment, allowing CES staff to inform households of their eligibility for education services. As part of the referral process, GWCH contacts the Ohio County School's Homeless Liaison who represents the McKinney-Vento State and Local Education Agencies and local school districts. The OCS Homeless Liaison attends client appointments at GWCH when school-aged children are present, using a triage approach to providing an appropriate level of education assistance, as well as attending monthly Provider Committee meetings where households with children are identified and contacted regarding available education resources. GWCH also supplies project participants with handbooks emphasizing the importance of education for children, including the parent's legal responsibilities of having school-age children enrolled in local education programs which is documented in the client's individualized service plan. GWCH also maintains a Community Resource Guide and provides referral to education programs for pre-school age children, including Early Head Start and Public Pre-K, among others. As the question and instructions refer to "individuals" in addition to families, the NPCoC is including in this response education services available to adults. GWCH refers and assists adults with obtaining their General Education Development (GED) certification, as well as enrollment into Adult Basic Education. In the past, GWCH has assisted adults with applying for Federal Student Aid upon their exit from housing programs. All education services available to both children and adults are provided to participants in a Community Resource Guide developed by GWCH.

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

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

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

	1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Collaborating with Victim Service Providers.	
		NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:
	1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
	2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC collaborates with the region's two victim service providers, CHANGE, Inc. and YWCA Wheeling, regularly and in various capacities to ensure updates are made to CoC-wide policies and plans. Both providers offer housing and service programs that meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual abuse, stalking, and other life-threatening situations, including human trafficking. The YWCA Wheeling serves on the Board of Directors and represents victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, while both providers are members of the NPCoC general membership and participate in monthly Provider Committee meetings. The domestic violence advocates at CHANGE, Inc. attend Sexual Assault Response Team meetings bi-monthly, MDIT meetings monthly, WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence membership meetings, Brooke/Hancock Interagency Advocates Team quarterly meetings, and Legal Assistance for Victim Provider team meetings quarterly. Similarly, the YWCA Wheeling maintains collaboration efforts with multiple agencies, organizations and coalitions throughout the state of WV. This includes attending monthly and quarterly meetings with the WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence; WV Human Trafficking Task Force; STOP, SART, Partners in Prevention; Family Resource Network team meetings in Ohio and Marshall counties; NPCoC; Belmont County Safety Commission; IMPACT; and WV Alliance of Recovery Residences. Upon HUD's announcement of selecting the NPCoC as a Round 4/5 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) community, both the YWCA Wheeling and CHANGE, Inc. participated in the development of the YHDP Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness which was approved by HUD in May 2022. (2) Both victim service providers have trained annually in trauma-informed care and programs are modeled to meet the housing and service needs of survivors. CHANGE, Inc.'s domestic violence advocates for the Lighthouse Domestic Violence Shelter complete 20 hours of training every two years in addition to the 10 hours of training required annually through agency licensure requirements. Additionally, the YWCA Wheeling ensured staff completed their required 50 hours of training within the federal fiscal year. Nearly all trainings attended are sponsored by the WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence which utilizes the BASECAMP platform for online trainings.

	1C-5a.	Annual Training on Safety and Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
		NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:	
1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and	
2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).	

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC coordinates an annual training in trauma-informed and victim-centered care for all CoC-funded project staff by securing an instructor well-versed in the topic or through a webinar-based training typically offering Continuing Education Units. The latter approach occurred most recently on July 12, 2022, as the current sole recipient of CoC Program funds, the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH), required all CoC project staff to participate in a trauma-informed, webinar-based training provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Homeless and Housing Resource Center. The training offered education on the foundations of trauma and how to effectively engage and provide services to people experiencing homelessness with behavioral health needs. Additionally, the NPCoC's two victim service providers, CHANGE, Inc. and YWCA Wheeling, who both receive Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding, held trauma-informed training for staff working with domestic violence victims. CHANGE, Inc.'s domestic violence advocates for the Lighthouse Domestic Violence Shelter complete 20 hours of training every two years in addition to the 10 hours of training required annually through agency licensure requirements. Nearly all trainings attended are sponsored by the WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence who utilizes the BASECAMP platform for online trainings. (2) As the NPCoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) serving all five subpopulations, including persons fleeing domestic violence where safety is not at imminent risk of danger, GWCH's CES staff received training in trauma-informed and victim-centered care as described in part 1 of this narrative response. As the CES access point for persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, the YWCA Wheeling ensured staff completed their required 50 hours of training within the federal fiscal year, with the majority offered by the WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence through their platform, BASECAMP. While the annual Northern WV Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition did not convene during the last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the YWCA did attend virtual meetings of the WV Human Trafficking Task Force.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The de-identified aggregate data source the NPCoC uses for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking is reports generated from the comparable database EmpowerDB which is utilized by the region's two victim service providers CHANGE, Inc. and YWCA Wheeling. De-identified, aggregate data is requested annually by the NPCoC and reported to Urban Design Ventures, the consultant hired by the City of Wheeling, for incorporation in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), Annual Action Plans, and five-year Consolidated Plan. While the Northern WV Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the YWCA Wheeling attended virtual meetings of the WV Human Trafficking Task Force to better understand the prevalence of human trafficking in the region. Victim service providers have used data to develop community solutions, such as a non-treatment recovery home for survivors with substance abuse, a family violence prevention program focused on ending the cycle of abuse, and domestic violence emergency shelters. The Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH) assists survivors who have a history of domestic violence and are in need of homeless services. GWCH staff collect data using the statewide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) ServicePoint and are required, by statewide HMIS policies, to lock down personal identifying information to ensure safety and confidentiality. GWCH uses de-identified aggregate data from the HMIS to assess the housing, income, and service needs of survivors to develop specialized housing and supportive services tailored to the population. Victim and non-victim service providers collaborate during monthly Provider Committee meetings to discuss the availability of new and existing services for survivors and prioritize placement into permanent housing.

1C-5c.	Communicating Emergency Transfer Plan to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:
1.	the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures; and
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC communicates the availability of the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance, regardless of known survivor status, by providing each participant a copy of the Notice of Occupancy Rights Under the Violence Against Women Act (HUD-5380) and the Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking and Alternate Documentation (HUD-5382) forms at the time of their enrollment into the NPCoC's only CoC-funded Permanent Supportive Housing Program, Residential Housing, at the time of program termination, if applicable, and upon request. These forms are issued to participants in either physical or electronic formats and read to participants with Limited English proficiency. While the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) does require these forms to also be provided to participants when they begin receiving rental assistance and if they receive an eviction notice, the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless' Residential Housing program is provided in a facility owned by the organization and is operated using CoC Program funds under an operating budget line item; therefore, these circumstances do not apply to this project. As required by the Violence Against Women Act, this notification process also applies to ESG-funded projects providing Rapid Re-Housing and Homelessness Prevention assistance and does include notification when rental assistance begins and if an eviction notice is received. Additionally, both victim service providers have protocols in place to notify participants of their ability to request an emergency transfer. (2) The HUD-5380 and HUD-5328 forms describe the process for requesting a copy of the emergency transfer plan policies, including the procedure for requesting an emergency transfer. In addition, each participant is provided a copy of the Residential Housing Participant Handbook at enrollment, and upon request, which describes the applicability of these forms and the process for requesting an emergency transfer plan. Participants in need of an emergency transfer request must complete the Emergency Transfer Request for Certain Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking (HUD-5383) and Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking and Alternate Documentation (HUD-5382) forms.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC ensures survivors of domestic violence dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the NPCoC's geographic area by operating a Coordinated Entry System (CES) with two access points that allow survivors to present at either victim or non-victim service providers for assistance. The Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH) is the main access point for all five subpopulations permitted by HUD, including Category 4 households fleeing domestic violence when safety is not threatened, while the YWCA of Wheeling serves households fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence. Survivors may present at either CES access point and receive an initial assessment for services. Survivors fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence are immediately referred to the YWCA Wheeling to ensure linkage to immediate shelter and safety. Similarly, if a person presents at the YWCA access point and is not fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, a referral to GWCH for assessment is required. Through collaborative efforts, survivors of domestic violence are able to access CES and be assessed for all types of housing and service programs available in the NPCoC's geographic region. Clients are offered choice in available housing and service programs and providers coordinate specialized services to ensure survivors receive the most comprehensive care to address their needs. GWCH offers a variety of housing programs and services in-house without compromising safety and confidentiality by locking down survivors personal identifying information in the Homeless Management Information System. GWCH programs include CoC-funded Permanent Supportive Housing, ESG-funded Rapid Re-Housing, and soon-to-be-implemented Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funded Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing program. The YWCA Wheeling offers domestic violence shelter programs funded by the Department of Justice, an ESG-funded Rapid Re-Housing program, and utilizes a comparable database to collect client information.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry includes:
1.	safety protocols,
2.	planning protocols, and
3.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC's Coordinated Entry System Policies and Procedures include safety protocols for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through the use of an emergency transfer plan. Survivors who present at Centralized Intake and Assessment (CIA) at the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH) are immediately referred to a domestic violence shelter through the YWCA Wheeling or CHANGE, Inc. to ensure immediate safety. Protocols for human trafficking survivors include an immediate referral to the region's access point, the Sexual Assault Help Center. Provision of services are trauma-informed and victim-centered as coordinated entry staff are annually trained in both approaches, acquiring an understanding of the vulnerabilities and experiences of survivors. Additionally, individual projects have safety protocols implemented for emergency transfer plans. CHANGE, Inc. and YWCA Wheeling provide notification to participants at enrollment the process for requesting an emergency transfer if needed. (2) The NPCoC's Coordinated Entry System Policies and Procedures include planning protocols that describe the coordination of service delivery to meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Victim and non-victim services can be provided in tandem to ensure individuals and families are provided the most comprehensive level of care to address their needs. When service provision is approached collaboratively between providers, survivors may receive dual case management documented in individualized service plans which describe the specialized services provided by each provider. (3) The NPCoC's Coordinated Entry System Policies and Procedures include confidentiality protocols as it pertains to data collection. All assessment data and personal identifying information collected by non-victim service providers must be "locked down" in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to ensure confidentiality and safety. The NPCoC ensures adequate privacy protections of participant information by adhering to the standards outlined in the WV Statewide HMIS Policy and Procedure Manual, specifically Appendix E: Security Plan. Victim service providers are required to collect and report participant information using a comparable database.

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

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

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

| Describe in the field below: | |

	1.	whether your CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback;
	2.	how your CoC assisted providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination;
	3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and
	4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC does update its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback by requesting the input of members during semiannual NPCoC general membership and Board of Director's meetings, monthly Provider Committee meetings, and planning meetings pertaining to special initiatives. The NPCoC's anti-discrimination policies are located within the Coordinated Entry Policy and Procedure manual which was used to develop a CES training during the April 12, 2022 NPCoC general membership meeting. To date, the NPCoC has not received feedback requiring changes to the NPCoC's anti-discrimination policy. (2) The NPCoC assists providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy by sharing webinar-based trainings focused on anti-discrimination practices, including HUD's Equal Access and Gender Identity Rules. On October 12, 2021, the NPCoC Lead Agency shared a webinar training on Equal Access and Anti-Discrimination from the National Alliance to End Homelessness. The training was intended to assist providers better understand the rule and how to amend shelter's policies and procedures for compliance. Additionally, all CoC-funded projects maintain policies and procedures which reflect anti-discrimination policies consistent with those implemented CoC-wide and the NPCoC encourages non-CoC-funded projects to adopt project-level policies reflective of those implemented CoC-wide. (3) The NPCoC's process for evaluating compliance with the NPCoC's anti-discrimination policies is to use monthly Provider Committee meetings as a method for assessing each project's ability to accept referrals and enroll participants into homeless programs free from discrimination. (4) While there have been no acts of non-compliance with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policies to date, the NPCoC's process for addressing areas of non-compliance is to meet individually with non-compliant projects to discuss the circumstances surrounding the incident and plan for corrective action.

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

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the FY 2021 CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with–if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2021 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Housing Authority of the City of Wheeling	41%	Yes-Both	No
Housing Authority of the City of Weirton	68%	No	No

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC made exceptional progress by gaining support from the region's largest Public Housing Authority (PHA), the Wheeling Housing Authority (WHA), who formally amended their Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (Administrative Plan) to adopt a homeless admission preference. Discussion surrounding the adoption of a homeless admission preference began at a July 2019 meeting between the NPCoC Lead Agency, the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH), and the WHA who discussed a collaborative application for HUD's Mainstream Vouchers program. Ahead of the meeting, GWCH prepared a fact sheet detailing the benefits and importance of a more robust WHA and NPCoC partnership to adopt a homeless preference. GWCH's fact sheet for WHA included resource information from HUD Notice 2013-15(HA) and USICH's Guidebook to End Homelessness. At the meeting, WHA expressed dedication to strengthening its partnership with the NPCoC and GWCH by applying for HUD's Mainstream Vouchers program and dedicating ages 18-62 with a disability, experiencing homelessness, or exiting GWCH's Residential Housing Program (the region's only Permanent Supportive Housing project). The WHA was also eager to propose a homeless preference for inclusion in WHA's administrative plan. While a future joint application for a housing voucher program has been limited due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on staffing capacity, the NPCoC will use this partnership and forward momentum as leverage to secure a more formalized partnership with the City of Weirton's PHA.

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

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

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

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.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)	No
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	Yes
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 VII.B.1.g.	

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

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes

1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	No
	If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.	

