

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 2024 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2024 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 2024 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: NJ-500 - Atlantic City & County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Atlantic County

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: NJ HMFA

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

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

17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.				
35.				

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Atlantic County CoC works to serve all persons experiencing homelessness. The 2024 PIT count shows that persons identifying as Black, African American are overrepresented in the homeless population. While 12.8% of the total Atlantic County population persons identifying as Black make up 41.5% of the total population. In order to better serve the community and those overrepresented in the homeless population the CoC worked with a consultant to develop an Advisory Board of PWLE in 2023-2024. Today the AB is made up of 11 persons, half of the members currently experiencing or recently experienced unsheltered homelessness. Since June the AB has incorporated into all CoC committee and subcommittee meetings. The AB has provided invaluable feedback to CoC Leadership to incorporate into Opioid settlement funds, assisted with the local selection process, and sat on the review committee when making funding decisions.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Atlantic CoC membership is open to all individuals & organizations interested in ending homelessness for the community. Requests for membership are posted annually but also announced at all CoC general & subcommittee meetings & are encouraged throughout the year. New organizations are routinely invited to participate in CoC meetings. To become a voting member, interested parties submitted a request to the CoC Lead Staff on a rolling basis and the new membership took effect immediately. General Body and Executive Board meetings were held virtually & are accessible by video & phone. Virtual meetings are equipped with closed caption and chat features for any participants that needed support with their communication style. All members in the CoC & community are encouraged to join. Meeting minutes, agendas, agency notices & committee updates presented were available electronically in PDF accessible format & hard copies were readily accessible to those who need access to that information. Word documents & video recordings are available upon request.

The CoC worked with non-profit providers serving homeless or formerly homeless individuals to identify & encourage participation in the CoC planning process from those persons who may be able to provide greater insight on the needs of those experiencing homelessness. The CoC had active participation from culturally specific groups on the Executive Board & the subcommittee meetings throughout the year. The CoC developed an Advisory Board of persons with lived experience of homelessness during the year. The participants represented a wide range of demographics in age, gender, race, & sexual identity & subpopulations including DV, Veterans, & Youths. The Atlantic County Lived Experience Advisory Board was formally added as a CoC subcommittee in August 2023.

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

4.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC holds public quarterly membership meetings & monthly subcommittee meetings which bring together a variety of stakeholders to discuss new programs, client engagement, as well as data collection & system outcomes. The CoC Executive Board meets bimonthly & engages community stakeholders in the CoC planning process to understand the community need from a variety of perspectives. These meetings were advertised in the local newspaper as well. General Body and Executive Board meetings held virtually were accessible by video & phone. Virtual meetings are equipped with closed caption and chat features for any participants that needed support with their communication style. At times, subcommittees convened in-person & offered a hybrid format to increase accessibility. Meeting minutes, agendas, agency notices, presentations, & committee updates provided are available electronically in PDF accessible format & hard copies are readily accessible to those who need access to that information. Word documents & video recordings are available upon request.

The CoC regularly engaged with members & made to developed recommendations in specific areas when needs were identified. For example, the CoC held several meetings with County & City partners that are administering the HOME-ARP program. Information was collected from the CoC agencies to identify community priorities & recommendations for which project types should be funded. Based on the feedback from various stakeholders, the County developed a plan to expand funding supportive services & affordable housing in the community.

Inspired by the Unsheltered NOFO, Atlantic County & City government, & other community members also joined together and began creating a strategic plan for addressing unsheltered homelessness in the community. This meeting sparked a conversation to consider having another emergency shelter which would aimed at connecting unsheltered households to shelter & housing & services using a low barrier approach.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:

1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The request for new & renewal applications for the FY2024 competition was posted on the CoC website & sent out an email via the CoC listserv on May 6, 2024. The CoC lead hosted a technical assistance (TA) session on May 22nd, 2024, for new & renewal agencies interested in applying for funding. The CoC lead & staff were available to answer questions from agencies interested in applying. The meeting was recorded & the recording, along with the presentation of the session were available to the community. Non-CoC funded agencies were encouraged to attend the meeting & apply for funding.

During the TA session, new & renewal agencies interested in applying for funds were informed about the CoC funding priorities, eligible activities, target populations, application process, priorities & scoring criteria. The application was due on June 7, 2024. Applications were accepted electronically through the Survey Monkey Apply Portal.

The CoC & 2023 HUD priorities were reviewed with the attendees. Local priorities included increasing DV specific resources projects & 10 points were awarded for this project type on new applications. Scoring & ranking was also discussed with interested agencies during the TA session & the CoC & staff. This information was also made public on the CoC website. In the project review process both new & renewal applicants submitted a proposal which detailed the project, services, & budget. New projects were scored on a scale of maximum of 100 points while renewal projects were scored on a scale of maximum of 200 points (proposal, monitoring, program performance, housing first). All project scores were reflected as a percentage of the total points for the project type (new or renewal). In this way, new projects & renewal projects had equal opportunity for funding. Funding priorities, project applications, & scoring tools were available as accessible pdf attachments via CoC listserv, electronically on the CoC website & hard copies were available to those who needed access to that information.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	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 V.B.1.b.	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC Executive Board members attend local educational meetings to inform them of the services available through the CoC, how to access the process, & to encourage their participation in the planning process.

The homeless programs serving youth in the region connect with the homeless liaison representatives in the school's youth to inform them of the current needs of those youth & ensure they have access to educational services. The Children's Interagency Coordinating Council (CIACC) is a partnership between school, local leaders, state officials, service providers & families to address the needs of children who require specialized support, including homeless resources. Resources are shared at the CIACC meetings and are distributed to CoC members that participate actively in CIACC. Additionally, the CoC members connects to the Regional McKinney-Vento homeless liaisons to share housing & education services for homeless youth.

The CoC reviews program policies during project monitoring for all CoC funded programs to ensure they are addressing the needs of youth in their programs. Atlantic County also partners with Center for Family Services in their Head Start Program located in Egg Harbor Township. In this program, Atlantic County youth &/or families that identify as experiencing homeless or at risk for homelessness are referred to the Coordinated Entry (CE) or welfare office for housing & service assistance. Another partner in the community is Stockton University which provides higher education to the community. They have also partnered with several CoC agencies such as AtlanticCare and Jewish Family Service to host discussions and conduct research on homelessness.

The CoC continues to develop formalized planning arrangements that will include regular meetings & cross-trainings to ensure programs & schools can adequately address the needs of school aged youth experiencing homelessness. As some CoC partners such as AtlantiCare and AVANZAR have developed formal agreements with education providers, they will be key players to strengthen those connections between the CoC and other education agencies.

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

Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC uses to inform individuals and families who have recently begun experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has adopted a policy requiring any agency providing services to households with school aged children to address the educational needs of the children in the household. Community agencies may fulfill this requirement by ensuring agency case managers are trained in the educational responsibilities & entitlements provided through the McKinney Vento legislation, or they connect students to community providers equipped to address their educational needs. All sheltering programs serving school aged youth are required to reach out to the school to inform them of the change in the household housing status & ensure the school district accommodates the student if they choose to continue their education there.

The Youth provider, Covenant House New Jersey (CHNJ), assists with the immediate needs of youth experiencing homelessness and linking them to critical services. CHNJ also connects with youth by presenting at committee meetings, community centers, events, and schools. The team visits schools and attends community events several times a year to hand out flyers and postcards (in English and Spanish) with information on CHNJ programs and to receive information about educational opportunities for their clients. Additionally, the CoC is working on developing a partnership between NJ211 & local McKinney-Vento homeless liaisons to expedite homeless families for assistance & connect them to the single point of entry & social services.

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

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

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

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

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

Organizations		
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	Yes
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	Yes
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes
Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)		
4.		