PHA
This list contains no items

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition.	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 2022 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 2022 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC evaluates every recipient–that checks Housing First on their Project Application–to determine if they are actually using a Housing First approach;
2.	the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation; and
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of the competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless is the sole recipient of CoC program funds and evaluates the current projects, Supportive Services Only and Residential Housing, through a case review at project enrollment and exit, while weekly case management meetings offer opportunity to evaluate the implementation of Housing First throughout project enrollment. (2) Factors used to determine compliance with Housing First at enrollment include the lack of preconditions to program entry, rapid admission to the program, equal access to program entry regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or other protected classes, and the project's active participation in Coordinated Entry System. Factors used to determine compliance with Housing First at exit include adherence to policies which terminate participation only in severe circumstances threatening health or safety, and success in achieving program goals related to exits to permanent housing. Factors used to determine compliance with Housing First throughout enrollment include evidence of participant choice in services, individualized service plan development using a person-centered approach, and the lack of dependence on participation in supportive services to access housing. (3) The NPCoC ensures non-CoC funded projects commit to using a Housing First approach through NPCoC Provider Committee meetings. The NPCoC Provider Committee is a group of direct service providers operating all types of homeless assistance programs in the region who meet monthly to prioritize households for permanent housing placement using the NPCoC's by-name list and established prioritization standards. The by-name list includes the dates of engagement, intake, shelter entry and exit, and the current date, and is integral in ensuring households are rapidly prioritized to appropriate projects with available openings and those with a waitlist. This system-level review of rapid placements into housing allows the NPCoC to evaluate projects for adherence to a Housing First approach. Services promoting housing stabilization are also included on monthly Provider Committee agendas and offer the group an opportunity to discuss all available resources in the region which can be provided to the client for housing stability. The NPCoC can certify whether individual projects do not require service participation or preconditions of participants.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC's street outreach efforts include numerous NPCoC organizations participating in street outreach to locate, identify, and engage unsheltered persons in places not meant for human habitation. Outreach to unsheltered locations such as wooded-area campsites is designed to identify the unsheltered homeless population, build rapport, distribute toiletries, assess needs, and provide information on available shelter, housing and supportive service programs for the purpose of providing linkage to the Coordinated Entry System and temporary or permanent housing. The six organizations providing street outreach are the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH), Project HOPE, Youth Services System (YSS), YWCA Wheeling, and Helping Heroes. GWCH's method for conducting outreach is to use a four-pronged approach which focuses on connection with clients, community partners, landlords, and employers. As indicated in CES policies, GWCH accepts all referrals from community partners, local businesses, and concerned citizens who identify unsheltered persons in daily passing and ensures contact is made within 24 hours. In addition to GWCH, three organizations are funded through ESG to provide specialized outreach, including YSS for youth, YWCA Wheeling for victims of domestic violence, and Helping Heroes for Veterans, all which fuel entries into the CES. Project HOPE uses a medical-based method for conducting street outreach, assessing persons for medical needs and providing referral to CES. (2) Collectively, all outreach providers cover 100% of the NPCoC's geographic area, including Brooke, Hancock, Ohio, Marshall, and Wetzel counties. (3) The NPCoC conducts street outreach weekly. (4) The NPCoC has tailored its street outreach to persons who are least likely to request assistance by conducting outreach in hard-to-find campsites and locations on a regular basis which aids in developing critical rapport with those resistant to accessing services. Evidence-based approaches to service delivery and engagement are utilized, such as motivational interviewing and person-centered care, which help effectively build rapport and engage unsheltered individuals in available assistance programs. The NPCoC also ensures persons with disabilities are offered necessary support by partnering with local universities who can meet specialized needs.

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

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

		Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	Yes
4.	Implemented community wide plans	No	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		2021	2022
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC–only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of "Current."	2	24

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC systematically provides up-to-date information regarding mainstream benefit availability for participants through soliciting feedback from the NPCoC membership during regular meetings and conducting regular outreach to community partners who offer such assistance. Changes in mainstream benefits are communicated during monthly Provider Committee meetings attended largely by organizations providing outreach services, emergency shelter, homeless assistance programs, and local area VA Medical Centers. As an access point of the NPCoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) and as the sole-recipient of CoC-program funds, the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH) disseminates the availability of mainstream benefits through a Community Resource Guide which is updated and distributed annually. A single-form application for mainstream benefit programs is utilized during Centralized Intake and Assessment (CIA) held each weekday which offers clients connection to benefit programs such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Women Infants and Children (WIC). (2) The NPCoC collaborates with Wheeling Health Right and the WV Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) to assist clients with healthcare enrollment. These collaborative partnerships are formalized in NPCoC Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) as well as In-Kind Match MOUs. Persons who access CES are linked to DHHR for Medicaid enrollment and are assisted with the completion of applications for benefits. Clients are provided education on effectively utilizing Medicaid and other benefits enrollment issues, while also provided life skills training to maintain benefits, all of which are documented in the client's individualized service plan. Typically, once Medicaid is secured, clients are referred to a primary care physician (PCP) by DHHR; however, it is common for the PCP to not accept Medicaid, even if a referral was made. When this occurs, clients are assisted with locating a PCP who accepts Medicaid to ensure the client can effectively utilize their benefits. (3) As required by various funding sources, the NPCoC promotes the use of benefit-related programs such as SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR). The NPCoC promotes the use of SOAR among CoC-, ESG-, and SSVF-staff as typically required across such grant programs and can provide linkage to available training for project staff.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, three NPCoC organizations operating the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program utilized Emergency Housing Assistance funds to temporarily provide both health-compromised and unsheltered Veterans access to non-congregate shelter placements through agreements with local hotels and motels. SSVF Emergency Housing Assistance to provide placement in temporary non-congregate shelter was utilized in an effort to limit the spread of infectious disease at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. While Emergency Housing Assistance is still available through the SSVF program, NPCoC resources to address capacity building for the increase in availability of non-congregate shelter options is limited.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies–Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:
1.	develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC effectively collaborated with local health agencies, including the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department and Wheeling Hospital, to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks during the COVID-19 pandemic. Representatives of both agencies attended regular COVID-19 Response meetings and educated the NPCoC on key prevention and response activities not implemented prior to the pandemic. For example, while the NPCoC Lead Agency attempted to proactively reserve units in homeless program facilities to act as quarantine and isolation spaces for the homeless population, the public health official at the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department instructed the NPCoC no other entity besides the local health department had the authority to establish such spaces. Development and implementation of the NPCoC's COVID-19 Response protocol in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidance and with the assistance from local health agencies provided the NPCoC a framework for a broader CoC-wide policy and procedure manual adequate to address all types of infectious disease outbreaks. (2) The NPCoC's collaboration with local health agencies during the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the NPCoC's implementation of preventative measures to control the spread of infectious diseases. Preventative measures include proper instruction for staff, clients, and the general public on the importance of using Personal Protective Products and Personal Protective Equipment (PPP/PPE), adherence to comprehensive disinfection procedures, social distancing, and mask-wearing. Having a healthy stock of PPP/PPE and disinfection supplies is a critical aspect of responding quickly to future public health emergencies and limiting the spread of communicable diseases in the future. Additionally, the NPCoC adopted guidance from the CDC pertaining to the prevention of infectious disease outbreaks and its impacts on persons experiencing homelessness for its CoC-wide policy, including sheltering-in-place for individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness, implementation of portable handwashing, shower and laundry stations, and temporary, emergency housing placements in hotels for high-risk, health-compromised individuals.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively equipped providers to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants by:
1.	sharing information related to public health measures and homelessness, and
2.	facilitating communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC effectively equipped providers to prevent and limit infection disease outbreaks among program participants during the COVID-19 pandemic by holding special meetings of the NPCoC membership to distribute information related to public health measures and homelessness. Meetings were open to both members and non-members and were held at regular quarterly intervals. The NPCoC Lead Agency spearheaded dissemination of information on safety measures from the CDC, including interim guidance for the unsheltered homeless population, homeless providers and homeless shelters, and environmental cleaning and disinfection. The NPCoC Lead Agency developed and disseminated a COVID-19 Shelter Client Triage Screening Tool to shelter and housing providers for implementation and identification of COVID-19 related symptoms and referral to testing and care. (2) Local restrictions implemented at the county level were gathered by the NPCoC Lead Agency and communicated during the special COVID-19 Response meetings. The Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department issued updates on changing local restrictions at these meetings and via email correspondence with the assistance of the NPCoC Lead Agency. The NPCoC Lead Agency participated in a Statewide COVID Task Force and relayed collected information from local meetings. During these meetings, the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department communicated the availability of vaccines to the homeless population and direct service providers in the region, while vaccine distribution was coordinated with homeless service providers on an agency-by-agency basis.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) covers 100% of the five-county Northern Panhandle region of WV with two established points of entry. The Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH) is the main access point for all five subpopulations permitted by HUD, including Category 4 households fleeing domestic violence when safety is not threatened, while the YWCA of Wheeling serves as the access point for households fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence. The accessibility of CES throughout the five-county region has been improved for persons who are unable to present in-person for assistance through the implementation of the virtual conferencing center, LifeSize. LifeSize enables clients in the region's rural counties to virtually complete Centralized Intake and Assessment (CIA) using a private space in public, accessible locations, such as regional libraries or drop-in centers. (2) The NPCoC's CES utilizes a standardized assessment process for all five subpopulations permitted by HUD. The standardized process involves meeting with applicants to first determine if the household can be diverted from entering the homeless system or rapidly exited by asking if alternative family or friend supports could be utilized to avoid entering shelter or rapidly exit shelter. If the applicant cannot be diverted, staff conduct the WV Department of Health and Human Resources Intake assessment to determine if the household meets the Federal definition of homeless and requires emergency shelter placement. Applicants in need of emergency shelter are referred and documentation of homeless status is gathered. Staff also conduct two additional standardized assessments, the Self Sufficiency Assessment Matrix (SSAM) and the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool (VI-SPDAT). The SSAM assessment criteria is used to determine each participant's level of barriers to housing and to objectively link households to the most appropriate housing solution available. The VI-SPDAT is administered to chronically homeless individuals and ensures their prioritization for placement into homeless programs based on level of acuity and need. (3) The NPCoC's CES Policies and Procedures are updated based on feedback solicited from participants using an internal satisfaction survey distributed after each appointment and project exit. Projects participating in CES are encouraged to provide feedback during monthly Provider Committee meetings.

| | 1D-9a. | Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry. | |
| | | NOFO Section VII.B.1.p. | |

		Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
	1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;
	2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;
	3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and
	4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC's Coordinated Entry System reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance by ensuring regular street outreach occurs in hard-to-find unsheltered locations, staff conducting outreach and assessments are trained in person-centered care, and CES is easily accessible, such as offering Centralized Intake and Assessment (CIA) virtually and on-site as deemed necessary. The NPCoC has numerous NPCoC organizations providing regular street outreach in all five counties in an effort to locate identify, and engage unsheltered persons in places not meant for human habitation. Evidence-based approaches to service delivery and engagement are utilized, such as motivational interviewing and person-centered care, which help effectively build rapport and engage with individuals least likely to apply for assistance. (2) The NPCoC ensures persons most in need of assistance are prioritized for care during monthly Provider Committee meetings using established prioritization standards developed for the NPCoC. These standards consider assessment results, levels of acuity, length of time homeless, and special populations. Prioritization standards are also required for use during CIA to offer immediate connection to appropriate housing programs. (3) The NPCoC ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences, by ensuring an individualized service plan is developed with each participant within 7 days of CIA and a housing plan is developed based on housing assessment results and client choice within 14 days of CIA. Weekly landlord outreach plays a critical role in ensuring participants have access to readily available units for expedited placement into permanent housing. All participants play an active role in developing their individualized service and housing plans. (4) The NPCoC's CES is designed in a manner that streamlines assessment questions to gather only the information necessary to make determinations about project eligibility in an effort to reduce burdens on individuals and families accessing the system. Staff receive regular training in evidence-based practices, including trauma-informed and victim-centered care, ensuring client choice and agency are at the forefront of service provision. Staff utilize the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to collect assessment data and document contact to reduce the occurrence of duplicative questioning.

1D-10.	Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness–Conducing Assessment.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	08/26/2022

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

Describe in the field below:	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The process used by the NPCoC to analyze whether racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance is to conduct a multi-data source racial disparities assessment. The NPCoC's racial disparities assessment is currently comprised of three phases. The first phase of the assessment analyzes data from HUD's CoC Analysis Tool: Race and Ethnicity which compares data from the U.S. Census to the NPCoC's most recent Point In Time Count results and identifies whether racial disparities exist among the local homeless population. The second phase then compares U.S. Census data for the general population and those living in poverty to data from each CoC-funded project's most recently submitted Annual Performance Report. The NPCoC has historically used APR data to analyze individual project outcomes related to permanent housing exits to determine if disparities exist among different racial groups. The NPCoC also utilizes the Stella Performance visualization tool which uses Longitudinal System Analysis data to provide a system-wide outlook of disparities among performance outcomes, including the average length of time homeless, exits to permanent housing, and returns to homelessness. The third phase of the assessment includes the long-term collection of qualitative data from persons with lived expertise of homelessness, including those overrepresented. (2) The results of the NPCoC's most recent Racial Disparities Assessment found that disparities do exist for persons experiencing homelessness compared to the general population. Persons identifying as African American/Black are overrepresented in homelessness by 6%, persons identifying as Other/Multi-Racial are overrepresented in homelessness by 5%, persons identifying as Native American/Alaskan are overrepresented by 2% and persons identifying as Asian/Pacific Islander are overrepresented in homelessness by 1%. Despite overrepresentation, persons identifying as African American/Black had a 5% higher rate of exit to permanent housing compared to all persons served; however, persons identifying as Other/Multi-Racial had an 18% lower rate of exit to permanent housing compared to all persons served. Persons identifying as Asian/Pacific Islanders spent 36 fewer days homeless on average despite their overrepresentation in the homeless system and all overrepresented racial groups had equal to or fewer returns to homelessness over a six-month period compared to the average of all persons served.

1D-10b.	Strategies to Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes

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

1D-10c.	Actions Taken to Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Numerous NPCoC membership organizations have taken action to address racial disparities and improve racial equity in the provision and outcomes of assistance, including activities beyond the Antidiscrimination and Equal Access trainings identified in the NPCoC's most recent Racial Disparities Assessment. Some of these actions include a local homeless youth organization employing individuals representing different races, offering cultural sensitivity training to project staff, and having a presence at events hosted by persons of different races. A local Veteran's organization has actively sought to make their organization more reflective of the demographics of the Veterans they serve by increasing the diversity of staff and Board of Directors to include representation of minority populations, as well as age, gender, and geographic diversity. A local emergency shelter collects and provide data to both its Divisional/Territorial and National Headquarters for evaluation to determine areas of improvement in services provided to different racial and ethnic groups. The local Veterans Health Administration created a workgroup on racial equity and justice with the objectives of performing an organizational assessment of the VHA's Homeless Programs Office. Assessment observations are used to identify disparities in access and outcomes and implement interventions. This same workgroup is also developing a mentorship network for homeless staff. From a policy standpoint, the Pittsburgh VA Medical Center's Healthcare for Homeless Veterans programs does not base admissions or discharges on racial identity, nor have quota systems related to race or gender. In service provision, clinicians are offered diversity, equity, and inclusion programs. A Cultural Competency committee holds monthly meetings to discuss issues related to culturally-informed, patient-centered care and disseminate educational opportunities to staff on a wider level. The NPCoC strives to ensure the Youth Action Board is represented by young adults who are reflective of overrepresented racial groups in the local homeless system by targeting recruitment efforts to those previously served.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The measures the NPCoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision of outcomes of homeless assistance is to request information from the NPCoC general membership on the steps taken to address known disparities during the annual CoC Program Competition and when the racial disparities assessment is conducted. To better track responses submitted by providers and encourage continued conversation, the NPCoC will include a section on the agendas of semi-annual NPCoC general membership meetings titled Actions to Prevent and Eliminate Racial Disparities.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The NPCoC's outreach efforts to engage persons with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision-making processes were primarily achieved through the intensive and ongoing recruitment of youth and young adults for the NPCoC's Youth Action Board. As a newly funded Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) community, the NPCoC conducted extensive outreach locally to therapists, school districts, universities, community colleges, and youth homeless service providers to identify youth and young adults interested in joining the Youth Action Board. Outreach efforts included the development of social media announcements and targeted outreach mailings, such as emails, letters, and flyers. The NPCoC also targeted its outreach efforts to youth and young adults enrolled in existing homeless programs and through the NPCoC's Coordinated Entry System. Upon presenting for services, youth and young adults were linked, as desired, to the YHDP Lead Agency to discuss details of joining the Youth Action Board. Through these efforts, the NPCoC identified youth and young adults who, as members of the Youth Action Board, took a leadership role in the development of the NPCoC's Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) to End Youth Homelessness by participating in six, three-hour planning meetings with various community stakeholders and YHDP Technical Assistance. The NPCoC's CCP received HUD approval in May 2022 and the Youth Action Board assisted with the development of the local project competition. Upon project application submission, three members of the Youth Action Board participated in the NPCoC's Review and Rank Committee for YHDP project applications. Additionally, one member of the Youth Action Board participated in the NPCoC's Review and Rank Committee for the FY2022 CoC Program Competition. The NPCoC By-Laws are currently under revision to designate two voting seats of the NPCoC Board of Directors for youth and young adults with lived experience of homelessness. In addition to the Youth Action Board, the NPCoC has continued to outreach to persons with lived experience of homelessness to fill the vacant homeless/formerly homeless seat on the NPCoC Board of Directors. During both NPCoC Board of Directors meetings in August 2021 and February 2022, the NPCoC encouraged Board members to identify and engage persons homeless or formerly homeless to ensure the inclusion of persons with lived experience in leadership and decision-making roles of the NPCoC.

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations

1.	Included and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.	3	0
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	3	0
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	3	0
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	3	0
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	3	0

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

During the development of the NPCoC's Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness, the NPCoC developed a Youth Coordinator position designed to assist youth in navigating complex systems of care, developing life skills necessary for long-term housing stability, and engaging youth in the Youth Action Board. An ideal candidate for the position will not only meet job qualifications but preference will be given to candidates who have lived experience of homelessness, are between the ages of 18-24, and/or possess the education and work experience in serving the target population in other capacities. As part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, the NPCoC YHDP Lead actively encourages youth and young adults with lived experience of homelessness to join the Youth Action Board to further promote connection to paid professional development activities. Once funded, the Youth Coordinator will continue to provide linkage to the Youth Action Board for this purpose. Several NPCoC membership organizations, including the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless, Youth Services System, and Ohio County Family Resource Network have provided employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness and persons with substance use disorder. Persons with lived experience hired by NPCoC organizations have included victims of domestic violence, parenting youth, rural youth, and persons living with substance use disorder. Additionally, various NPCoC membership organizations offer skill-based training and employment opportunities through employment programs designed for persons with lived experience of homelessness. Through established Memorandums of Understanding, the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless makes referrals to the Northern Panhandle Workforce Development Board's (NPWDB) One Stop Center for assistance with education and job training, including basic computer skills, soft skills, adult basic education programs, and rehabilitation. GWCH offers a comprehensive employment program, AimHire, which provides persons with employment opportunities. Through AimHire, GWCH also partners with WV Northern Community College which offers affordable programs that launch careers in the fields of Business, Education, Health, Public Services, Manufacturing, Technology, Tourism, and Hospitals.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC has routinely gathered feedback from people experiencing homelessness in various capacities using several methods. In February 2022, the NPCoC invited youth and young adults with lived expertise to participate in the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) planning sessions to share their challenges with homelessness for the development of a Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) to End Youth Homelessness. As part of YHDP, the NPCoC hired a consultant to lead six, three-hour planning sessions, as well as two, three-hour Youth Focus Groups on March 9, 2022 and March 10, 2022 specifically designed to gather feedback from youth on the challenges associated with homelessness. Similarly, as the sole-recipient of CoC Program funds, GWCH utilized an internal electronic satisfaction survey to request feedback from participants after each office visit about whether the program had met their needs. Participants were also encouraged to provide feedback anytime during program enrollment using a Comments, Questions, & Complaints form. Similar to CoC-funded projects, all ESG-funded projects were required to collect participant feedback at program exit. The COVID-19 pandemic restricted the NPCoC's ability to offer monthly Participant Advisory Group (PAG) meetings which offer program participants the space to highlight areas of concern with program design and contribute to the development of proactive solutions concerning local gaps in the availability of services. (2) The steps the NPCoC took to address the challenges raised by people with lived experience was directly incorporating the feedback of youth and young adults into the HUD-approved CCP, as well as the subsequent creation of YHDP project applications that addressed specific needs identified in the CCP. For example, youth adults described difficult experiences in all-age facilities, indicating a general lack of understanding for their needs, including LGBTQ+ youth and young adults being misgendered by staff and mental health needs not being understood. In response, GWCH developed a YHDP Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-Housing project to be operated in an equal access facility that prioritizes the placement of LGBTQ+ youth and refuses to separate couples based on their gender identity or household composition. Similarly, feedback obtained from satisfaction surveys for CoC- and ESG-funded programs is reviewed by project staff and incorporated into program policies and procedures as feasible.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.t.	

	Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months that engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.

(limit 2,500 characters)

In August 2022, the Executive Director of the Wheeling Housing Authority, through their involvement with the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, engaged in advocacy efforts to ask Congress and West Virginia state representatives to fund programs to assist the homeless, as well as to provide adequate levels of funding for the housing authorities who provide low-income affordable housing. In August 2022, housing professionals from around the country sent 27,620 letters to state representatives, Congress, and the President to bring to light the need for affordable housing and programs that support low-income individuals, including the homeless population.

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
  - 24 CFR part 578;
   - FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC's local competition.	09/09/2022

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

	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:

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

1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section VII.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)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	2
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	Tie

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC collected and analyzed data for projects that had successfully housed participants in permanent housing by following its reallocation process and including rating factors in the published scoring criteria centered around performance outcomes and each project's impact on system performance measures. The scoring criteria for each renewal project included a section on System Performance Measures that accounted for 50 out of the 100 points available. The NPCoC reviewed data from each renewal project's most recently submitted Annual Performance Report (APR) to determine if projects were able to successfully house participants in permanent housing. New projects were scored based on their ability to improve System Performance Measures as evidenced by the inclusion of measurable outcomes. (2) Each renewal project submission included a copy of its most recently completed APR which includes data on the length of time each project takes to house people in permanent housing. Projects were scored based on their ability to prioritize participants for rapid placement in permanent housing. (3) The specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities the NPCoC considered when reviewing, ranking, and rating projects was each project's ability to serve persons with a history of victimization, a criminal history record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions, an active or history of substance abuse, and a lack of or too little income. Severity of needs and vulnerabilities were incorporated into the scoring criteria under the "Design of Housing and Supportive Services" section of each project's scoring tool and assisted the NPCoC Review and Rank Committee score projects on their ability to ensure rapid placement in permanent housing. Project applications demonstrating they do not screen out applicants based on these factors were awarded the four-point maximum under the Housing First section. (4) Through the NPCoC's reallocation process, the NPCoC gave consideration to projects that are the only type of housing or supportive service programs available in the region and are necessary for ending homelessness. Projects that are slightly lower performing but are the only project of their kind in the region meeting an identified need or assisting hard to serve population(s) are considered a local priority of the NPCoC.

1E-3.	Promoting Racial Equity in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) Due to the expedited timeline of the FY2022 CoC Program Competition, the NPCoC was unable to solicit meaningful input from persons of difference races, particularly those overrepresented in the local homeless population, for the development of the scoring criteria used in the FY2022 Competition; however, the NPCoC did mirror the scoring criteria used in the FY2022 Competition on the scoring criteria developed for the FY2021 CoC Program Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) project competition in 2022, both of which did consider the input of persons of difference races, including persons identifying as African American/Black who are overrepresented in the local homeless population. (2) Input gained in previous competitions from persons of races overrepresented in the local homeless population was used to ensure the inclusion of rating factors centered around racial equity in the FY2022 CoC Program Competition. Each project, new and renewal, contained a section of scoring criteria that rated projects based on their ability to ensure racial equity in the provision of services. (3) The NPCoC ensured persons of different races, particularly those overrepresented in the local homeless population, were included in the review, selection, and ranking process by inviting members of the NPCoC's Youth Action Board (YAB) to participate in the FY2022 CoC Program Competition Review and Rank Meeting. A YAB member, representative of the local homeless population overrepresented in the local homeless population, participated in the FY2022 Review and Rank meeting, which involved the review, selection, and ranking of project applications. The YAB member used their experience of providing input for two previous competitions, and knowledge from participating in the Review and Rank Meeting for YHDP, to meaningfully participate in the review, selection, and ranking of both renewal projects during the FY2022 CoC review. (3) The NPCoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which they identified barriers to participation faced by persons of different races and ethnicities overrepresented in the local homeless population, as well the steps taken to eliminate the identified barriers, by including a racial equity rating factor in both new and renewal projects. The racial equity rating factor for both new and renewal projects was worth 7 points.

	1E-4.	Reallocation–Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
		NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

		Describe in the field below:
	1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;
	2.	whether your CoC identified any projects through this process during your local competition this year;
	3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and
	4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC's process for determining which projects are candidates for reallocation due to low performance or low need involves the NPCoC Collaborative Applicant conducting a past performance and local priority review of all renewal projects at the opening of each annual CoC Program Competition. Past performance review of projects involves an evaluation of each project's most recently submitted Annual Performance Report to determine if the project met or exceeded the performance outcomes established in the funded project application. For the local priority review, projects are evaluated to determine if they are the only type of housing or supportive service programs available in the region and are necessary for ending homelessness. Projects that are slightly lower performing but are the only project of their kind in the region meeting an identified need or assisting hard to serve population(s) are considered a local priority of the NPCoC. The NPCoC determines projects qualify as candidates for reallocation when they fail to achieve the goals and objectives listed in their most recently funded project application and no longer meet a need of the homeless population. (2) During the FY2022 CoC Program Competition, the NPCoC followed its reallocation process and determined both renewal projects had at least one performance outcome that exceeded those listed in their respective funded project application. Additionally, the local priority review of both renewal projects resulted in the determination that both projects met a need of the local community, including permanent supportive housing for people with disabilities and a supportive services only project contributing to the NPCoC's Coordinated Entry System. Based on the NPCoC's reallocation process, both renewal projects were determined to be unsuitable for reallocation during the FY2022 CoC Program Competition. (3) Based on the NPCoC's reallocation process, both renewal projects were determined to be unsuitable for reallocation during the FY2022 CoC Program Competition; therefore, the NPCoC did not perform reallocation in FY2022. (4) The NPCoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during the FY2022 CoC Program Competition because both renewal projects passed the NPCoC's reallocation process and were not determined to be low performing or low need.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022?	No

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/12/2022

1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results–Scores for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Final Project Scores for All Projects attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Applicant Names; 2. Project Names; 3. Project Scores; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Award amounts; and 6. Projects accepted or rejected status.	Yes

1E-5c.	1E-5c. Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/27/2022

1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the CoC's website or partner's website.	09/27/2022

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	WellSky

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

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

2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX.	04/29/2022

2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in databases that meet HUD's comparable database requirements; and	
2.	state whether your CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC Lead Agency and HMIS Lead, the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH), requests victim service providers (VSP) applying for CoC- and ESG-program funding to certify their use of a comparable database that collects all required HUD Universal Data Elements during each annual application process. VSPs have previously provided certification during the ESG application process using an "NPCoC Questionnaire for ESG Applicants" which requests the name of the comparable database and a listing of the HMIS Data Standards the system can collect. In 2022, the ESG recipient, West Virginia Community Advancement and Development Office, simplified the NPCoC Letter of Recommendation process which did not include certification of the use of database systems; however, the PY2022 ESG application did require certification of each applicant's use of a HMIS database or comparable database system. During the local CoC Competition, VSPs certify their use of a comparable database and HMIS Data Elements as part of the review and rank selection process. Projects are ranked based on their utilization of a comparable database which demonstrates their experience and ability to operate projects serving domestic violence victims. In 2022, both VSPs in the NPCoC certified their use of the WV statewide comparable database EmpowerDB. While EmpowerDB is capable of producing de-identified aggregate data for the annual PITC/HIC, APRs, and ESG CAPER submissions for CoC- and ESG-funded VSPs, the database is not currently equipped to report on System Performance Measures data. The software provider of EmpowerDB spoke candidly in a video posting on the company's website, stating that such functionalities required by HUD are not built into the system as it is not a feature used by its customers. Difficulty in collecting SPM data from VSPs is not just a local issue, as other WV CoC's are encountering similar obstacles. To-date, action steps the NPCoC has taken to improve submission of SPM data from VSPs has been to collaborate with other WV CoCs who are exploring solutions via the Statewide HMIS Steering Committee, utilize APR data in annual applications that is similar to the goals of SPM (i.e., number of exits to permanent housing, increase of income), and explore technical assistance opportunities from HUD and partnering TA providers. (2) The NPCoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Total Beds 2022 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	72	25	41	87.23%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	31	12	19	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	24	0	24	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	18	0	18	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	0	0	0	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable.

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

Did your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 15, 2022, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count.	01/26/2022

2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX.	04/29/2022

2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how during the planning process for the 2022 PIT count your CoC:
1.	engaged stakeholders that serve homeless youth;
2.	involved homeless youth in the actual count; and
3.	worked with stakeholders to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) During the 2022 Point In Time Count (PIT Count) planning process, the NPCoC engaged stakeholders serving youth experiencing homelessness by extending an invitation to the region's Runaway Homeless Youth (RHY) organization, homeless providers operating projects prioritizing youth ages 18-24, and a local school district liaison to assist in the planning of the 2022 PIT Count. Planning the 2022 PIT Count included the NPCoC Collaborative Applicant, the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH), hosting NPCoC training sessions which included specific guidance on the distinction between HUD's homeless definition and youth in state custody or programs providing diversion from corrections, which are the same populations served by local RHY programs. Youth stakeholders, including RHY providers, homeless providers serving youth ages 18-24, and local school liaisons provided data to the NPCoC on the number of youth experiencing homelessness for the 2022 PIT Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and a total of 20 young adults, age 18-24, were identified. (2) The NPCoC encouraged participation from youth experiencing homelessness to conduct surveys during the 2022 PITC by soliciting volunteer support to conduct surveys on social media but did not receive volunteer support from this population. At the time of the 2022 PIT Count, the NPCoC's Youth Action Board was participating in the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) planning process to develop the Coordinated Community Plan to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness. Since the YHDP award announcement, the NPCoC has worked closely with the YAB to enhance their involvement and understanding of the requirements of the NPCoC and intends to improve PIT Count participation among the population by soliciting the support of the YAB in the planning and survey process during the 2023 PITC. (3) The NPCoC Collaborative Applicant distributed a PIT Count schedule of locations to youth stakeholders who were asked to not only sign up but provide input on locations where youth experiencing homelessness were most likely to be identified based on their knowledge of the youth population. Locations identified included emergency shelters, the Ohio County Public Library, Catholic Charities, and the Soup Kitchen of Wheeling.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.a and VII.B.7.c.	