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in Question 1C-5 to:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Atlantic County Human Trafficking (ACHT) subcommittee began with a focus to help households experiencing human trafficking but has expanded to include partners serving other VAWA defined households. The committee regularly provides input to the Executive Board and the CoC full board. The CoC body provided feedback to the ACHT subcommittee on victim center services in the community. The Executive Board has used feedback from the CoC to endorse the ACHT networking & resources guide. The guide includes information on the types of populations agencies serve such as DV, HT, or both, evidence-based approach(es) utilized by the agencies, data collection programs utilized & resources for temporary & permanent housing. The ACHT committee, which includes AVANZAR the state funded Domestic Violence agency for the region and New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking, use this resource guide to standardize the approach for survivors accessing the Atlantic County homeless system. This guide is available to all CoC members, Victim Service Providers, housing agencies & clients in need of specialized services. ACHT provides semi-annual trainings to CoC members & other attendees, on understanding the needs of households that are defined by VAWA & the impact of trauma & safety planning. They also share quarterly updates with the CoC members at meetings.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry addresses the needs of DV survivors by including:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Persons seeking assistance are encouraged to begin their access through the Coordinated Entry (CE) administered by Jewish Family Service (JFS). Potential clients can access the SPOE in-person, through the hotline, or through a referring agency. DV or VAWA defined households identified as experiencing homelessness or having a housing crisis via SPOE are immediately referred to the CE DV program staff & assessed for safety risk. To ensure a warm transfer, the staff will call AVANZAR & other victim service providers (VSP) once verbal consent from the client is given. Clients are offered a secured line to speak with the VSP. If they present to the CE in person, there are private booths for the clients to use when discussing their needs. All known rental options will be offered to client & ultimate choice will be client centered.

JFS & AVANZAR offer trauma-informed services centered around empowerment & client choice. DV clients are provided with the option to engage in the services they feel most comfortable with. For instance, high risk households may choose to connect with VSPs for specialized services while those with low risk are connected to other providers for shelter.

DV families have access to other services provided by AVANZAR which include advocacy, counseling, safety planning & other services. VSP that connect with clients typically work to create a safety plan will be created with the survivor to ensure safety of the survivor & volunteers. The safety plan typically includes identifying events or behaviors that may lead to an unsafe scenario, identifying safety alerts &/or protocols to follow which are customized for the individual needs & abilities should any of the unsafe issues occur.

The CoC has a separate streamlined process where DV survivors can provide de-identified data to be added to the CoC's housing prioritization list. The CE DV project in HMIS is locked & cannot be viewed by any outside entities & other participating HMIS agencies. The supervisor monitors access internally to operationalize the Minimum Necessary Standard. This is an internal step to see that the client's personal information is only accessed by the minimum staff necessary to complete the needed task. Coordinated Assessment data is key for the CoC to understand whether the system resources are addressing survivor household needs timely & safely in real-time.

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

In the chart below, indicate how your CoC facilitates training for project staff and coordinated entry staff that addresses best practices on safety planning and confidentiality protocols:

		Project Staff	Coordinated Entry Staff
1.	Training Occurs at least annually?	Yes	Yes
2.	Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices?	Yes	Yes
3.	Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices?	Yes	Yes
4.	Identifies and assesses survivors' individual safety needs?	Yes	Yes
5.	Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations?	Yes	Yes
6.	Ensures survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated?	Yes	Yes

	Other? (limit 500 characters)	
7.		

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

With the guidance of victim service providers in the community, the CoC adopted an Emergency Plan. This CoC policy advises housing providers to “work with the CE to provide reasonable accommodations” if a household is in crisis.

To request an emergency transfer, the client notifies the CoC funded agency’s management office & submits a written or verbal request for a transfer. The CoC funded agency will connect with the CE DV to provide reasonable accommodations to this policy clients. The CoC-funded agency will act as quickly as possible to move a client who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to another unit, subject to availability & safety of a unit within the agency’s portfolio, to another housing provider within or connected to the CoC.

The CoC funded agency may connect the client to services offered by JFS & AVANZAR offer trauma-informed services centered around empowerment & client choice. While the CoC is responding to the transfer request, DV clients are provided with the option to engage in the services they feel most comfortable with. For instance, high risk households may choose to connect with AVANZAR for specialized services while those with low risk are connected other providers for shelter. All families with a DV need, have access to services provided by AVANZAR which includes advocacy, counseling, safety planning & other services. CE DV & AVANZAR work with households to identify housing that best fits their needs & addresses their safety concerns. With a housing navigator on staff with the CE program, DV households & the CoC funded agency can work with the housing navigator to be rehoused quickly and safely. The CoC will continue work with CE & other victim service providers to monitor effectiveness of the adopted Emergency Transfer plan.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within your CoC's geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Atlantic County Human Trafficking (ACHT) subcommittee created the ACHT networking & resources guide. The guide includes information on the types of populations agencies serve such as DV, HT, or both, resources for temporary & permanent housing, & legal services that clients might need to access. This guide is available to all CoC members, Victim Service Providers, local law enforcement agencies, housing agencies & clients in need of services. Community partners use the guide to identify housing opportunities and resources for VAWA defined clients.

DV survivors have an opportunity to connect with the DV specific single point of entry program being operated by Jewish Family Services. JFS has expertise in trauma informed & victim-centered approaches. These trained staff work with clients to assess their needs & add clients to the CoC's housing prioritization list. De-identified data is provided to CoC Lead staff to be included in the CoC's Housing Prioritization List.

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.e.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:		
1.	identifying barriers specific to survivors; and	
2.	working to remove those barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC and members of the Data committee identify barriers to housing and the length of homeless by reviewing HMIS data and engaging with CoC client. In response, the single point of entry program now includes a housing Navigator for DV survivors. This new role fills a gap and quickly move individuals & families into permanent housing & will reduce the time it takes persons in crisis to obtain housing. Assisting clients to find the right housing match will promote stability & allow for the use of new voucher opportunities. The housing navigator also assists in supporting survivors in obtaining safe housing. This enables continued client confidentiality & safety while still linking the client to PH.

1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+—Anti-Discrimination Policy and Equal Access Trainings.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.f.		
1.	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	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
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1C-6a.	Anti-Discrimination Policy–Updating Policies–Assisting Providers–Evaluating Compliance–Addressing Noncompliance. NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	
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Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC reviews CoC policies annually & makes updates as needed. The CoC solicits feedback from stakeholders through general body & subcommittee meetings. Also, CoC agencies are members of other community boards & present feedback from those groups as it relates to anti-discrimination practices. CoC members have access to attend fair housing rules in New Jersey including the state's new fair chance in housing act prohibiting the use of criminal background checks in tenancy reviews & the state's anti-discrimination law as it relates to housing. These trainings are held by the NJ Dept of Consumer Affairs. Also, AtlantiCare, an essential partner, is familiar with providing equitable services through healthcare & has done internal trainings on Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (JEDI). The CoC has a goal to partner with AtlantiCare to adopt their JEDI model in the homeless system for a more equitable system for all populations.

The CoC conducts on site programs program monitoring for funded agencies. During this process, the CoC reviews agency's policy & procedures, admission process, intake forms, & grievances policy to ensure they are aligned with the CoC's anti-discrimination policies. If gaps are identified, the CoC provides recommendations to the agency. The CoC aims to have agencies not only aligned with the housing first model but also have compliance with regulations including anti-discrimination & Equal Access policies.

To address non-compliance with the CoC's policies, the CoC provides the agency with assistance to develop the appropriate processes for serving the targeted population homelessness. The CoC will strengthen their antidiscrimination policies by reviewing current policies with the Atlantic County Lived Experience Advisory Board and revise the policies based on their recommendations.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Pleasantville Housing Authority	15%	No	No
NJ Dept of Community Affairs	13%	Yes-HCV	No

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

Describe in the field below:

- 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
- state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC continues to maintain a strong partnership with NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) & Pleasantville Housing Authorities. Both NJDCA & Pleasantville Housing Authority have preferences for households experiencing domestic violence & Pleasantville also includes a Veterans preference. Most recently the CoC has partnered with the NJDCA, to provide permanent housing to Atlantic County residents experiencing homelessness using Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV). The housing authorities readily worked with the CoC to accept the referrals that were prioritized through the CE which were primarily comprised of literally homeless households. 27 homeless households in Atlantic County received vouchers through the EHV partnership. Additionally, to assist households receiving housing vouchers, the NJDCA housing authority partnered with Jewish Family Service (a CoC & CE partner) to implement the Document Access & Support for Housing (DASH) program. DASH has helped to reduce length of time homeless by providing documentation assistance, housing preparation case management for DCA administered Housing Choice Voucher lottery selectees that indicated homelessness their pre-application. The Pleasantville Housing Authority is an active CoC partner & supports its mission to end homelessness in the region. The CoC has supported the housing authority in its expansion for mainstream vouchers & its participation in the Move to Work Demonstration Program. The CE has referred eligible households to mainstream vouchers made available through the Pleasantville Housing Authority. The CoC continues to be in discussion with Atlantic City & Pleasantville Housing Authorities to have a homeless preference & to collaborate in the Moving On Initiative.