	In the field below:
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable; and
3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
4.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2022.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not applicable, as no changes were made to PIT count implementation between 2021 and 2022.

2C. System Performance

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

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2C-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.b.	

	In the field below:
1.	describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;
2.	describe your CoC's strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) As the main access point of the NPCoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES), the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH) regularly evaluates a random sample of client cases to determine the most common risk factors for persons who have experienced first time homelessness. This evaluation process informs GWCH and the CES of the risk factors for first time homelessness which are incorporated into Homelessness Prevention Targeting Criteria Assessments and Housing Barriers Checklist Assessments to ensure limited funds are prioritized to households with the highest needs. Risk factors are assigned point values in these assessments and can include insufficient income, emergency shelter inaccessibility, debts, substance abuse, mental health issues, a court-ordered or formal written eviction notice, loss of family/friend supports, etc. This evaluation process is conducted every two years or as policy changes dictate. (2) The NPCoC's strategy to address the needs of individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless is to begin Centralized Intake and Assessment (CIA) with diversion services. Diversion assists households determine if additional family, friend, or community support is available to avoid entering emergency shelter. For persons able to be diverted, community resource guides provide the household options to achieve further housing stability, such as employment services to address income loss or substance abuse services for persons struggling with addiction. When diversion is not viable, the NPCoC has an inventory of Homeless Prevention (HP) programs, such as SSVF, ESG, and HOPWA, to assist households who would become homeless if not for the program's assistance. Diversion strategies assisted the NPCoC in reducing first time homelessness by 3% between FY2020 and FY2021 for persons in ES, SH, and TH and by 3% for persons in ES, SH, TH and PH projects. (3) The organization responsible for overseeing the NPCoC strategy is GWCH.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC's strategy to reduce the length of time homeless is to quickly conduct the client's housing assessment at the first available appointment after Centralized Intake and Assessment (CIA) at the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH) which occurs no later than 7 days of CIA. Within 14 days of CIA, a housing plan is developed based on housing assessment results. Weekly landlord outreach by GWCH, who also acts as the main access point of the Coordinated Entry System (CES), allows the NPCoC to have access to readily available rental units for expedited placement into permanent housing for households who have completed their housing plan. This strategy has been highly effective, as the NPCoC has seen a consistent reduction in the length of time individuals and families remain homeless. In 2020, the length of time homeless was 63 bed nights, which is an 11% (8-bed night) reduction from the 71 bed nights reported in the HDX in 2019. In 2021, the length of time homeless was 49 bed nights, which is a 22% (14-bed night) reduction from the 63 bed nights reported in the HDX in 2020. (2) The NPCoC identifies and houses individuals and families with the longest lengths of time homeless through monthly NPCoC Provider Committee meetings where local emergency shelters and service providers meet to prioritize persons experiencing homelessness for housing based on prioritization criteria developed from HUD's Notice CPD-16-11. The Provider Committee maintains regular updates on a master list of all persons experiencing homelessness which includes the dates of each person's entry into emergency shelter or the streets. These dates are calculated into a formula to identify those persons who have the longest lengths of time homeless and the highest severity of needs, who are prioritized for permanent housing placement first. The NPCoC Lead Agency, GWCH, hosts the Provider Committee meetings and encourages continued referral into the CES in order to quickly assess and prioritize placement. (3) The organization responsible for overseeing the NPCOC's strategy is GWCH.

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

		In the field below:
	1.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;
	2.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and
	3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC's strategies to increase the rate of exits from ES, SH, TH, and RRH to permanent housing is a three-step process of improving rental unit availability through landlord outreach, timely connection to the Coordinated Entry System (CES) through client and community outreach, and prioritization of assistance to those most in need during monthly Provider Committee meetings. The Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless is an access point of the NPCoC's CES and conducts weekly outreach to landlords across the region to improve the availability of ready-to-rent units. This strategy expedites connection to permanent housing, as it shortens time spent of housing search and placement after the client's enrollment. Weekly client and community partnership outreach also expedites referral into the CES where persons with the highest barriers are prioritized for assistance first. While the NPCoC witnessed a slight reduction of 7% in the rate of exits to permanent housing from FY2020 to FY2021 due to the pandemic's shelter-in-place mandates, pre-pandemic rates did witness increases to permanent housing exits by 13% from FY2018 to FY2019 through implementation of these strategies. (2) The NPCoC's strategy to increase the rate of retention in PH projects or exit to permanent housing destinations from PH projects is by coupling such programs with supportive services that promote housing stability. The region's only CoC-funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project operated by GWCH conducts weekly home visits focusing on life-skills development and connection to community resources. In-house, persons in PSH and RRH have access to peer recovery supportive services, a robust employment program, and Community Engagement Specialists. Using the network of community partnerships, clients are offered a wide range of assistance to promote housing stability, including healthcare, transportation, food, mental health services, behavioral health care, substance abuse treatment, etc. With these strategies implemented, PSH continues to witness significantly high rates of exits to permanent housing, with 88% of all persons served in FY2021 exiting or retaining permanent housing placement. (3) The responsible organization is GWCH.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC's strategy to identify persons who return to homelessness is through full utilization of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) which collects client-level data and creates an entry record summary for each occurrence of homeless services received. As the NPCoC's only access point for the Coordinated Entry System (CES) that is required to use an HMIS, the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH) maintains client case files in HMIS for every person who enters the CES, documenting the number of returns to homelessness and the reasons for return. (2) The NPCoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness is to focus on the individual barriers of each person who presents for services and offer comprehensive support tailored to their individual needs and desires. For example, loss of income can be addressed with GWCH's comprehensive in-house employment program AimHire or through partnership with the Northern Panhandle Workforce Development Board (NPWDB) who offers basic employability skills and unemployment assistance. Persons who are struggling with substance abuse issues and want to seek treatment can participate in GWCH's peer recovery support services while more intensive treatment services are available through Northwood Health Systems. Additionally, the key to reducing the rate of return among those returning for assistance is to assess the households for more intensive, longer-term programs to meet the client's individual needs. Reasons for returns to homelessness are incorporated into the client's individualized service plan, establishing action steps to overcome barriers. Once housing is regained, intensive services are gradually reduced while clients are concurrently linked to external community resources that can be accessed longer-term for further stabilization. The NPCoC's strategy has resulted in a consistent reduction in in the rate of return between 6-12 months, as evidenced by a 6% rate of return in FY2019, a 3% rate of return in FY2020, and 1% rate of return in FY2021. (3) The responsible organization is GWCH.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	

	In the field below:
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their cash income; and
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) As stated in Goal 2 of the NPCoC's Strategic Plan, one of the seven strategies to increase employment income is to develop and support programs that remove barriers to participating in the workforce. The NPCoC's main access point of the Coordinated Entry System (CES) at the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH) offers clients access to AimHire, a comprehensive employment program offering in-house assistance with job placement with employer partners, on-the-job training, resume and mock interviewing skill development, comparative budgeting sessions, and assistance with removing barriers to employment. GWCH implemented this new program after securing Federal and foundation grants in 2021. As a result of the first year of implementation of AimHire, the NPCoC witnessed a 10% increase in clients accessing employment cash sources in FY2021. As funding is limited, clients who do not qualify for AimHire assistance are provided case management services to address barriers to accessing employment, such as obtaining vital records, securing childcare, or locating transportation. (2) The NPCoC's Lead Agency, GWCH, has long-standing partnerships with mainstream employment organizations, including the Northern Panhandle Workforce Development Board (NPWDB) and Workforce WV. All clients, regardless of enrollment in AimHire or not, are referred for employment training and education with NPWDB and unemployment compensation and job search assistance with Workforce WV. The employment skills and assistance aid clients in securing employment cash income. Persons enrolled in the region's only permanent supportive housing program are referred to Vocational Rehab for assistance in overcoming barriers to accessing, maintaining, or returning to employment. (3) The responsible organization is GWCH.

2C-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income–CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	

		In the field below:
	1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and
	2.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The NPCoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income, as cited in the NPCoC Strategic Plan, is offering clients a one-stop application process for mainstream benefits in conjunction with Centralized Intake and Assessment (CIA) at the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH). The CIA process involves the assessment of other non-employment cash resources beneficial to the client and offers access to applications, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Another NPCoC strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources is to assist clients in obtaining Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) by acting as a liaison between clients and the Social Security Administration (SSA). GWCH's Executive Director is trained in SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) and oversees staff who assist clients with submitting applications for SSI/SSDI benefits at intake when disabling conditions make it difficult for clients to obtain employment. If benefits are initially denied, GWCH case managers have a high success rate in appealing and overturning decisions through SSI/SSDI advocacy. GWCH also partners with Legal Aid of West Virginia who addresses legal issues experienced by clients that create barriers to long-term housing stability, including issues arising with SSI/SSDI benefits. This form of non-employment cash income is especially important for individuals enrolled in GWCH's permanent supportive housing program as the program serves persons with disabilities who are often chronically homeless. The NPCoC has three providers of the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program in the region, including GWCH, CHANGE, Inc., and Helping Heroes who use the program to assist Veterans with accessing Veteran Affairs benefits, such as Service-Connected Disability Compensation and Non-Service-Connected Disability Pension. While changes in non-employment cash income for adult leavers was slightly reduced by 1% from FY2020 to FY2021 as reported in the HDX, consistent implementation of these strategies has generally led to improved scoring of Metric 4.6 of change in total income for adult leavers. (3) The responsible organization is GWCH.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No

3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.6.a. and VII.B.6.b.	

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

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.s.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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 Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

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

3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
  - 24 CFR part 578;
    - FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applications.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

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

4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2022 Priority Listing.	

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

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

4A-3.	Assessing Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.(e)(1)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	139
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	20
3.	Unmet Need:	119

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(c)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

YWCA Wheeling's FVPP (Family Violence Prevention Program) calculated the number of survivors provided emergency safe shelter or transitional housing between September 1, 2021-August 31, 2022. The data was collected during DV survivor initial intake. The data was then entered into and then exported from the EmpowerDB database. EmpowerDB is a comparable data base approved by HUD and utilized by the YWCA Wheeling's FVPP. All DV Survivors entering into emergency shelter or transitional housing are in need of permanent housing.

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

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

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

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	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

	Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant applying for one or more New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects included on your CoC's FY 2022 Priority Listing:

	1.	Applicant Name	Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.
	2.	Project Name	Young Women's Christian Association of Wheeling WV Transitional Housing
	3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	4
	4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	DA2DV9VF4T52
	5.	Amount Requested	$74,698
	6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	79%
	7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	50%

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

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

(limit 1,500 characters)

The YWCA Wheeling's FVPP keeps track of the DV survivors when placed in housing with exit process from emergency shelter or transitional housing. That number, for September 1, 2021-August 31, 2022, was 94 clients that went into permanent housing for DV Survivors housed. This is 79% of the 139 of DV Survivors served during the same time frame. Housing retention is 50%; with 60 clients maintain permanent housing and 59 clients unknown that have refused follow-up services, so data is unknown. Housing data is currently supplied by EmpowerDB, a comparable database approved by HUD.

	4A-3c.	Applicant Experience in Providing Housing to DV Survivor for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
		NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

When a victim of domestic violence becomes homeless and is in need of emergency safe shelter the YWCA's FVPP shelter manager workers to develop an individual service plan within the first three days upon entering the safe shelter program. With safety a primary focus, the shelter manager takes into consideration where the victim prefers to obtain housing such as; Ohio, Marshall or Wetzel County or another county in the state of West Virginia. Often time's victims are in need of income based, public or private housing accommodation's due to lack of income.

The shelter manager assists DV survivors in collecting and/or obtaining birth certificates, drivers' licenses/photo ID and their social security card and other forms of documentation that are required by the housing authority to process their housing applications. The shelter manager or a domestic violence advocate will help the victim complete the housing application. Once the application is completed the victim is either transported to the housing location to deliver the application or the application is mailed by the shelter manager. It is a common practice for victim to complete multiple housing applications within the first couple weeks of residing in emergency safe shelter. Our organization links victims/survivors to many community resources such as our local Department of Health and Human Resources to determine eligibility of benefits. Linkage to local food banks, clothing agencies including our own YWCA Y- Not Repeat Bouquet are among other resources utilized to provide homeless with moving forward to permanent housing, while rebuilding their lives after experiencing domestic violence.

	4A-3d.	Applicant Experience in Ensuring DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
		NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

All new YWCA Wheeling FVPP staff are required to complete 40 hours of initial training, including organizational policies and procedures, shadowing, completing online modules, and reviewing the training manual. All training of DV advocates includes individual safety planning protocols.

The YWCA Wheeling has multiple private rooms for in-take to maintain privacy for all clients.

Interviews/in-takes are done on a one on one basis only. However, the YWCA does offer Batters Intervention and Prevention Program for men perpetrating domestic violence and FOCUS for women perpetrating domestic violence. Monthly staff meetings are held for training purposes.   Trainings provided cover confidentiality, boundaries, safety measures (building and health related), and de-escalation training.

The YWCA Wheeling mission and philosophy always lets the survivor have a voice in decision making for permanent housing. The YWCA is a voluntary model, every decision made is made by the survivor, including the safest place for them to live.

The YWCA does not operate or maintain permanent housing sites. The YWCA assists in seeking out permanent housing and evaluating, with the survivor's input, the safety and functionality of the property with the landlord.

 The YWCA ensures safety planning as the forefront of services for domestic violence survivors.   Measuring safety comes in the form at looking at how survivors use continued support services. Although no one's safety can be ensured, the intense safety planning training and dynamics of domestic violence heightens the survivor's ability to live safer.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant Experience in Evaluating Their Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The YWCA Wheeling evaluates its ability to ensure the safety of domestic violence survivors that are being housed in the Madden House emergency shelter or transitional housing , by measuring its safety record.
In the last year there have been no reported confidentiality breaches of the 139 domestic violence survivors served.