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

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

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

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

In the chart below, indicate if your CoC includes units from the following PHA programs in your CoC's coordinated entry process:

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	No
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	Yes
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	Yes
7.	Public Housing	No
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	

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

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	Yes
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	mainstream

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

1.	Prisons/Jails?	Yes
2.	Health Care Facilities?	Yes
3.	Residential Care Facilities?	Yes
4.	Foster Care?	Yes

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	12
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	12
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
 Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC evaluates new & renewal projects to ensure they commit to the Housing First (HF) approach. During the CoC local selection process all applicants (new & renewal) are asked about their HF approaches. For new & renewal applicants, they must describe the strategies they will use to move clients quickly into PH, reduce returns to homelessness, & increase stability & retention in PH. These questions also align with the CoC mission to use system performance measures for planning purposes. The new applicants must describe their housing admission & eviction criteria. Applicants with renewal & new projects are requested to provide information as to whether they will screen out potential referrals for the following: having too little or no income, active or history of substance abuse, criminal record with exception for state-mandated restrictions, & history of DV. They are also asked to identify if the following criteria are reasons for termination: failure to participate in supportive services, failure to make a service plan, loss of income or failure to improve income, being a victim of DV, or any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project’s geographic area. Outside of the local selection competition, CoC funded agencies are monitored and the Monitoring and Review Committee evaluates the program policies & procedures to ensure they align with the HF Model. Onsite monitoring also consists of reviewing the program’s access and connection to coordinated entry, services promoting client choice, housing provision, and lease arrangements through a housing first lens. Additionally, the CoC collects & analyzes HMIS data during monitoring to determine if participants are being discharged to temporary housing situations or back to homelessness to ensure termination from the project is contradictory to the HF Model. The Data committee and CoC data analyst evaluate programs for quickly moving households into PH from the housing prioritization list & tracking the number of admissions & denials across the operating period. This allows the CoC to identify agencies adhering to HF guidelines and those that may be at risk of non-compliance.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC street outreach includes the police (ACPD), Volunteers of America (VOA), Hope One, & Jewish Family Service (JFS). The CoC also works with agencies from the transit police (NJTPD), the county courts, hospitals, drop-in centers, & volunteer outreach teams (OT)s organized by citizens for expanding street outreach. The CoC's street outreach teams cover 100% of the CoC's geographic area & provide outreach services 24/7. OTs consisting of persons with lived experience & bilingual service providers reach the most vulnerable households across Atlantic County.

The local courts tell the OT when known homeless persons are incarcerated & work with providers to help connect them to services. AtlantiCare, identifies homeless persons entering the ER or accessing crisis mental health (MH) /substance abuse (SA) services & promptly contacts the CE via JFS to connect them to community services & housing. The ACPD & NJTPD have expanded the number of community Homeless Outreach Officers that connects homeless persons to service providers & works to reduce criminalization of homelessness.

All outreach teams complete trainings to learn effective engagement techniques including trauma informed care & motivational interviewing. The variety of outreach partners enable teams to engage with persons least likely to request assistance (such as those with SA) in a variety of settings & from a variety of locations to help increase access & success of engagement. VOA's IMPACT (Immediate Mobilization of Police Assisted Crisis Teams) Initiative aims to connect with individuals where they are (i.e., services events, home, on the street). IMPACT specialists partner with local police departments to provide social services to those in need, & at times, divert people from criminal justice system involvement.

Coordinated efforts to actively seek out unsheltered households & those least likely to ask for assistance (such as persons dealing with SA & MH disabilities) are carried out by CoC partners. They make attempts to provide immediate assistance based on the client's needs with resources such as housing, food, clothing, detox treatments, transportation, job placement & securing legal ID. The Hope One mobile OTs travel across the county to connect those in crisis to treatment by providing direct referrals to SA treatment/MH services. Outreach to the most vulnerable also occurs in other hotspots such by local stores, hospitals, shelters.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers	Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness
1.	Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?	Yes	No
2.	Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	No

3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	No
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) or Longitudinal Data from HMIS. NOFO Section V.B.1.i.
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		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	Longitudinal HMIS Data	14	36

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits–CoC Annual Training of Project Staff. NOFO Section V.B.1.m.
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Indicate in the chart below whether your CoC trains program staff annually on the following mainstream benefits available for program participants within your CoC's geographic area:

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

1D-6a.	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance. NOFO Section V.B.1.m
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Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

County Social Service (ACDFCD) staff attend all CoC full membership & subcommittee meetings as well as executive board meetings. These meetings also have representation from agencies implementing state funded & locally funded benefits programs. Within each meeting, ACDFCD & other agencies implementing benefits programs provide updates regarding how to access mainstream benefits, changes in programs & other relevant information to help ensure clients are connected to entitled benefits. The CoC disseminates information regarding mainstream resources & updates through the CoC website, emails via the CoC listserv, & through hardcopies made available at the meetings (i.e., flyers).

Certified permanent housing (PH) providers can bill Medicaid for certain PH supportive services which allow clients to connect to programs addressing mental health, substance abuse & medical issues. Clients can be referred to AtlantiCare the largest provider of mental health, substance use/addiction recovery services in the region. AtlantiCare also offers in-patient & outpatient behavioral health services to the community including services at the John Brooks Recovery Center for substance abuse treatment. Jewish Family Service operates the local PATH program providing outreach and support to those with mental health and experiencing homelessness.

The Coordinated Entry (CE) is in the County Administrative building in the same office as the ACDFCD, the county welfare agency. This arrangement allows ACDFCD staff to work side by side with the CE team when completing mainstream benefit eligibility checks for all persons accessing CE for prevention & homeless services. In addition to the work through the CE, all agencies in the community refer clients to the ACDFCD for eligibility assessments to ensure they access all the benefits for which they are eligible such as public & private insurance. ACDFCD & SPOE staff are trained in SOAR & assist clients in completing the applications for SSI/SSDI. The CoC encourages all agencies to have SOAR certified staff and disseminates training information as it become available. NJ Helps is another accessible statewide tool that providers can use to conduct a quick online screening tool to determine basic eligibility for mainstream benefits. This is a tool the CoC CMs utilize when trying to apply for benefits for clients. AHA CE staff assist 50 households per month in obtaining benefits.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Atlantic County Government in partnership with the Atlantic County CoC, NJ State Department of Health (NJDOH), & AtlantiCare Healthplex (the regional healthcare provider) continues to ensure services & resources are provided for its most vulnerable of residents as part of its COVID-19 Pandemic Response & other infectious diseases procedures.

The CoC has expanded on the policies created by CoC partner, Covenant House NJ, who developed an emergency response manual for infectious diseases. They also have created the blueprint for an agency-wide task force to respond to policies/procedures & rapidly changing events. These protocols are in place and agencies are able to quickly mobilize to develop & execute on plans to care for impacted households

Using County & State resources, agencies continue to adhere to basic public health protocols and educate their staff & clients on the importance of good hygiene & reasoning behind wearing masks if needed & getting vaccinated (if possible) as a way to reduce the spread of communicable diseases. AtlantiCare continues to support the CoC with onsite education & vaccination clinics. The local Health Department provides ongoing support to shelters, treatment centers, & also the hotel placement programs by providing guidance, testing & resources to ensure the safety of all households in the community.

CoC agencies continue to participate in HUD office hours & receive newsletters from NJDOH for the latest protocols & resources. NJDOH continues to offer the CoC leadership guidance on quarantining, vaccination, & other prevention recommendations.

ID-7a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	effectively shared information related to public health measures and homelessness; and	
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC Lead & County Dept of Health (DOH) communicated safety measures & local restrictions through the CoC listserv, flyers, county website postings, & social media alerts. Agencies were also able to receive information directly from other non-profits, Local Health Department, Local Health Care System, Emergency Planning Department, & Center for Disease Control. The Local Task Force continues to meet to review federal, state & local guidance across various domains. The Task Force passed these alerts, best practices, websites onto staff & residents & fellow agencies. Atlantic County Government in partnership with the Atlantic County CoC ensured services & resources were provided for its most vulnerable of residents as part of its COVID-19 Pandemic Response. Congregate emergency shelters & transitional housing agencies in the CoC adhered to the protocols set by the New Jersey Dept. of Health (NJDOH). The implementation of these public health safety measures are replicable in the event of any public health emergency. The County and CoC Leadership are prepared for implementation if necessary and evaluate processes annually to ensure all procedures are current and will be effective.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Jewish Family Service (JFS) administers the coordinated entry system through the Atlantic Homeless Alliance Coordinated Entry (CE) in collaboration with Atlantic County Board of Social Services (ACBOSS). Households needing assistance can call the CE agency directly or the homeless hotline through NJ211. The outreach teams cover the entire geographic region & the network of law enforcement connected to the process ensures all persons experiencing homelessness in the region are connected to SPOE. Households experiencing domestic violence or other issues related to VAWA have access to a separate CE program tailored to their needs. JFS implemented the CE dv program & offers trauma informed care services & connections to housing. The CE & ACBOSS staff use the VI-SPDAT to assess household vulnerability. CE staff also works with the Atlantic City Rescue Mission, & other partners previously mentioned to identify & connect persons unable to access the CE physical location. The housing prioritization list, managed by JFS, arranges households by their chronic homelessness status, vulnerability score & length of homelessness. Those at the top of the list receive coordinated community case management & are assisted with connecting to permanent housing opportunities as well as community services. JFS convenes a community advisory committee that meets quarterly and is comprised of community leaders, inclusive of former clients and family members JFS staff also seek input from the CoC's PWLE Advisory Committee. The recommendations made by these boards are conveyed to the leadership and board of directors, resulting in direct input into the agency's strategic plan and existing service delivery. Additionally, a consumer satisfaction survey is issued to a sample of consumers served, and upon receiving the results of the survey, the data is analyzed. The JFS CE staff also utilize a continuous feedback loop to incorporate input from person's served into its program design and service delivery.

1D-8a.	Coordinated Entry–Program Participant-Centered Approach.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	

	1. reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;
	2. prioritizes people most in need of assistance;
	3. ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their needs and preferences; and
	4. takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Jewish Family Service (JFS) administers the coordinated entry system through the Atlantic Homeless Alliance in collaboration with Atlantic County Board of Social Services (ACDFCD). The ACDFCD & CE also coordinate with several partners to identify & engage homeless individuals that may otherwise not participate in services & connect them to the CE via phone or in person. The CE participates in monthly case conferencing meetings through the HART committee that coordinate efforts between a variety of doors of engagement to identify ways of encouraging people to participate in services. Persons accessing the CE are quickly assessed for eligibility in mainstream benefits & EA in addition to completing the intake & assessment process to be included in the CoC housing prioritization list. The CE staff use the VISPDAT to assess household vulnerability. CE staff also works with the Atlantic City Rescue Mission, & other partners previously mentioned to identify & connect persons unable to access the CE physical location. The housing prioritization list, managed by JFS, arranges households by their chronic homelessness status, vulnerability score & length of homelessness. These prioritized households receive coordinated community case management & are assisted with connecting to PH opportunities & community services. The housing navigator (HN) increases the amount of permanent housing available for people experiencing homelessness. By creating new landlord connections, the HN increases the housing stock for consumers so they can be housed quickly and have a variety of choices. To reduce the burden of accessing services the CE is located in the same building where consumers can access mainstream benefits & receive an assessment for housing & other services. The collaboration between the ACDFCD & CE make it easier for clients to work with both agencies in one visit. JFS has many partners who collaborate to implement best practices & maximize resources for those experiencing homelessness. The CE staff follows a referral & follow up process that ensures individuals are linked & served by agencies where they are referred. The CE at AHA utilizes a “universal release” which allows for a broad scope of referrals & the ability to freely communicate. The HN also assists to support every step of clients’ transition from homeless to housed, including assistance gaining a lease and connections to wrap-around services.

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry—Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies—Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Households experiencing homelessness can access services and housing opportunities through the coordinated entry (CE) programs or by calling NJ 211 for a referral to a local agency. Information about housing opportunities and supportive services is circulated to CoC partners, outreach groups, local housing authorities and to community groups. Households in search of housing and services can also connect to the local welfare office in person, via phone or online. As a new partner, the Atlantic County Lived Experience Advisory Board also participates in sharing information with their peers during the meetings and other households currently experiencing homelessness.

Permanent Housing providers are encouraged to provide their clients with the most recent guide to the rights and responsibilities of residential tenants and landlords in New Jersey called “The Truth in Renting. All agencies throughout the CoC have attended trainings provided by local legal services agencies as well as the NJ Division of Civil Rights (NJ DCR). NJ DCR conducted a CoC training in June of 2024 on fair housing and reporting housing discrimination for the full CoC. Trainings focuses on NJ Law Against Discrimination, the Fair Chance Housing Act and understanding how to file a complaint as a tenant. Lawmakers in New Jersey are working on a policy that would also allow a service provider, to report a claim of discrimination. Agencies are encouraged to file complaints of housing discrimination through both the State of NJ and HUD.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	09/15/2023

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Executive Board reviews annual Point in Time count reports to compare disparities in the homeless population with the previous year. The Data chair reviews STELLA reports and HMIS reports with the Executive Board. After collecting data on the system level, the CoC has committed to evaluate equity on the project level with renewal projects in the most recent monitoring. Agencies are asked information about providing services to various cultural groups, involving persons with lived experience, & diversity of program staff. During a 1 year reporting period it was found that Persons identifying as Black or African American non-Hispanic are overrepresented in the population experiencing chronic homelessness compared to their White non-Hispanic counterparts. This group accounted for 13% of the general population but represented 41% of people experiencing homelessness. Out of Persons who identified as having a mental health illness, 43% identified as White non-Hispanic, 38% as Black or African American non-Hispanic, and 11% as Hispanic/Latino. There were 253 homeless children between ages 1-17 years old identifying as Black or African American non-Hispanic and Hispanic/Latinos had the highest average household size (1.8). In a separate HMIS report analyzing data collected in a month, was noted that Persons identifying as Hispanic/Latino made up 71% of homeless families.

The CoC also identified that service provision can vary from agency to agency based on feedback from focus groups held in June 2023 with people with lived expertise from across the county. The CoC is working with the data analyst to identify other racial disparity trends and to create standards for all CoC agencies.

1D-9b.	Implemented Strategies to Prevent or Eliminate Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p	

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

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
4.	Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	Yes
5.	Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	Yes
6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	Yes
7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity?	Yes
9.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes

10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC analyzes HMIS & PIT data to determine if any racial disparities exist within the CoC's geographic region. The CoC acknowledges the value in collecting and analyzing data and received a grant from the New Jersey Office of Homeless Prevention to hire a full time data analyst to work with the CoC. This role is key to allow the CoC to conduct further research in racial disparity trends and outcomes of programs.

From the areas identified the CoC will work with funding agencies such as community development, to fund projects that support reducing barriers for over-represented groups. The CoC will also continue to host workshops & trainings that aim to examine different aspects of the homeless system (PH, coordinated entry, resources for DV etc....) with an equity lens & provide participants the opportunity to share solutions. The CoC is collaborating with their partners that work with families, youths, and children under 17 and younger to improve the process of connecting homeless households with school age children to community resources.

The CoC works with partner service agencies, the CoC data analyst, community advocates & the Atlantic County Lived Experience Advisory Board to understand the disparities & provide strategies to create an equitable system.

1D-9d.	Plan for Using Data to Track Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	the measures your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and
2.	the tools your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

During the monitoring process & local selection applications, the CoC requests information about agencies' plans to promote diversity, inclusion, and equity in the programs. Agencies report on the demographics of agency staff compared to the populations that are served by the agency, current plans to include persons with lived expertise, providing services in a manner that is culturally and linguistically competent.