All 139 domestic violence survivors have had safety planning as a part of case management.

4A-3e.	Applicant Experience in Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

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

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The YWCA Wheeling FVPP was started in 1978, and has maintained emergency shelter, transitional housing and comprehensive support services for domestic violence survivors

Each domestic violence advocate and dsp is required to obtain 100 hours of trauma informed care, specifically domestic violence survivor training, within the first two years of employment and maintain ongoing training thereafter. All services are based on voluntary service models and victim centered approached. Survivors take the lead in the healing process.

If funded, the YWCA will use intake protocols and individual service plans within 3 days of entering emergency shelter. Survivors of domestic violence are always in charge of the process of healing after domestic violence, and they decide when they are ready for re-housing.

The YWCA already maintains agency respect, and follows the guidelines that we give all domestic violence survivors back the power that their abusers have stripped from them. All employees of the YWCA are required to uphold the its mission, to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

All domestic violence survivor program participants of FVPP have daily access to trauma informed care through the shelter manager, advocates, direct service providers and weekly support groups. All Family Violence Prevention Program staff are trained, extensively, in dealing with trauma.

All program participants participate in the initial in-take process and evaluate themselves on life skills. Extra life skills training is available on an on-going basis. The YWCA FVPP has an employment advocate that works with all survivors to meet the goals of their individual service plan. The child advocate on staff, helps with trauma informed parenting after violence.

All YWCA Wheeling program align with the mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Specific training is given to all employess for cultural specific competencies.

The YWCA Wheeling already offers a weekly domestic violence survicor group, FOCUS group, peer to peer intervention. The YWCA supplies transportation and the ability to attend any spiritual group of their choice.

The YWCA Wheeling already has a child advocate on staff that assists all survivors with ongoing parenting classes and activities with survivors' children that are centered around trauma informed care. Childcare is always provided for survivor's groups.

4A-3f.	Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.		
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)		

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

The YWCA Wheeling has court advocates on staff that connect survivors with legal aid, pro bono attorneys, and utilize emergency funding through the WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence office for attorney services. All legal services are referred out to legal aid, pro bono attorneys and other partners for any legal services needed.

Criminal history services are handled by legal aid. The YWCA will assist with housing applications that are rejected due to criminal history and assist survivors in the appeal process and work one on one with landlords.

The YWCA will assist with housing applications that are rejected due to bad credit history and assist survivors in the appeal process and work one on one with landlords. Community partners offer on-site workshops on how to improve their credit history and maintain financial stability.

Education, job training and employment are addressed by the employment advocate on staff. They work one on one with each survivor to establish a base level of skills and interests. Survivors are referred to Workforce as necessary. Formal partnerships have been established with the YWCA Wheeling in various employment fields.

Physical/mental healthcare is an ongoing challenge for domestic violence survivors. Partnerships have been formed with local mental health agencies and providers, doctors, hospitals, clinics, and mobile health units. All survivors are given options for all services upon initial intake process and during ongoing individual service plan reviews.

Drug and alcohol treatment is handled, as much as possible, in house with the YWCA Women Inspired in New Directions (WIND) that specializes in substance use disorder, healthy living and re-entry into society. Extensive therapy is referred to community partners.

The YWCA Wheeling FVPP domestic violence advocates work side by side with survivors to connect them with the Child Resource Center. We transport and accompany them to induvial day care providers and day care centers.

Advocates assist in filling out any applications for childcare, school, and enrollment in activities.

| | 4A-3g. | Plan for Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects. | |
| | | NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(e) | |

		Provide examples in the field below of how the new project will:
	1.	prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;
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	4A-3h.	Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development of New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
		NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(f)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The YWCA Wheeling's response to victimization must retain a focus on the needs, beliefs, and interests of the victims/survivors. YWCA Wheeling recognizes that engaging domestic violence survivors in leadership and decision making is imperative to providing effective services. This is a core value of the and implicitly woven through each goal and often discussed in leadership meetings. Client feedback received during intakes and exit surveys reinforce the importance of this effort. Feedback is used to for evaluation on service provision procedures, and procedures are adjusted as need arises.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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	4.	Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
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1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1E-1. Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Local Competition...	09/22/2022
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/22/2022
1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	09/22/2022
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/22/2022
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/22/2022
1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects	Yes	Final Project Sco...	09/22/2022
1E-5c. Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		

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

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Submission Summary

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Administrative Plan 2021 (voucher program):

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

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

> WHA Policy
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> The WHA will offer a preference to any family that has been terminated from its HCV program due to insufficient program funding.
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> Veteran – A family whose head or spouse is an honorable or general discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. Proof of this is through the Defense Department issued Form DD-214 or a certification from a federal, state or local agency that will attest to the veteran status.
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> Homeless – Local individuals who become or who are homeless. This will be verified through the Wheeling Homeless Coalition, Salvation Army, YWCA, or other social service agency providing shelter or service to a homeless individual.
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> Rent Burden – A family whose rent and tenant paid utilities have exceeded 40 percent of the family's total adjusted monthly income for 90 or more consecutive. Proof of this burden shall consist of verification of monthly household income, verification of monthly rent, and proof of tenant supplied utility and/or service supplier costs. For family income, this must be provided at the time of the request for the rent burden preference. When rent is verified, the family must provide a copy of its current lease/occupancy agreement or receipts including cancelled checks or money order receipts); WHA may verify with the landlord. Regarding verifying utilities/housing services, the family must provide copies of bills or utility/service supplier verification as requested by the WHA.
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> Each of these preferences will be worth one point, except for the veteran's preference which will be worth two points. All preference points will be aggregated and the applicants with the most points will be at the top of the waiting list (those with the same point value will be sorted by date and time of application).
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> All preferences will be verified when the applicant reaches the top of the waiting list and are being processed for housing. If a preference is not verified, the applicant will be resorted and if that results in being lower on the waiting list, they will have to wait until they reach the top of the waiting list before being offered housing.

Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy 2021 (public housing):

4-III.B. SELECTION METHOD

PHAs must describe the method for selecting applicant families from the waiting list, including the system of admission preferences that the PHA will use.

Local Preferences [24 CFR 960.206]

PHAs are permitted to establish local preferences and to give priority to serving families that meet those criteria. HUD specifically authorizes and places restrictions on certain types of local preferences. HUD also permits the PHA to establish other local preferences, at its discretion. Any local preferences established must be consistent with the PHA plan and the consolidated plan, and must be based on local housing needs and priorities that can be documented by generally accepted data sources [24 CFR 960.206(a)].

> WHA Policy
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> The WHA will use the following local preferences:
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> Working Families - In order to bring higher income families into public housing, the WHA will establish a preference for "working" families, where the head, spouse, cohead, or sole member is employed at least 20 hours per week. As required by HUD, families where the head, spouse, cohead or sole member is a person age 62 or older, or is a person with disabilities, will also be given the benefit of the working preference [24 CFR 960.206(b)(2)].
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> Veteran – A family whose head, spouse or cohead is an honorable or general discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. Proof of this is through the Defense Department issued Form DD-214 or a certification from a federal, state or local agency that will attest to the veteran status.
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> Homeless – Local individuals who become or who are. This will be verified through the Wheeling Homeless Coalition, Salvation Army, YWCA, or other social service agency providing shelter or service to a homeless individual.
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FY2022 Continuum of Care Program NOFO Announcement
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As Collaborative Applicant for the Northern Panhandle Continuum of Care (NPCoC), the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless (GWCH) is announcing the release of the FY2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A complete copy of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) which governs the competition can be found at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=342855. Interested parties should read this NOFO in its entirety in conjunction with the CoC Program interim rule (24 CFR part 578) in order to ensure a comprehensive understanding of and compliance with all CoC Program requirements.

HUD's funding priorities for this year's competition are cited in the FY2022 NOFO. In consideration of the policy priorities established in this NOFO, and in conjunction with local priorities, this funding is currently used in the NPCoC for projects which provide centralized intake and assessment of people who are homeless, permanent supportive housing for people with disabilities, and local CoC planning duties. While HUD has not yet released the level of funding available to the NPCoC's geographic region during the FY2022 competition, this announcement contains estimates based on the funding levels of the FY2021 CoC Program. Updates will be made to this announcement as new information is released by HUD. Along with this announcement, the Collaborative Applicant will publicly post updates to its website at https://www.wheelinghomeless.org/.

Renewal /Current CoC-Funded Projects
Two renewal projects currently exist in the NPCoC: permanent supportive housing and supportive services only. As indicated in the NPCoC Memorandum of Understanding, all previously funded renewal projects in good standing will be given priority in the review and rank process. In an initial review of renewal projects based on performance and local priorities, it has been determined that the renewal projects do not qualify for reallocation, as they are in good standing and continue to be the only projects of their type available in the NPCoC. The Review and Rank Committee will officially review and rank the renewals in September using the established scoring criteria that will be publicly released on the Collaborative Applicant's website at the time project applications are made available.

Opportunity for New Bonus Projects
In FY2022, it is expected that HUD will make funding available to the NPCoC for new bonus projects, including an estimated $121,005 for the DV Bonus. This estimated level of funding is based on the FY2021 CoC Program funding levels. Available DV Bonus project types may include those described in the FY2022 NOFO at V.4.a.(4).

It is also expected that HUD will make funding available to the NPCoC for an estimated $40,335 for the CoC Bonus. This estimated level of funding is based on the FY2021 CoC Program funding levels. Available CoC Bonus project types may include those described in the NOFO at V.4.a.(3). Dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) projects may only be applied for by the CoC's HMIS Lead. Similarly, Supportive Services Only for Coordinated Entry projects

may only be applied for by the existing agencies that are designated as the two CoC Coordinated Entry System access points.

To fully adhere to and implement responsibilities listed in the *NPCoC Community Strategic Plan to End Homelessness* and the *NPCoC Memorandum of Understanding,* which includes maintaining CoC-wide matching practices, new project applicants will agree to apply for and receive funds as a sub-recipient of the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless in the event new funding is approved through HUD. This decision was made with guidance from the Technical Assistance Center and in conjunction with HUD's preferences.

Letter of Intent

All project applicants applying for new bonus projects must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to Jordan Harris at GWCH by emailing jharris@wheelinghomeless.org no later than August 15, 2022 at 5:00pm EST. All applicants must use the LOI Form attached to this notice for their submission. Submission of an LOI does not obligate the organization to submit a project application when the project application becomes available. The LOI is a non-binding expression of interest in which an organization will be approached to submit a full application to HUD; however, applicants who fail to submit an LOI by the August 15th deadline will be ineligible to submit an application for CoC Program funds during the FY2022 Competition.

Incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted after the August 15, 2022 5:00 pm EST deadline. Ensure you receive a delivery receipt that your LOI has been delivered by the deadline. To ensure you receive a delivery receipt, use the email function of requesting a delivery receipt with your submission. Applicants are also encouraged to call the Collaborative Applicant at 304-232-6105 to confirm receipt. Any retraction of an LOI at any time must be conducted in writing by emailing Jordan Harris at jharris@wheelinghomeless.org using the same process as described above.

Review and Rank Process

As indicated in the Local Competition Deadlines Chart, the Review and Rank Committee will convene in September to review, rank, reject, or reduce project applications. All applicants who have submitted a project application will be notified of the selected date and time in advance of the meeting and must have a representative available virtually on the day of the review to answer potential questions from the NPCoC Review and Rank Committee. The established scoring criteria used by the NPCoC's Review and Rank Committee will be publicly released on the Collaborative Applicant's website at the time project applications are made available.

Important Considerations

All agencies applying for FY2022 CoC Program funding must be fully participating in the NPCoC and using the established Coordinated Entry System. Participation in the NPCoC is a HUD requirement for all funded agencies. If you are not a member of the NPCoC, please contact Jordan Harris at jharris@wheelinghomeless.org to obtain an introduction packet prior to the LOI deadline of August 15, 2022. Signed NPCoC Memorandum of Understanding and Conflict of Interest acknowledgment pages contained in the introduction packet must be returned with the LOI submission no later than August 15, 2022 at 5:00pm EST.

All agencies, if funded, must participate in the HUD-mandated HMIS or Comparable Database (if a DV provider). The NPCoC utilizes the WV Statewide HMIS ServicePoint and GWCH is the NPCoC HMIS Lead. All agencies must be willing to include a budget litem item for this expense in the application. Agencies funded under the CoC Program are responsible for participation in the HMIS and should contact the HMIS Systems Administrator, Brandon McLendon, via email at bmclendon@wheelinghomeless.org for more information prior to the application deadline of August 29, 2022 at 11:59 pm EST.

All agencies applying for bonus project funding as a subrecipient of GWCH must include in each project a budget line item for Administration; 7% of which will remain with the subrecipient to operate the project and 3% of which will remain with the recipient (GWCH) to conduct monitoring required by HUD and ensure compliance with recordkeeping and financial expenditures for the project.

Internal CoC Competition Deadlines

In adherence to provisions at 24 CFR 578.9, the NPCoC is implementing the following internal competition deadlines for the FY2022 Competition process. These deadlines are intended to meet the standards outlined in Section VII.B.2.g of the FY2022 NOFO. *The NPCoC recognizes this local competition timeline is very short; however, these due dates are dictated by the deadlines established by HUD in the FY2022 NOFO and must be met in order for the CoC to receive maximum points on the Consolidated Application, which directly impacts the CoC's ability to receive new bonus project funding.*

Important NPCoC Local Competition Deadlines	
DEADLINE	**ACTIVITY**
August 15, 2022 – 5:00 pm EST	All applicants are required to contact Jordan Harris at GWCH by emailing jharris@wheelinghomeless.org with a completed Letter of Intent Form no later than August 15th at 5:00 pm EST. **Ensure you receive a delivery receipt on or prior to the deadline as proof of submission.**
August 16, 2022 **Subject to HUD* *making available the project application* *in esnaps*	The NPCoC Collaborative Applicant will release the project application questions to applicants who have submitted a letter of intent by the August 15th deadline.
August 29, 2022 – 11:59 pm EST	Applicants who have submitted a letter of intent to apply must submit their complete project application to Jordan Harris at GWCH by emailing jharris@wheelinghomeless.org no later than 11:59 pm EST on August 29th for upload into esnaps. **Ensure you receive a delivery receipt dated on or prior to the deadline as proof of submission.**
August 30, 2022	Applicants must be available on August 30th between the hours of 9:00 am – 5:00 pm EST to answer any questions from the NPCoC Collaborative Applicant as it pertains to the input of project application information into esnaps to ensure projects are uploaded by the August 31st deadline.

August 31, 2022 – 11:59 pm EST	All NPCoC project applications are required to be submitted in full on esnaps at www.hud.gov/esnaps.com
Weeks of September 5ᵗʰ/12ᵗʰ *Scheduled Date TBA*	The NPCoC Collaborative Applicant will poll the Review and Rank Committee to identify a date and time for the Committee to convene. The Review and Rank Committee will review and rank, reject, or reduce project applications on the selected date and time. Applicants who have submitted a project application will be notified of the selected date and time in advance of the meeting and must be available virtually on the day of the review to answer potential questions from the NPCoC Review and Rank Committee.
September 14, 2022	The NPCoC will notify all project applicants who submitted their project applications to the NPCoC, in writing and outside of esnaps, whether their project application will be accepted and ranked on the CoC Priority Listing or will be rejected or reduced by the CoC, no later than September 14, 2022.
September 27, 2022	The NPCoC Collaborative Applicant will post on their website, at least 2 days before the FY2022 CoC Program Competition application submission deadline, the CoC Application, including the attachments and the CoC Priority Listing. To notify community members and key stakeholders that the CoC Consolidated Application is available, the NPCoC Collaborative Applicant will email the NPCoC General Membership and post a notice on their Facebook page. Per the FY2022 CoC Program NOFO, no final review, Q&A, or approval is required once the CoC Consolidated Application is available on the Collaborative Applicant's website.

Northern Panhandle Continuum of Care
FY2022 CoC Program Competition
Letter of Intent Form

1. Applicant Agency: _____

2. Contact Information

    Name: _____

    Phone: _____

    Email: _____

3. Is your agency applying for a bonus project?
    - ☐ Yes
    - ☐ No

    If yes, select the type of bonus (DV or CoC) and indicate the project type

    - ☐ **DV Bonus (**If checked, select which project type)
        - ☐ Permanent Housing – Rapid Re-Housing
        - ☐ Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Re-Housing
        - ☐ Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry

    - ☐ **CoC Bonus** (If checked, select which project type)
        - ☐ Permanent Housing – Permanent Supportive Housing
        - ☐ Permanent Housing – Rapid Re-Housing
        - ☐ Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Re-Housing
        - ☐ Dedicated Homeless Management Information System *(Only available to CoC HMIS Lead)*
        - ☐ Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry *(Only available to organizations serving as existing CE System access points)*

4. *Renewals are only applicable to the CoC Collaborative Applicant who is the current sole recipient of CoC Program funds.* Select the type of renewal project that will be applied for during the FY2022 CoC Program Competition:
    - ☐ Permanent Supportive Housing
    - ☐ Supportive Services Only
    - ☐ CoC Planning

5. **Brief Project Description –** Describe the entire scope of the proposed project.
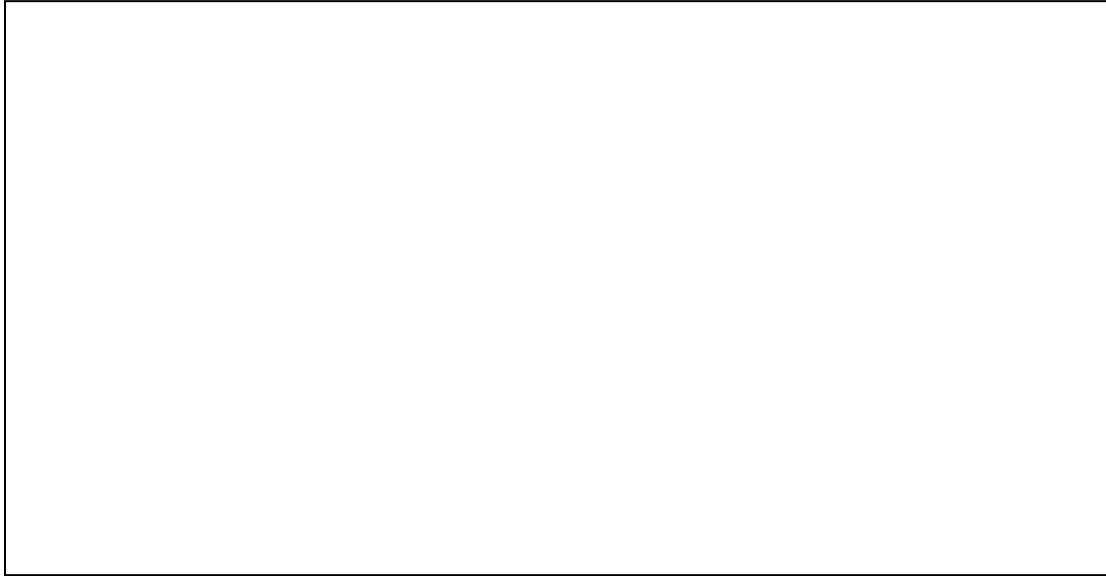
6. **Strategic Plan Alignment –** Describe how the proposed project aligns with the NPCoC's Community Strategic Plan to End Homelessness.

7. **HUD CoC and ESG Programs:** Does your agency currently operate a HUD CoC or ESG-funded Project?
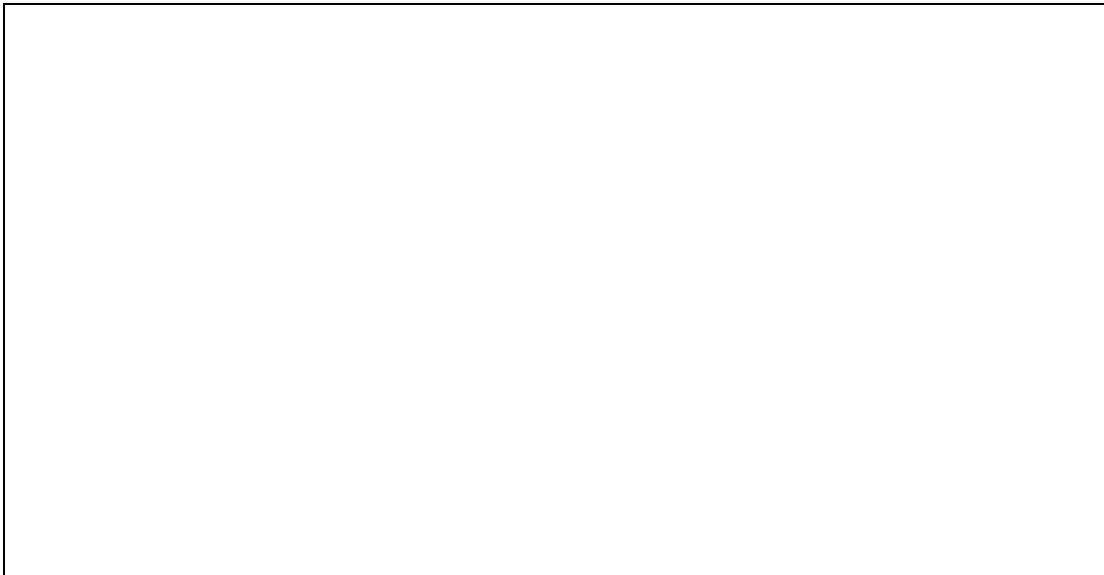
    ☐ Yes
    ☐ No

If Yes, please provide a description of your agency's current homeless service programs and coverage area:

8. **Applicant Experience –** Describe your agency's experience managing federal and/or state funding, operating projects under the *HEARTH Act definition of homeless*, and ensuring participants obtain and maintain housing.

9. **Collaboration with CoC Lead Agency and Coordinated Entry –** Describe how your agency coordinates with the CoC Lead Agency and Coordinated Entry System to promote equal access to all housing and support programs throughout the CoC. If your agency currently lacks experience, describe how your agency will coordinate with the CoC Lead Agency and Coordinated Entry if funded.

10. **Match Requirements:** As stated in the NPCoC By-Laws, the NPCoC Board of Directors have the responsibility of ensuring proper documentation of Continuum of Care-wide matching funds. As a sub-recipient, your agency will be required to secure a 25% cash or in-kind match for all program components. Describe your agency's plan to secure match for all required program components, including how match will be gathered.

FY2022 NPCoC Review and Ranking Committee
Final Summary Scoring Sheet

Monday, September 12, 2022

PROJECT	REVIEW SCORE	RECOMMENDATION (Circle One)	REVIEW RANK 1(high) – 4(low)
RENEWAL PROJECTS			
Supportive Services Only	100	**YES** / NO	1
Residential Housing	100	**YES** / NO	2
NEW PROJECTS			
Continuum of Care Bonus – Homeless Management Information System	100	**YES** / NO	3
Domestic Violence Bonus – Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Re-Housing	100	**YES** / NO	4

PARTICIPANTS:

Sandra J McMahon (signature)

Sandra McMahon, *Therapist* (Signature)

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Julia Bachman, *Community Member* (Signature)

Kameron Johnson (signature)

Kameron Johnson, *Youth Action Board Member* (Signature)

LEAD FACILITATOR: *Sandra J McMahon*

(Selected by participants)

Beginning of review: 12:00 AM/**PM**   Conclusion of review: 2:45 AM/**PM**

Northern Panhandle CoC: FY2022 Renewal Project Application Scoring Criteria

Applicant: **GWCH**   Subrecipient: **None**   Project: **Supportive Services Only**

CRITERIA TOPIC	SCORED CRITERIA	CRITERIA SOURCE	Point Scale	Points Received	Total Points
Performance Measures	**1. Permanent Housing Exit:** Did the project, in its most recently completed operating year, meet the established goal listed in the funded grant application of ensuring persons would meet the program to permanent housing, thus improving outcomes related to the system performance measures goal of increasing exits to permanent housing?	APR and Supporting Documentation	35% – 45+% = 30 pts, 25% – 34% = 20 pts, 15% – 24% = 10 pts, 0% – 14% = 0 pts	30 out of 30	30 out of 100
	2. Increased Income: Did the project, in its most recently completed operating year, meet the established goal listed in the funded grant application of ensuring persons age 18+ would increase their income, thus improving outcomes related to the system performance measures goal of increasing employment and income growth?	APR and Supporting Documentation	25% – 33+% = 20 pts, 19% – 24% = 15 pts, 13% – 18% = 10 pts, 7% – 12% = 5 pts, 0% – 6% = 0 pts	20 out of 20	50 out of 100
HMIS Data Quality	**1. Null/Missing Values:** Does the project have 10% or less in null or missing values?	APR	0 – 10% = 5 pts, Above 11% = 0 pts	5 out of 5	55 out of 100
	2. Refused/Unknown Values: Does the project have 10% or less in refused or unknown values?	APR	0 – 10% = 5 pts, Above 11% = 0 pts	5 out of 5	60 out of 100
Experience of Applicant	**1. Financial Stability:** Does the applicant provide evidence of their respective organization's audit/financial review which documents their financial stability?	Supporting Documentation	Yes = 4pts, No = 0pts	4 out of 4	64 out of 100
	2. Minimum Project Standards: Does the project meet the following minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards?	Supporting Documentation	Yes to all which are applicable = 10 pts, Yes to 1/3 – 5 pts, No to All = 0 pts	10 out of 10	74 out of 100
	a. Applicants have satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for existing grants that are funded under the CoC Program, as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if any), regular drawdowns, and timely resolution of any monitoring findings; **b.** For expansion projects, project applicants clearly articulate the part of the project that is being expanded. Additionally, the project applicant demonstrates that they are not replacing other funding sources; and **c.** Project applicants must demonstrate they are able to meet all timelessness standards per 24 CFR 578.85	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	(If a question is not applicable to the applicant, but other questions are answered "Yes", full points should be awarded)		
	3. Matching Funds: Does the applicant demonstrate secured and documented minimum match requirements?	Project Application	Yes = 2 pts, No = 0 pts	2	76

Northern Panhandle CoC: FY2022 Renewal Project Application Scoring Criteria

Applicant: GWCH Subrecipient: **None** Project: **Supportive Services Only**

		Documentation	Scoring	Score	Total
	4. Capacity: If the applicant has received CoC funding in the past, have they had funds de-obligated in the last 5 years?	Supporting Documentation	No = 3 pts / Yes = 0 pts	3 out of 2	79 out of 100
Design of Housing and Supportive Services	**1. Racial Equity:** Does the project application include a description where the applicant has identified barriers to participation faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population, and has taken steps to eliminate barriers to improve racial equity?	Project Application	Yes = 7 pts / No = 0 pts	7 out of 7	86 out of 100
	2. Lived Expertise: Does the project application include a description of how persons with lived expertise are included in project design and development?	Project Application	No = 6 pts / Yes = 0 pts	6 out of 6	92 out of 100
	3. Housing First: Does the project serve clients who have the following vulnerability and severity of needs that may prevent them from entering housing: - Having too little or little income - Active or history of substance abuse - Having a history of a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions - History of victimization	Project Application	Yes = 4 pts (1pt for each vulnerability)	4 out of 4	96 out of 100
	4 ✗ **Project Design:** Does the project application clearly articulate the program design proposed, including clear definition of eligibility for project applicants? Did the project include data generated from an HMIS that provides evidence of how the project will improve System Performance Measures?	Project Application and APR	Yes = 2 pts / No = 0 pts	2 out of 2	98 out of 100
	5 ✗ **Prioritization:** Does the project prioritize households with the longest time homeless and most severe service needs, as evidenced by active participation in the NPCoC Provider Committee meetings?	Supporting Documentation from NPCoC Lead Agency	Yes = 2 pts / No = 0 pts	2 out of 2	100 out of 100