There are several agencies addressing disparities on the program level which are models for the entire CoC. Covenant House has created a Diversity Taskforce, focused on the following 4 internal approaches to identify, & address barriers to equity in our service delivery including youth engagement, organizational improvement, staff training, & advocacy. AVANZAR's Dismantling Racism Initiative includes internal & external activities, trainings & events reflecting their goal to eliminate discrimination by becoming change agents in the workplace & in the community. The CoC utilizes HMIS data, focus group and client feedback to track progress with addressing racial disparities existing within the CoC's geographic region.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC revised their bylaws in 2023 and increased the number of voting members with lived experience to be a part of the Executive Board. They are actively involved in the planning process, funding decisions, & program evaluations. The CoC member agencies have PWLE included in leadership roles & decision-making process. The CoC held several focus groups in throughout 2023 to solicit feedback from PWLE. The CoC targeted outreach partners, shelter providers, service providers and the local hospital to publicize the meetings and used flyers, emails, and phone calls to announce the meeting location and details. From these successful focus groups, many PWLE decided to continue partnering with the CoC and form the Atlantic County Lived Experience Advisory Board (ACLEAB) which is now a subcommittee of the CoC. Through the partnership of the New Jersey Office of Homelessness, the ACLEAB members are compensated for all LEAB, CoC, CoC Executive and community planning meetings that they participate in. The CoC aims to provide a space for the persons with lived experience to come together, exchange ideas, & integrate with the CoC committees on all levels. Also, the CoC partners actively outreach to PWLE to receive feedback about their programs, and they incorporate these recommendations into their program evaluation and service delivery. Covenant House New Jersey has staff with lived experience & are aiming to add new board members who are from the BIPOC community as way to reflect diversity on all management levels. Collaborative Support Program of NJ provides PSH to homeless individuals & Community Enterprise Corporation (a public housing authority) both have staff that are diverse & reflect the communities they serve and are part of the decision making process. All staff in these agencies identify as people with lived experience.

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

You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
 Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	3	3
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	11	6
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	3	3
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	3	3

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC actively partners with employment organizations to promote access to employment opportunities for homeless households they serve. To increase employment opportunities the CoC has local One Stop administrators that participate in CoC activities along with the Board of Social Services. These agencies partner with the CoC to provide education, job- readiness workshops, job-training, & employment opportunities for households in permanent supportive housing & those who are homeless. The local One Stops hosts job fairs each year as well promotes & supports job fairs for multiple local & regional companies. The CoC lead advertises upcoming educational & employment opportunities to its partnering agencies.

There are several CoC agencies that employ staff & directors with lived experience in homelessness or can identify with other subpopulations such as LGBTQ+, Youths, Human Trafficking, & Domestic Violence . Covenant House New Jersey has employed several PWLE as members of their agency board and in various departments throughout their organization including the executive staff, development team and direct care staff. Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey, Inc. (CSPNJ) is a not-for-profit, Peer directed statewide mental health agency that practices Housing First and promotes wellness and recovery with the guidance of Peers, people with the lived experience of mental illness and/or homelessness and substance use disorders. Sharing these common experiences with clients can lead to better service outcomes over time.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC agencies have client satisfaction feedback surveys that are completed in all programs & places where clients can confidently submit their comments, complaints, or suggestions. Senior staff review & discuss issues & suggestions with the staff, clients, & boards.

Two CoC agencies have developed project level advisory boards comprised of persons who are experiencing homelessness or who are formerly homeless to regularly solicit consumer information. Jewish Family Service hosts a quarterly meeting with their Community Advisory Committee. The recommendations made by this board are relayed to the organizations board of directors resulting in direct input into the agency’s strategic plan. Career Opportunity Development (CODI) collects consumer input weekly & also runs a monthly group where consumers can share ideas & feedback about services. Consumer feedback/input is reviewed with CODI’s Leadership Team & used to examine trends, review potential issues, & service delivery.

The CoC held several focus groups in 2023 to solicit feedback from people experiencing homelessness. The participants in the focus groups, were asked information about receiving services, successful connections, barriers to housing & other related topics. The information was used to identify potential gaps but also highlights in the system.

The feedback from agency consumer meetings & community focus groups has been provided to the CoC Executive board & subcommittee meetings. One challenge identified was the need for more housing opportunities for households not chronically homeless (especially for youths). Based on this feedback, the CoC has supported two new PH housing projects during this funding cycle (one for youths & another for DV households) to provide more RRH opportunities.

1D-11.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	
	Describe in the field below at least two steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC’s geographic area regarding the following:	
	1. reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and	
	2. reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The State of NJ monitors municipalities to ensure that they are providing their 'fair share' of the region's need for affordable housing for moderate- & low income people. The Mount Laurel Doctrine prohibits discrimination against the poor by the state & municipalities in the exercise of their land use powers. In response to the Mount Laurel Doctrine the NJ Legislature passed the Fair Housing Act which created the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) to assess statewide needs for affordable housing & allocate that need on a municipal fair share basis. COAH evaluated each municipality & ensured that they review & approve housing plans that meet their affordable housing obligations.

Two strategies the CoC are taking to ensure the CoC geographic area has met their affordable housing development supply are:
(1) Identifying projects that are stalled due to issues with finances, zoning, or town ordinances. The CoC Executive Board continues to collaborate with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority (ACIA), & members of the AC Chamber of Commerce to meet with low- income housing developers, to get information about housing development projects that have stalled due to these issues.
(2) The CoC members and advisory board have met with local governments & to advocate for more low- income housing development in the community. If necessary, the CoC is prepared to report municipalities that do not meet their 'fair share' housing requirements to COAH.

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

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- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	05/06/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	05/06/2024

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

You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:

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

6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes
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1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
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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)?	261
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	10
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	the severe barriers your CoC considered.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC Monitoring & Review (M&R) committee evaluated PH programs using HMIS & APR data. Projects were evaluated for several factors including project utilization, clients remaining in PH or exiting to PH during the operating year & increasing client’s access to income & benefits sources. The CoC committee also evaluated projects that served chronically homeless persons & implemented housing first program models that are low barrier. They also reviewed how the program utilized service provision models that have proven effective in engaging & obtaining client feedback. The CoC local selection process included a prioritization for projects targeting the aforementioned factors.

Agencies were awarded up to 36 points on the local application and 60 points in the system performance measures section of the monitoring process.

This information was obtained using HMIS data during monitoring & responses on the application. The CoC M&R Committee also requested information from PH agencies describing their strategies for reducing length of time homeless

For new projects, 6 points were awarded to programs serving the Chronically Homeless, DV, & Veterans households. 7 points were awarded to projects that demonstrated the capacity to serve persons with the most severe needs, & 10 points were awarded to projects using the housing first model. There was also a total of 15 points awarded to projects that demonstrated the ability to promote diversity & equity & included the input of people with lived experience.

For Renewal projects, 35 points were awarded for program impact which served chronically homeless persons, used evidence-based service practices, & implemented realistic program goals. During on site program monitoring, 20 points were awarded for housing first which included an assessment of program access, program retention policies, use of best practices for services, & staff training opportunities.

For renewal programs, the performance review was adjusted based on the project type & level of need of participants in the program. In reviewing client connection to employment income, the universe of clients to which this measure applied was adjusted so that it did not include persons with SSI/SSDI. Certain performance measures were adjusted to the coordinated entry projects & those serving the VAWA population as well to avoid disadvantaging them.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Full CoC membership is comprised of diverse multi-agency groups that included over-represented populations & provided input to the CoC Executive Board & subcommittees. Input from this diverse group was provided in the format of community assessments, public forums, PIT surveys, & client feedback forms from various agencies. The CoC also solicited information from persons with lived experience by hosting focus groups prior to finalizing the ranking process.

During the monitoring for renewal programs, the CoC included questions on consumer input & cultural competency. These questions allowed the CoC to evaluate agencies on their ability to provide equitable & culturally appropriate services & involve persons with lived experience. Gathering this information also allowed the Monitoring & Review Committee to identify areas where the agencies may require additional training & strategies to improve equity in their program.

Persons with lived experience were a part of the Monitoring & Review Committee & elected to the Executive Board as well. It is the responsibility of the Executive Board to review & approve all CoC policies, procedures, rank & review project selections, & overall funding decisions. Feedback from PWLE focus groups about access to agency programs, service provision, & community impact were also taken into consideration during the review process.