Northern Panhandle CoC: FY2022 Renewal Project Application Scoring Criteria

Applicant: GWCH **Subrecipient: None** **Project: Residential Housing**

CRITERIA TOPIC	SCORED CRITERIA	CRITERIA SOURCE	Point Scale	Points Received	Total Points
Performance Measures	**1. Permanent Housing Exit:** Did the project, in its most recently completed operating year, meet the established goal listed in the funded grant application of ensuring persons would exit the program to permanent housing, thus improving outcomes related to the system performance measures goal of increasing exits to permanent housing?	APR and Supporting Documentation	35% – 45%+ = 30 pts 25% – 34% = 20 pts 15% – 24% = 10 pts 0% – 14% = 0 pts	30 out of 30	30 out of 100
	2. Increased Income: Did the project, in its most recently completed operating year, meet the established goal listed in the funded grant application of ensuring persons age 18+ would increase their income, thus improving outcomes related to the system performance measures goal of increasing employment and income growth?	APR and Supporting Documentation	35% – 45%+ = 30 pts 25% – 34% = 20 pts 15% – 24% = 10 pts 0% – 14% = 0 pts	20 out of 20	50 out of 100
HMIS Data Quality	**1. Null/Missing Values:** Does the project have 10% or less in null or missing values?	APR	0 – 10% = 5 pts Above 11% = 0 pts	5 out of 5	55 out of 100
	2. Refused/Unknown Values: Does the project have 10% or less in refused or unknown values?	APR	0 – 10% = 5 pts Above 11% = 0 pts	5 out of 5	60 out of 100
Experience of Applicant	**1. Financial Stability:** Does the applicant provide evidence of their respective organization's audit/financial review which documents their financial stability?	Supporting Documentation	Yes = 4pts No = 0pts	4 out of 4	64 out of 100
	2. Minimum Project Standards: Does the project meet the following minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards?		Yes to all which are applicable = 10 pts Yes to 1/3 – 5 pts No to All = 0 pts		100
	a. Applicants have satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for existing grants that are funded under the SHP, S+C, or CoC Program, as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if any), regular drawdowns, and timely resolution of any monitoring findings;	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	(If a question is not applicable to the applicant, but other questions are answered "Yes", full points should be awarded	10 out of 10	74 out of 100
	b. For expansion projects, project applicants clearly articulate the part of the project that is being expanded. Additionally, the project applicant demonstrates that they are not replacing other funding sources; and				
	c. Project applicants must demonstrate they are able to meet all timelessness standards per 24 CFR 578.85				

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Applicant: GWCH   **Subrecipient: None**   Project: **Residential Housing**

Category	Criteria	Documentation	Scoring	Points	Total
	3. Matching Funds: Does the applicant demonstrate secured and documented minimum match requirements?	Project Application	Yes = 2 pts / No = 0 pts	2 out of 2	76 out of 100
	4. Capacity: If the applicant has received CoC funding in the past, have they had funds de-obligated in the last 5 years?	Supporting Documentation	No = 3 pts / Yes = 0 pts	3 out of 3	79 out of 100
Design of Housing and Supportive Services	**1. Racial Equity:** Does the project application include a description where the applicant has identified barriers to participation faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population, and has taken steps to eliminate barriers to improve racial equity?	Project Application	Yes = 7 pts / No = 0 pts	7 out of 7	86 out of 100
	2. Lived Expertise: Does the project application include a description of how persons with lived expertise are included in project design and development?	Project Application	✳ No = 6 pts / Yes = 0 pts	6 out of 6	92 out of 100
	3. Housing First: Does the project serve clients who have the following vulnerability and severity of needs that may prevent them from entering housing: - Having too little or little income - Active or history of substance abuse - Having a history of a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions - History of victimization	Project Application	Yes = 4 pts (1pt for each vulnerability)	4 out of 4	96 out of 100
	4. Project Design: Does the project application clearly articulate the program design proposed, including clear definition of eligibility for project applicants? Did the project include data generated from an HMIS that provides evidence of how the project will improve System Performance Measures?	Project Application and APR	Yes = 2 pts / No = 0 pts	2 out of 2	98 out of 100
	5. Prioritization: Does the project prioritize households with the longest time homeless and most severe service needs, as evidenced by active participation in the NPCoC Provider Committee meetings?	Supporting Documentation from NPCoC Lead Agency	Yes = 2 pts / No = 0 pts	2 out of 2	100 out of 100

Applicant: Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless

Subrecipient: None

Project Type: CoC Bonus: Dedicated Homeless Management Information System

Project Name: FY2022 Dedicated Homeless Management Information System

CRITERIA TOPIC	SCORED CRITERIA	CRITERIA SOURCE	PASS/FAIL (circle one)	NOTES
HUD Minimum Project Eligibility Threshold Criteria	**1. Eligible Applicant:** Does the project recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) qualify as an eligible applicant per the requirements described in 24 CFR part 578 and include evidence of eligibility required in the application? Did the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) include their DUNS Number and UEI in the project application? Does the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) have an active registration in SAM?	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	2. Organizational Capacity: Does the project recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the proposed project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds? Does the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) have an Accounting System?	Project Application	Pass/Fail	
	3. Certifications: Did the project recipient respond to the required certifications as specified in the CoC Program NOFO (Certifications are part of the esnaps application and will be automatically completed by the recipient when the project is created in esnaps. Response is automatically generated for this criteria.)	Project Application	Pass/Fail	
	4. Eligible Populations: Will the proposed project serve eligible populations as described at 24 CFR 578.3 and Section II.B.11.f of the FY2022 CoC Program NOFO?	Project Application	Pass/Fail	
	5. HMIS: Does the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) demonstrate they participate in the local HMIS? (However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS if the project is serving victims of domestic violence)	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	If a new project does not score "PASS" in ALL of the criteria in this section, the application does not meet minimum HUD project eligibility threshold criteria and is NOT eligible for inclusion in the CoC submission to HUD.			

CRITERIA TOPIC	SCORED CRITERIA	CRITERIA SOURCE	PASS/FAIL (circle one)	NOTES
HUD Minimum Project Quality Threshold Criteria	**HMIS** – *New HMIS project applications must receive at least 3 out of the 4 points available for this project type. New HMIS projects that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected.* **1. Funding Strategy (worth 1 point):** Will HMIS funds be expended in a way that is consistent with the CoC's funding strategy for the HMIS and furthers the CoC's HMIS implementation? **2. Universal Data Elements (worth 1 point):** Does the HMIS collect all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards? **3. Unduplicated Records (worth 1 point):** Does the HMIS have the ability to un-duplicate client records? **4. Reporting Requirements (worth 1 point):** Does the HMIS produce all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting (e.g. APR, quarterly reports, data for CAPER/ESG reporting) and other reports required by other federal partners.	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	X out of 4 ~~Pass/Fail~~ 4	
	1. Minimum Project Standards: Does the project meet the following minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards? **a.** Recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) have satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for existing grants that are funded under the CoC Program, as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (as applicable), regular drawdowns, and timely resolution of any monitoring findings (Not Applicable to applicants who have never received a CoC Program funded project); and **b.** Project recipients must demonstrate they will be able to meet all timelessness standards per 24 CFR 578.85.	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	If a new project does not score "PASS" in ALL of the criteria in this section, the application does not meet minimum HUD project quality threshold criteria and is NOT eligible for inclusion in the CoC submission to HUD.			

CRITERIA TOPIC	SCORED CRITERIA	CRITERIA SOURCE	PASS/FAIL (circle one)	NOTES
NPCoC Project Eligibility Minimum Threshold Criteria	**1. Complete Application:** Is the project application complete? Was the project application submitted in accordance with the established deadline of August 29, 2022 at 11:59pm EST as described in the local competition announcement?	Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	2. Good Standing: Does the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) have no Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts? Does the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) have no Debarments and/or Suspensions? Has the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) disclosed any violations of Federal criminal law?	Project Application	Pass/Fail	
	3. Alignment with the NPCoC Strategic Plan: Did the applicant, in their Letter of Intent and subsequent project application, describe how the proposed project aligns with the NPCoC's Community Strategic Plan to End Homelessness?	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	4. Matching Funds: Does the applicant demonstrate secured and documented minimum match requirements?	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	5. Sub-recipient Agreement: Does the applicant agree to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the NPCoC Lead Agency, Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless? This question is not applicable to GWCH.	Project Application	n/a (N/a/F/sub)	
	6. Coordinated Entry: Does the applicant and subrecipient participate in the Coordinated Entry System?	Project Application	Pass/Fail	
	7. NPCoC Membership: Does the applicant and subrecipient have an active membership with the NPCoC?	Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	8. HMIS: Does the recipient and subrecipient participate in the HMIS database, or Comparable Database if a victim service provider? If not currently participating, did the applicant reach out to the HMIS Systems Administrator prior to the application deadline of August 29, 2022 at 11:59pm EST as indicated in the local announcement?	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	~~9.~~ **9. Project Budget:** Does the project budget include a line item for HMIS and a line item for Admin? Is the Admin line 10% of the overall request for funding?	Project Application	Pass/Fail	

If project does not score "PASS" in ALL of the criteria in this section, the project application does not meet minimum NPCoC threshold criteria for funding and is NOT eligible for inclusion in the CoC submission to HUD.

Did the applicant's project pass all of the three categories of minimum threshold criteria above (circle one)? **YES** / NO

If Yes, the project will be accepted and will continue on to Scoring Criteria

If No, the project will be rejected and will not continue on to Scoring Criteria

Attachment 2: CoC Program – New Project Minimum Threshold and Scoring Criteria

CRITERIA TOPIC	SCORED CRITERIA	CRITERIA SOURCE	POINTS	SCORE
System Performance Measures	1. Does the project application list two goals, with corresponding measurable outcomes, that align with CoC System Performance Measures? (decrease in length of time homeless, decrease in returns to homelessness, increase in exits to permanent housing, increase in employment and income growth, and/or decrease in the number of persons homeless for the first time)?	Project Application	Described two project outcomes that will improve SPM = 33 pts _(circled)_ Described one project outcome that will improve SPM = 16.5 pts Does not describe project outcomes that will improve SPM = 0 pts	33
Experience of the Applicant	1. Does the project application indicate the recipient's and subrecipient's (if applicable) experience in working with the target population and developing and implementing relevant program systems and services?	Project Application	Yes = 5 pts _(circled)_ No = 0 pts	5
	2. Does the recipient or subrecipient have any unresolved HUD monitoring or OIG audit findings for any HUD grant (including ESG)?	Project Application	No = 5 pts _(circled)_ Yes = 0 pts _(crossed out)_	5
Project Design	**1. Racial Equity:** Does the project application include a description where the applicant has identified barriers to participation faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population, and has taken steps to eliminate barriers to improve racial equity?	Project Application	Yes = 7 pts No = 0 pts	7
	2. Project Design: Does the project application clearly articulate the program design proposed, including clear definition of eligibility for project applicants? Did the project include data generated from an HMIS that provides evidence of how the project will improve System Performance Measures?	Project Application	Yes = 6 pts No = 0 pts	6
	3. Community Need: Does the project application describe the role the project will serve in the local CoC and why CoC program funding is required?	Project Application	Yes = 5 pts No = 0 pts	5
	4. Lived Expertise: Does the project application include a description of how persons with lived expertise are included in project design and development?	Project Application	Yes = 6 pts No = 0 pts	6
	5. Collaboration: Does the project application provide a description that addresses how the project will collaborate with other organizations, including an indication of HMIS training occurring regularly?	Project Application	Clearly described collaboration = 8 pts Does not clearly describe collaboration = 0 pts	8
Timeliness	1. Did the proposed project indicate a timeline for rapid implementation of the program?	Project Application	Yes = 5 pts No = 0 pts	5

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Financial Capacity	1. Is the project budget provided clear and easy to understand? Does the budget reflect sound, adequate allocation of resources, matching the program components including staffing costs and operating costs?	Project Application	Clear and adequate = 5 pts Unclear or inadequate = 0 pts	5
	2. In accordance with the requirements listed in the local announcement, does the project budget include an Admin budget line item that is equal to 10% of the total request for funding?	Project Application	Yes = 5 pts No = 0 pts	5
CoC Criteria Needs/Gaps Analysis	1. Does the proposed project fill a need or gap in the existing homeless system? Is the proposed project not duplicative of other mainstream resources or other CoC-funded projects?	Project Application	Yes = 10 pts No = 0 pts	10
	The reviewer may assign partial points to each question if proposal partially addressed the question. The maximum points total available is 100.			100 out of 100

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Applicant: Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless

Subrecipient: Young Women's Christian Association Wheeling WV

Project Type: DV Bonus: Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Re-Housing

Project Name: Young Women's Christian Association of Wheeling WV Transitional Housing

CRITERIA TOPIC	SCORED CRITERIA	CRITERIA SOURCE	PASS/FAIL (circle one)	NOTES
HUD Minimum Project Eligibility Threshold Criteria	**1. Eligible Applicant:** Does the project recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) qualify as an eligible applicant per the requirements described in 24 CFR part 578 and include evidence of eligibility required in the application? Did the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) include their DUNS Number and UEI in the project application? Does the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) have an active registration in SAM?	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	2. Organizational Capacity: Does the project recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the proposed project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds? Does the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) have an Accounting System?	Project Application	Pass/Fail	
	3. Certifications: Did the project recipient respond to the required certifications as specified in the CoC Program NOFO (Certifications are part of the esnaps application and will be automatically completed by the recipient when the project is created in esnaps. Response is automatically generated for this criteria.)	Project Application	Pass/Fail	
	4. Eligible Populations: Will the proposed project serve eligible populations as described at 24 CFR 578.3 and Section II.B.11.f of the FY2022 CoC Program NOFO?	Project Application	Pass/Fail	
	5. HMIS: Does the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) demonstrate they participate in the local HMIS? (However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS if the project is serving victims of domestic violence)	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	If a new project does not score "PASS" in ALL of the criteria in this section, the application does not meet minimum HUD project eligibility threshold criteria and is NOT eligible for inclusion in the CoC submission to HUD.			

CRITERIA TOPIC	SCORED CRITERIA	CRITERIA SOURCE	PASS/FAIL (circle one)	NOTES
HUD Minimum Project Quality Threshold Criteria	**Joint TH-RRH** – *New Joint TH/PH-RRH component project applications must receive at least 4 out of the 6 points available for this project type. New Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects that do not receive at least 4 points will not pass this threshold criteria and will be rejected.* **1. Type of Housing (worth 1 point):** Does the type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, fit the needs of program participants (e.g. two or more bedrooms for families)? **2. RRH and TH (worth 1 point):** Does the proposed project provide enough rapid rehousing assistance to ensure that at any given time a program participant may move from transitional housing to permanent housing? This may be demonstrated by identifying a budget that has twice as many resources for the rapid rehousing portion of the project than the TH portion, by having twice as many PH-RRH units at a point in time as TH units, or by demonstrating that the budget and units are appropriate for the population being served by the project. **3. Supportive Services (worth 1 point):** Will the type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants ensure successful retention or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source? **4. Mainstream Benefits (worth 1 point):** Does the project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs, for which they are eligible to apply, and meets the needs of program participants (e.g. Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education)? **5. Housing Retention (worth 1 point):** Will program participants be assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g. provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, and additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing)? **6. Housing First (worth 1 point):** Does the project adhere to a housing first model as defined in Section III.B.2.o of this NOFO?	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	~~out of 6~~ Pass/Fail ~~out of 6~~ Pass/Fail	
	1. Minimum Project Standards: Does the project meet the following minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards? **a.** Recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) have satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for existing grants that are funded under the CoC Program, as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (as applicable), regular drawdowns, and timely resolution of any monitoring findings (Not Applicable to applicants who have never received a CoC Program funded project); and **b.** Project recipients must demonstrate they will be able to meet all timelessness standards per 24 CFR 578.85.	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	

If a new project does not score "PASS" in ALL of the criteria in this section, the application does not meet minimum HUD project quality threshold criteria and is NOT eligible for inclusion in the CoC submission to HUD.