The CoC combined on-site monitoring scores & application responses for a final renewal project score. Projects who prioritized the most vulnerable such CH households, have longer retention rates, or discharges to PH, & clear Housing First approaches were recognized as promoting racial equity for housing.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC’s Monitoring & Review Committee adhered to the reallocation process outlined in the local selection polices. It stated that the Monitoring & Review Committee may allocate funding at a level equal to or less than the program budget in the most recent HUD approved GIW. The Monitoring & Review Committee may reduce the amount of funds awarded to renewal projects based on several factors including poor performance, a history of unexpended grant funds, issues with agency capacity, low project utilization rates, program structure/model incongruent with established funding priorities, or other reasons related to program compliance, capacity & or ability to fit in with established funding priorities. Upon completion of the process, the Monitoring & Review Committee submitted their recommendations for project scoring, ranking & funding to the Executive Board for approval. During the annual performance review, the CoC did not identify any low performers and decided not to pursue reallocation. In FY2023 one project was reallocated in total due to poor program performance and low spending.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2019 and FY 2024. NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	
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	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps. NOFO Section V.B.2.g. You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	08/26/2024

1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. NOFO Section V.B.2.g. You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	08/26/2024
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC’s website or partner’s website.	
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You must enter a date in question 1E-5d.

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	05/23/2024
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2A-4.	Comparable Databases for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases; and	
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database—compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC funds AVANZAR to provide Joint TH-RRH & supportive services for Domestic Violence households in the CoC geographic area. The CoC also funds HR Recovery to provide RRH for households in the VAWA defined population. These CoC victim service providers collect data using comparable HMIS databases. As a CoC funded agency, AVANZAR utilizes Apricot for data entry & HR Recovery utilizes Foothold Technology; both are HMIS comparable databases. Additionally, Jewish Family Services (JFS) is the CoC funded agency for the DV Coordinated Entry project. JFS generates secure reports using Foothold Technology which also has a comparable database. All providers work in conjunction with the CoC & HMIS leads to ensure all reporting requirements are met.

AVANZAR submits de-identified system performance reports to the CoC lead & Data Quality subcommittee when requested. JFS as the lead agency for CE, regularly attends Data Quality meetings & track DV specific data through the CE using Foothold software.

The CoC is compliant with 2024 HMIS Data Standards. Updated HMIS Data Standards have been shared with the agencies during CoC Data Quality subcommittee & statewide data meetings. NJHMFA the lead HMIS agency, has frequent HMIS trainings about the most recent data standards for CoC members & Victim Service Providers.

The CoC was awarded a grant by NJDCA to fund a data analyst. This position will be key in tracking de-identified information for VAWA households & reporting to the data committee & participating agencies (such as the Atlantic County Human Trafficking subcommittee) for strategic planning. The data analyst is familiar with HMIS Data Standards & can provide support to the agencies using comparable databases.

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

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

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	241	9	221	92.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	66	6	72	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	66	0	66	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	143	0	77	54.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c.	
	For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:	
	1. steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and	
	2. how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

All CoC funded PH programs input their beds & data into the Atlantic CoC HMIS or a comparable database. Currently, the PSH beds not currently in HMIS are those beds included in the HUD VASH program & the Statewide Emergency Housing Voucher program. Without these two programs, the HMIS bed coverage would be at 100%. Since HUD VASH is operated by a VA system outside of New Jersey, there continues to be challenges with getting data entry into the CoC's HMIS.

The CoC's Data Quality subcommittee continues to have monthly meetings to review accurate & timely HMIS data entry. In collaboration with the lead HMIS agency (NJHMFA), the data subcommittee chair will be arranging meetings to address barriers identifies by community agencies & coordinate the 1-1 HMIS trainings for staff. The CoC Lead & Data Analyst will also connect to state agencies & tax credit programs that offer OPH units for homeless households to discuss strategies to increase bed coverage in HMIS.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/23/2024
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	05/03/2024
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC actively engaged with stakeholders to expand participation in the annual PIT Count to ensure full & accurate coverage of the region. Homeless liaisons in the school district along with youth service providers were included in the CoC PIT meetings & they were informed on how to complete the surveys, access services, & are encouraged to participate on the day of the PIT count. Volunteers from the primary youth service provider, Covenant House, participated in the count & in connect events around the community during the PIT count.

During the PIT planning process Covenant House, actively participated by providing insight on locations to identify homeless youth, engagement strategies & provides volunteers to assist with the PIT data collection on the night/day of the count. In Atlantic City, these “hot spots” include the boardwalk by the beach, the casino hotels, and the bus terminal. Atlantic CoC has a lived experience advisory board that includes youth members.

During this year’s count, PWLE collaborated with agencies to identified known locations of youth experiencing homelessness stay. The CoC intends to continue efforts to expand participation in the planning process to capture information more accurately about the youth population experiencing homelessness. By coordinating with youths on the lived experience advisory board, the CoC can expand participation & capture information more accurately about the youth population experiencing homelessness in future counts.

The AB was consulted in the updates to the PIT survey, training process, and local planning and implementation for 2024.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;	
	2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;	
	3. describe whether your CoC’s PIT count was affected by people displaced either from a natural disaster or seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance who recently arrived in your CoCs’ geographic; and	
	4. describe how the changes affected your CoC’s PIT count results; or	
	5. state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2024.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The PIT survey to count unsheltered & sheltered persons was modified by members of the Statewide Advisory Board (SAB) which is comprised of persons with lived experience (PWLE). The PIT survey was updated to identify barriers to housing & needs of the participants before responding to questions on their homeless history. The updates were designed to be less tautological & more person-centered using a motivational interview approach to improve data collection of all the characteristics of homeless history. The efforts of the SAB provided invaluable insight & reshaped the survey to gather required data while respecting the humanity of respondents.

In conjunction with the survey updates, virtual trainings for the PIT Count & outreach were organized by the CoC & co-facilitation by the SAB for improved & expanded coverage during the PIT count. These targeted trainings allowed volunteers & agencies completing the survey to ensure full understanding of the changes to the data collection, CH definition & the distinctions related to counting episodes of homelessness & length of time for those episodes. The trainings also emphasized the data collection requirements for all data elements associated with the PIT analysis including homeless history & disabling condition. Agencies also had access to trainings & reviewed the survey protocols with participating staff prior to the count.

The outreach effort was strengthened this year with participation for PWLE participating in the count. PWLE collaborated with agencies to identify known locations, encourage unsheltered persons to complete the survey, & connect unsheltered persons to service providers. This strategy allowed for complete & efficient coverage in the community. 30% of the PIT data was collected through HMIS & the remaining data was collected through client surveys. As a result of these changes, the CoC saw an increase in volunteer engagement, a decrease in errors for submitted surveys & a reduction in the number of potentially duplicate surveys.

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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- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Atlantic County CoC saw a 7% reduction in the number of first time homeless from 2022 to 2023. The CoC Data Quality committee & single point of entry (SPOE) team reviewed HMIS & PIT data to identify risk factors such as loss of earned income or benefits & frequent requests for assistance through the state homeless hotline. The CoC partnered with local judicial agencies to identify households with pending evictions.

The CoC Data Analyst is working with the CoC Data Quality committee & coordinated entry (CE) team to identify risk factors & trends in the system. At-risk households have the opportunity to connect to Homelessness Eviction Prevention & Diversion Programs implemented by Jewish Family Service (JFS). These programs assist households at imminent risk to maintain housing & avoid becoming homeless. These programs aim to work with households to avoid the trauma of homelessness by providing various services such as supportive services, rehousing, relocation, landlord-tenant court & tenancy litigation. Additionally, the CoC addresses first time homelessness by connecting all persons at risk of homelessness that present at the CE with prevention programs & mainstream benefits for which they may be eligible. The CE (operated by JFS) is in the County Administration building where consumers are immediately screened to determine eligibility for preventative services such as Emergency Assistance which is provided by the County. This “in-house” collaboration allows households to receive assistance quickly. The CoC continues to work with community agencies to develop agreements between agencies offering prevention services like financial assistance/management, childcare family reunification, & legal services & the Coordinated Entry/CE. The Executive Board is responsible for overseeing implementation of strategies to reduce first time homelessness.

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

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

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

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

<p>In the field below:</p>

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)

The LOT homeless numbers have decreased from 2022 to 2023. Several programs have been implemented with key partners to reduce LOT homeless in Atlantic County. Jewish Family Service (JFS) implements the state funded Homelessness Diversion Program. This program assists households who are currently homeless obtain safe stable housing & quickly exit homelessness. Another state funded program implemented by JFS is the Document Access & Support for Housing (DASH) program. DASH helps to reduce length of time homeless by providing documentation assistance, housing preparation case management for DCA administered Housing Choice Voucher lottery selectees that indicated homelessness their pre-application. Agencies in the CoC frequently connect with the Coordinated Entry (CE) for referral & placement of households in permanent housing. CoC agencies & community partners work together to identify affordable housing options in the community for clients with vouchers. In addition, all CoC funded agencies subscribe to the Housing First Model & coordinate with landlords to reduce housing barriers clients may face. The coordinated entry expansion has been utilized to hire a housing navigator that helps locate affordable housing, assist with housing documentation & is a liaison for the landlords. This is key to reducing the barriers & time it takes for clients experiencing homelessness to being permanently housed. The Atlantic County Div. of Family & Community Development (ACDFCD), the local welfare agency, is a key player in this process as well. ACDFCD uses emergency assistance funds to immediately house eligible households & provide necessary resources. The HART committee works with providers & the CE to identify persons with the longest histories of homelessness. HART committee members work throughout the community to connect homeless households to the CE for an assessment. The CE assesses all households using the VI- SPDAT & maintains a housing prioritization list organized by chronic homeless status, vulnerability score & length of time homeless. Households at the top of the list are prioritized for housing vouchers immediately. Additionally, CE staff reviews HMIS & their EHR reports across all indicators on at least a quarterly basis to identify households with the longest lengths of time homeless. The HART committee & CE are responsible for implementing strategies & the Executive Board oversees implementation.

2C-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention –CoC’s Strategy. NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;	
2.	describe your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has maintained 95% PH retention. The CE identifies PH resources in the county including state rapid rehousing vouchers, County RRH vouchers through emergency assistance, & EHV units connected to the Department of Community Affairs & local housing authorities. CE also connects with local PHA & refers clients for mainstream & housing choice vouchers that become available.

The CE works with CoC agencies through the HART team to identify & engage homeless persons in the community & assesses the most appropriate interventions based on their individual needs. This allows them to be prioritized & move quickly into PH. There are CoC agencies that have a dedicated Housing Specialist that assists the person with searching & to applying for housing. The CoC has expanded CE with a Housing Navigator to increase opportunities for all clients to find the right housing placements, promote stability, & allow for the immediate use of new voucher opportunities coming into the community.

CoC members assist clients (formerly homeless & at-risk) with maintaining stable housing by offering a variety of client-centered supportive services. Agencies offer connections to financial advocacy & employment placement to increase their income. Retention in PH is further strengthened by additional important support services including mental health counseling/treatment, life skills training, childcare, legal assistance services & substance abuse treatment offer by community agencies. These services would reduce their return to homelessness & increase their economic & housing stability & overall self-sufficiency. Clients also have access to homeless eviction prevention services if they are experiencing a crisis.

The Monitoring & Review Committee evaluates all PH projects funded through the CoC for their adherence to housing first principles & the CoC is working to connect PH providers to trainings on best practices for service implementation. CoC PH projects must have at least 80% of households remain in PH or exit to PH to receive maximum prioritization score during project ranking process. The Executive Board oversees the CoC's strategy to increase exits to PH.

2C-4.	Reducing Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC identifies households who return to homelessness & those at risk with detailed system performance measure reports in its HMIS system. The CoC also collaborates with the local judicial system to identify households with recent eviction cases.

The CoC continues to decrease the rate of return through the following strategies:

The HART committee holds monthly case conferencing meetings where they work on connecting the most vulnerable persons to housing & services as quickly as possible. As a result of the wide variety of stakeholders participating in the meetings (law enforcement, courts, hospitals, shelters, outreach providers, drop-in centers, & mental health/substance abuse treatment service) members can identify high need cases of persons currently housed & work through the network of providers to intervene & increase the level of support when interactions with different systems demonstrate a potential risk to housing stability.

The coordinated entry (CE), CoC funded agencies & the county welfare office collaborate by completing eligibility checks for mainstream resources & locally funded prevention programs. Once households exit to permanent housing, they can continue to access the CE if they are experiencing housing instability.

Jewish Family Service (JFS) implements the state funded Homelessness Diversion Program which assists households who are currently housed maintain stable living situation. Agencies also refer eligible households to the county emergency rental assistance program which assist families with rental arrears & utility payments. Agencies also provide clients with intensive case management to address their needs & reduce recidivism.

To hold agencies accountable, the Monitoring & Review Committee evaluates all PH projects funded through the CoC for adherence to housing first principles & works to connect PH providers to trainings on best practices for service implementation. Also, CoC PSH projects must have at least 80% of households remain in PH or exit to PH to receive maximum prioritization score during project ranking process. The HART Committee & CE are responsible for implementing strategies around reducing returns to homelessness.

The Executive Board oversees implementation of this strategy.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC regularly reviews HMIS to monitor if PH projects & clients' access to cash sources. Renewal project must demonstrate that at least 20% of program clients (not receiving SSI/SSDI) are connected to earned income & at least 20% increase income to receive maximum prioritization score during the project ranking process. Having standards is an additional motivator for agencies to be diligent with connecting clients to employment.

The coordinatd entry (CE) completes a comprehensive assessment to identify all areas of need & connects individuals with employment needs to the local employment services of the Workforce Investment Board & the Atlantic City Employment Services & Assistance Program. In addition, CoC funded projects work with clients to develop individualized plans & have successfully assisted participants in connecting with employment services & jobs through the local One-Stop Career Center. CoC funded agencies also refer clients who have incomes (such as SSI/SSD) to the America Works Program where they can receive individualized assistance for employment opportunities.

CoC member, Catholic Charities, offers employment services & assistance program to assist the citizens (including the homeless) of Atlantic City find employment through referrals, job readiness training, workshops, & job placement through the network of employers in Atlantic City & Atlantic County the program has established. AVANZAR (the County's DV provider) helps DV household access job training & education programs to support financially stability through the Displaced Homemaker program. Covenant House provides job readiness & job placement services, education support, including basic education, GED preparation & college application assistance to youths. Other agencies offer connections to financial advocacy & budget training services, housing counseling, employment readiness & placements through One-Stop & match savings (IDA) along with other essential financial programs.

Atlantic County is a region heavily dependent on tourism which is a sector that had significant decline due to the pandemic. As it slowly recovers, CoC agencies continue to assist informing clients on how to access additional government funding (such tax credits & unemployment). The ACDFCD & CE are responsible for coordinating with CoC funded projects & the Executive Board oversees implementation.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC evaluates funded agencies to ensure they are continuing to connect clients to agencies & institutions that provide non-cash benefits. The CoC regularly reviews HMIS to monitor if PH projects have at least 60% receiving non-cash benefits & 60% of participants maintaining/increasing noncash benefits overall during the CoC's performance review process. Renewal projects must meet this criterion to receive maximum prioritization score during project ranking process.

Agencies connect consumers to cash benefits in various ways. Catholic Charities Diocese of Camden offer services for Veterans including reinstatement assistance & benefits assessment allowing those who are homeless or at risk of being homeless to access non-earned cash benefits. Pleasantville hosts community resources events to connect the community to service agencies.

Agencies in the community utilize NJ HELPS an online screening tool, assistance from SOAR certified staff at Jewish Family Services (the Coordinated Entry agency) & refer clients to Work First NJ benefits. The Atlantic County Div. of Family & Community Development (ACDFCD), the local welfare agency, is an integral part of the Coordinated Entry (CE).

Every person seeking assistance in the homeless service system is assessed for eligibility in mainstream benefits programs due to the co-location of the CE in the ACDFCD offices. Having these two systems connected, increases access to non-earned cash income for the households. In addition, to increase earned income, job fairs (virtual & in-person) are held in the CoC region year by local organizations which offer educational assistance, job training, & job placement for those who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

The ACDFCD & CE are responsible for coordinating with CoC funded projects & the Executive Board oversees implementation.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
Safe Home Expansion	Joint TH-RRH	11	Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Safe Home Expansion

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): EJSRKJGQLVU1

3. Select the new project type: Joint TH-RRH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 11

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?		Yes
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4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.	

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 2024 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.	Data Assessing Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c) and I.B.3.j.(3)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	52
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	2
3.	Unmet Need:	50

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(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)

In 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, AVANZAR received an estimated 166 requests for housing. This includes DV survivors and homeless individuals. The source for this information is our crisis hotline call logs. Also, in Fiscal Year 2023 AVANZAR provided 4,988 nights of safe shelter to 166 individuals (adults and children). The source for this information is shelter census.

The barriers to housing include rental assistance dollars available, cost of housing (rental rates) and available affordable housing.