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CRITERIA TOPIC	SCORED CRITERIA	CRITERIA SOURCE	PASS/FAIL (circle one)	NOTES
NPCoC Project Eligibility Minimum Threshold Criteria	**1. Complete Application:** Is the project application complete? Was the project application submitted in accordance with the established deadline of August 29, 2022 at 11:59pm EST as described in the local competition announcement?	Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	2. Good Standing: Does the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) have no Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts? Does the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) have no Debarments and/or Suspensions? Has the recipient and subrecipient (if applicable) disclosed any violations of Federal criminal law?	Project Application	Pass/Fail	
	3. Alignment with the NPCoC Strategic Plan: Did the applicant, in their Letter of Intent and subsequent project application, describe how the proposed project aligns with the NPCoC's Community Strategic Plan to End Homelessness?	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	4. Matching Funds: Does the applicant demonstrate secured and documented minimum match requirements?	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	5. Sub-recipient Agreement: Does the applicant agree to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the NPCoC Lead Agency, Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless? This question is not applicable to GWCH.	Project Application	Pass/Fail (N/A GWCH)	
	6. Coordinated Entry: Does the applicant and subrecipient participate in the Coordinated Entry System?	Project Application	Pass/Fail	
	7. NPCoC Membership: Does the applicant and subrecipient have an active membership with the NPCoC?	Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	8. HMIS: Does the recipient and subrecipient participate in the HMIS database, or Comparable Database if a victim service provider? If not currently participating, did the applicant reach out to the HMIS Systems Administrator prior to the application deadline of August 29, 2022 at 11:59pm EST as indicated in the local announcement?	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	Pass/Fail	
	9.8. Project Budget: Does the project budget include a line item for HMIS and a line item for Admin? Is the Admin line 10% of the overall request for funding?	Project Application	Pass/Fail	admin funds 10% requested

If project does not score "PASS" in ALL of the criteria in this section, the project application does not meet minimum NPCoC threshold criteria for funding and is NOT eligible for inclusion in the CoC submission to HUD.
Did the applicant's project pass all of the three categories of minimum threshold criteria above (circle one)? **YES / NO** If Yes, the project will be accepted and will continue on to Scoring Criteria If No, the project will be rejected and will not continue on to Scoring Criteria

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Attachment 2: CoC Program – New Project Minimum Threshold and Scoring Criteria

CRITERIA TOPIC	SCORED CRITERIA	CRITERIA SOURCE	POINTS	SCORE
System Performance Measures	1. Does the project application list two goals, with corresponding measurable outcomes, that align with CoC System Performance Measures? (decrease in length of time homeless, decrease in returns to homelessness, increase in exits to permanent housing, increase in employment and income growth, and/or decrease in the number of persons homeless for the first time)?	Project Application	Described two project outcomes that will improve SPM = 33 pts Described one project outcome that will improve SPM = 16.5 pts Does not describe project outcomes that will improve SPM = 0 pts	collect Heather data ~~Lopezfor~~ (33)
Experience of the Applicant	1. Does the project application indicate the recipient's and subrecipient's (if applicable) experience in working with the target population and developing and implementing relevant program systems and services?	Project Application	Yes = 5 pts (circled) No = 0 pts	5
	2. Does the recipient or subrecipient have any unresolved HUD monitoring or OIG audit findings for any HUD grant (including ESG)?	Project Application	No = 5 pts (circled) Yes = 0 pts	5
Project Design	1. Racial Equity: Does the project application include a description where the applicant has identified barriers to participation faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population, and has taken steps to eliminate barriers to improve racial equity?	Project Application	Yes = 7 pts (circled) No = 0 pts	7
	2. Project Design: Does the project application clearly articulate the program design proposed, including clear definition of eligibility for project applicants? Does the project application provide a clear description of how the housing or supportive services will be provided through the project including the type, scale, and geographic scope/location of housing/service provision? Did the project include data generated from an HMIS or comparable database for victim service providers that provides evidence of how the project will improve safety for victims of domestic violence?	Project Application	Yes = 6 pts (circled) No = 0 pts	6
	3. Evidence-Based Approaches: Did the project application include a description of how clients will be assisted to obtain and maintain permanent housing using trauma-informed and victim-centered care?	Project Application	Yes = 5 pts (circled) No = 0 pts	5
	4. Lived Expertise: Does the project application include a description of how persons with lived expertise are included in project design and development?	Project Application	Yes = 6 pts (circled) No = 0 pts	6
	5. Partnerships: Does the project application provide a description that addresses how the project will coordinate with other organizations to help maximize the use of other mainstream and community-based resources when serving persons experiencing homelessness?	Project Application	Clearly described multiple partnerships = 8 pts Clearly described one partnership = 4 pts	(8)

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	Does not clearly describe partnerships = 0 pts			
Timeliness	1. Did the proposed project indicate a timeline for rapid implementation of the program, documenting when the project will be ready to begin housing the first program participant?	Project Application	Yes = 5 pts No = 0 pts	⑤
Financial Capacity	1. Is the project budget provided clear and easy to understand? Does the budget reflect sound, adequate allocation of resources, matching the program components including staffing costs and operating costs?	Project Application	Clear and adequate = 5 pts Unclear or inadequate = 0 pts	⑤
	2. In accordance with the requirements listed in the local announcement, does the project budget include an Admin budget line item that is equal to 10% of the total request for funding?	Project Application	Yes = 5 pts No = 0 pts	⑤
CoC Criteria Needs/Gaps Analysis	1. Does the proposed project fill a need or gap in the existing homeless system? Is the proposed project not duplicative of other mainstream resources or other CoC-funded projects?	Project Application	Yes = 10 pts No = 0 pts	⑩
The reviewer may assign partial points to each question if proposal partially addressed the question. The maximum points total available is 100.				___ out of 100

Handwritten notes:

* requested information from Heather Lapp @ YWCA

goals & measurable outcomes:

\#1 – 8 adults for higher income within 6 month
  45 adults for gain employment after entry

\#2 – 30 individuals within 1 yr. period

\#3 – advise –
  to individuals by 30 days
  10   "   by 14 days } by end of
  10   "   by 7 days } grant year
  10   by 3 days

\#4 – increase – is household placed into permanent housing in one year

Ohio or PA or other parts of WVA can be served by this program

Northern Panhandle CoC: FY2022 Renewal Project Application Scoring Criteria

Applicant: GWCH **Subrecipient: None** **Project: Supportive Services Only**

CRITERIA TOPIC	SCORED CRITERIA	CRITERIA SOURCE	Point Scale	Points Received	Total Points
Performance Measures	**1. Permanent Housing Exit:** Did the project, in its most recently completed operating year, meet the established goal listed in the funded grant application of ensuring persons would exit the program to permanent housing, thus improving outcomes related to the system performance measures goal of increasing exits to permanent housing?	APR and Supporting Documentation	35% – 45+% = 30 pts 25% – 34% = 20 pts 15% – 24% = 10 pts 0% – 14% = 0 pts	30 out of 30	30 out of 100
	2. Increased Income: Did the project, in its most recently completed operating year, meet the established goal listed in the funded grant application of ensuring persons age 18+ would increase their income, thus improving outcomes related to the system performance measures goal of increasing employment and income growth?	APR and Supporting Documentation	25% – 33+% = 20 pts 19% – 24% = 15 pts 13% – 18% = 10 pts 7% – 12% = 5 pts 0% – 6% = 0 pts	20 out of 20	50 out of 100
HMIS Data Quality	**1. Null/Missing Values:** Does the project have 10% or less in null or missing values?	APR	0 – 10% = 5 pts Above 11% = 0 pts	5 out of 5	55 out of 100
	2. Refused/Unknown Values: Does the project have 10% or less in refused or unknown values?	APR	0 – 10% = 5 pts Above 11% = 0 pts	5 out of 5	60 out of 100
Experience of Applicant	**1. Financial Stability:** Does the applicant provide evidence of their respective organization's audit/financial review which documents their financial stability?	Supporting Documentation	Yes = 4pts No = 0pts	4 out of 4	64 out of 100
	2. Minimum Project Standards: Does the project meet the following minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards?	Supporting Documentation	Yes to all which are applicable = 10 pts Yes to 1/3 – 5 pts No to All = 0 pts	10 out of 10	74 out of 100
	a. Applicants have satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for existing grants that are funded under the CoC Program, as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if any), regular drawdowns, and timely resolution of any monitoring findings;	Project Application and Supporting Documentation	(If a question is not applicable to the applicant, but other questions are answered "Yes", full points should be awarded		
	b. For expansion projects, project applicants clearly articulate the part of the project that is being expanded. Additionally, the project applicant demonstrates that they are not replacing other funding sources; and				
	c. Project applicants must demonstrate they are able to meet all timelessness standards per 24 CFR 578.85				
	3. Matching Funds: Does the applicant demonstrate secured and documented minimum match requirements?	Project Application	Yes = 2 pts No = 0 pts	2	76

Northern Panhandle CoC: FY2022 Renewal Project Application Scoring Criteria

Applicant: **GWCH**   Subrecipient: **None**   Project: **Supportive Services Only**

Category	Criteria	Documentation	Scoring	Score	Total
	4. Capacity: If the applicant has received CoC funding in the past, have they had funds de-obligated in the last 5 years?	Supporting Documentation	~~No = 3 pts~~ (circled) Yes = 0 pts	3 out of 3	79 out of 100
Design of Housing and Supportive Services	**1. Racial Equity:** Does the project application include a description where the applicant has identified barriers to participation faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population, and has taken steps to eliminate barriers to improve racial equity?	Project Application	Yes = 7 pts (circled) No = 0 pts	7 out of 7	86 out of 100
	2. Lived Expertise: Does the project application include a description of how persons with lived expertise are included in project design and development?	Project Application	✗ No = 6 pts Yes = 0 pts	6 out of 6	92 out of 100
	3. Housing First: Does the project serve clients who have the following vulnerability and severity of needs that may prevent them from entering housing: - Having too little or little income - Active or history of substance abuse - Having a history of a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions - History of victimization	Project Application	Yes = 4 pts (1pt for each vulnerability	4 out of 4	96 out of 100
	4. ✗ Project Design: Does the project application clearly articulate the program design proposed, including clear definition of eligibility for project applicants? Did the project include data generated from an HMIS that provides evidence of how the project will improve System Performance Measures?	Project Application and APR	Yes = 2 pts No = 0 pts	2 out of 2	98 out of 100
	5. ✗ Prioritization: Does the project prioritize households with the longest time homeless and most severe service needs, as evidenced by active participation in the NPCoC Provider Committee meetings?	Supporting Documentation from NPCoC Lead Agency	Yes = 2 pts No = 0 pts	2 out of 2	100 out of 100

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Required Attachment: Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

The Northern Panhandle Continuum of Care did not reject or reduce any projects during the FY2022 CoC Program Competition.

From:	Lisa Badia
Sent:	Wednesday, September 14, 2022 4:36 PM
To:	Jordan Harris
Subject:	FW: Results
Attachments:	Results NPCoC 2022.docx

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Badia
Executive Director

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From: Sandi McMahon <sandimcmahon@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 4:58 PM
To: executivedirector@ywcawheeling.org; hlapp@ywcawheeling.org; Lisa Badia <LBadia@wheelinghomeless.org>
Subject: Results

Please see attached letter.

The Northern Panhandle Continuum of Care
A Collaboration of Homeless Assistance Providers in the Northern Panhandle

September 12, 2022

The Northern Panhandle Continuum of Care Review and Rank Committee is issuing this public notice which contains the scoring results of project applications submitted during the FY2022 CoC Program local competition. The NPCoC Review and Rank Committee met on Monday, September 12, 2022 to review, rank, reduce, or reject project applications submitted in accordance with local NPCoC competition deadlines. The Review and Rank Committee used objective scoring criteria comprised of HUD's minimum threshold standards for project eligibility and quality as detailed in the FY2022 NOFO, along with NPCoC threshold criteria for new projects, which was publicly posted and provided to applicants and subrecipients during the competition.

The following projects were submitted:

Supportive Services Only – Renewal
* *Applicant:* Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless
* *Subrecipient:* None

Residential Housing – Renewal
* *Applicant:* Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless
* *Subrecipient:* None

Continuum of Care Bonus: Homeless Management Information System – New Project
* *Applicant:* Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless
* *Subrecipient:* None

Domestic Violence Bonus: Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Re-Housing – New Project
* *Applicant:* Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless
* *Subrecipient:* Young Women's Christian Association of Wheeling WV

After evaluating existing renewal projects on the basis of performance outcomes and how they improve system performance measures, both renewal projects were determined to be high-performing and are not suitable candidates for reallocation.

The NPCoC Review and Ranking Committee ranked the following projects in the below order:

1. **Supportive Services Only** – Renewal
2. **Residential Housing** – Renewal
3. **Continuum of Care Bonus: Homeless Management Information System** – New Project
4. **Domestic Violence Bonus: Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Re-Housing** – New Project

In summary, four project applications were reviewed, approved, and ranked by the NPCoC Review and Ranking Committee. This letter serves as an open, public notice of the decision to submit a total of four project proposals as part of the FY2022 CoC Program Competition.

Sincerely,
The NPCoC Review and Rank Committee
    Sandra McMahon
    Kameron Johnson

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Required Attachment: Final Project Scores for All Projects

Applicant Name: Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.
Subrecipient Name: None
Project Name: FY2022 Supportive Services Only
Project Score: 100/100
Project Rank-if accepted: 1
Award Amount: $135,796
Project Accepted or Rejected Status: Accepted and Ranked

Applicant Name: Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.
Subrecipient Name: None
Project Name: FY2022 Residential Housing
Project Score: 100/100
Project Rank-if accepted: 2
Award Amount: $273,033
Project Accepted or Rejected Status: Accepted and Ranked

Applicant Name: Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.
Subrecipient Name: None
Project Name: FY2022 Dedicated Homeless Management Information System
Project Score: 100/100
Project Rank-if accepted: 3
Award Amount: $37,723
Project Accepted or Rejected Status: Accepted and Ranked

Applicant Name: Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless
Subrecipient Name: Young Women's Christian Association of Wheeling, WV
Project Name: Young Women's Christian Association of Wheeling, WV Transitional Housing
Project Score: 100/100
Project Rank-if accepted: 4
Award Amount: $74,698
Project Accepted or Rejected Status: Accepted and Ranked