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	
	Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects—only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.	

Applicant Name
AVANZAR

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

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant that applied for one or more New DV Bonus housing projects included on your CoC's FY 2024 Priority Listing for New Projects:

1.	Applicant Name	AVANZAR
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	4%
3.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	100%

4A-3b.1.	Applicant's Housing Placement and Retention Data Explanation.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

For the rate of housing placement and rate of housing retention of DV survivors reported in question 4B-3b., describe in the field below:

1.	how the project applicant calculated the rate of housing placement;
2.	whether the rate for housing placement accounts for exits to safe housing destinations;
3.	how the project applicant calculated the rate of housing retention; and
4.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects).

(limit 1,500 characters)

1. The program currently has two clients and they are still in the housing they were placed in. Case management notes are the data source. We also have signed leases.
2. Safe housing definitions vary - shelter, transitional housing and hotel placement are considered safe housing. Individuals moving into their own housing situation are no longer in a domestic violence situation and are considered safe from that situation. These individuals are no longer considered in imminent danger of domestic violence.
3. Case Management notes and follow-up
4. Case Management files.

4A-3c.	Applicant's Experience Housing DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(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;
3.	determined survivors' supportive services needs;

4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and
5.	moved survivors from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Because it is necessary to have access to affordable housing throughout the communities we serve, our Domestic Violence Housing First Navigator has developed a network of community collaborations with Property Managers, Landlords, and social service professionals to assist in being responsive to the housing needs of the survivors we serve. DVHF works with our team of Domestic Violence Advocates, as well as each survivor, to develop a housing plan that identifies each individual’s needs to rapidly identify housing assistance and resources and provides appropriate linkages.
2. AVANZAR recognizes homelessness can be classified into three allowable funding categories: literal, imminent and domestic violence. As a domestic violence provider, our primary population will be domestic violence survivors. We will meet with survivors to further assess if they are literally homeless or imminently homeless. While we will serve all domestic violence survivors, those identified as literally homeless will be prioritized, with secondary prioritization to those who are facing imminent homelessness.
3. Identifying safe and affordable housing is the primary need of the survivors we are working with that are seeking housing assistance. Additional supportive service needs include counseling/therapy, workforce development/employment support, child care, transportation, food security, and medical care.
4. AVANZAR provides domestic violence counseling, crisis response, phone counseling, legal advocacy/accompaniment and system advocacy and referrals to meet the needs of individuals impacted by domestic violence. Additionally we provide workforce development/employment support services as well as system linkages and referrals to the local board of social services for assistance with financial assistance, medical coverage and food security. We also provide survivors with referrals and linkages to community programs that provide utility assistance, legal support, medical care, mental health support, child care, transportation, and immigration services.
5. AVANZAR’s team of DVHF Navigator and Domestic Violence Advocate provide access to case management services to those we assist with housing. Case Management supports survivors in identifying their needs, developing a plan to address their needs, and set/reach goals towards self-sufficiency. This can include, supporting survivors in engaging in workforce development services, gaining financial literacy to save and budget.

4A-3d.	Applicant’s Experience in Ensuring DV Survivors’ Safety.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(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 survivors’ information and locations confidential;	
4.	training staff on safety and confidentially policies and practices; and	
5.	taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors’ physical safety and location confidentiality.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Services are provided in a confidential and private location where phone screenings are conducted to initiate services and complete assessment interviews. These screenings/assessments are completed one-on-one between the domestic violence team and the survivor.
2. The DVHF program's primary determination criteria for services are as follows: individual is a minimum of 18 years of age and is a domestic violence survivor. Placements are determined based on the needs assessment completed by the DVHF Navigator with the survivor. The DVHF Navigator will provide each survivor with the knowledge of available resources, housing available and support the survivor in determining what the survivor assesses is in their own best interest.
3. Client information is maintained in locked cabinets, and all electronic files are maintained in secure servers that are HIPPA compliant. Only authorized service providers are permitted to access these records. Staff who have access have all completed 40 victim advocate training, and have completed a background check.
4. All staff receive annual training and review of the agency's safety and confidentiality policies/practices.
5. AVANZAR's Transitional Housing program provides three individual condominiums that allow families to live independently from one another to provide a safe and secure living environment. Each of the units have monitored security systems installed and are actively used. Survivors are trained on how arm each security system and proper use of the equipment. Additionally, AVANZAR has a 24/7 hotline survivors can call if additional support is required. Survivors who live in independent housing units are also encouraged to contact the hotline if needed for any support. We also have flexible funding to support individuals who may be in need of purchasing/installing security systems in their housing unit. Our team meets with each survivor to develop individualized safety plans.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant's Experience in Evaluating Its Ability to Ensure DV Survivors' Safety.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the project evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement throughout the project's operation.

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We seek feedback from survivors served regarding our success in ensuring their safety while engaged in services. We review our safety policies and practices to assess our strengths and identify areas we must improve to protect client safety. Practices include maintaining the identifying information of the individuals we serve, including their names and addresses.

AVANZAR seeks feedback from the survivors we serve to determine how they were able to secure their physical safety while engaged in our services. For those residing in transitional housing, we do quarterly safety checks of the security equipment, review and discuss safety measures survivors can take a fire or disaster occur, as well as do a physical safety check of the housing unit. We have been successful in responding to environmental needs as documented by a no-harm outcomes to our transitional housing units.

4A-3e.	Applicant's Experience in Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)		
Describe in the field below the project applicant's experience in:		
1.	prioritizing placement and stabilization of survivors;	
2.	placing survivors in permanent housing;	
3.	placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their preferences; and	
4.	placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their stated needs.	

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1. AVANZAR has been providing housing stabilization services to individuals who have been impacted with DV in Atlantic CoC. Recognizing there is typically a significant adjustment in the economic stability of a family after a DV relationship has ended, we provide CM & advocacy services with individuals to complete eligibility assessments to determine what resources existed in the community that would support them in stabilizing housing. Additionally, AVANZAR receives funding to provide rental assistance to survivors of DV from the state. Recognizing the trauma impact associated with DV, we developed our program from a housing-first perspective with the goal to eliminate as many barriers as possible to be able to swiftly support clients facing homelessness. We advocate with local landlords and property managers to develop professional relationships to identify and locate affordable and safe housing throughout the communities we serve.

2. AVANZAR completes an assessment with each survivor we work with to determine their identified needs. We assist survivors in placing their needs in a priority continuum to support them in identifying what they would like to have (prefer) in housing versus what they must have to meet their needs. Our staff work diligently to identify available housing in the community that meet as many of these preferences as possible, while supporting survivors in matching their options with what they will be able to sustain long-term. AVANZAR believes in the importance of respecting and honoring the self-determination of every individual and allows survivors to determine the differences between their preferences versus their needs, and we do this while also making sure the individual has financial literacy and budgeting skills to be able to determine these factors when identifying housing.

3&4 We also value the importance of respecting the importance of their needs. Our housing team does their best to triage available housing in the area and make referrals that match survivors needs. We will also provide advocacy to landlords and property managers when possible to consider specific needs of clients where possible and make the necessary adjustments, specifically when ADA compliance is a factor. We maintained relationships with survivors to assist the in identifying potential financial difficulties they may face and provided support in developing plans and potential resources to sidestep identified difficulties

4A-3f.	Applicant's Experience in Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(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.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures survivors and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;	
2.	providing survivors access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing survivors with information on the effects of trauma;	
3.	emphasizing survivors' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;	
4.	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;	
5.	providing a variety of opportunities for survivors' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and	

	6. offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.
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1. The autonomy of every individual a priority factor with every individual we meet with. We deliver services from a perspective that every survivor is the expert of their experience and therefore, their assessment of what they need is respected. We do not believe we know what is best of any one person. Our team works in collaboration with the individuals we serve to identify needs and plans.

2. AVANZAR has been providing domestic violence and sexual assault services to survivors since 1975. Through our decades of experience, our team members are versed on trauma and the importance of recognizing trauma responses in those we serve. Part of those services include offering education and awareness around the profound impacts the trauma of domestic violence/sexual assault have on individuals and families. We provide all survivors with information on available services and resources available to them, and when an individual determines the need, we link them with our domestic violence and sexual assault service team members.

3. AVANZAR practices from a strength-based approach. We recognize that all individuals have strengths they bring with them. We recognize that surviving trauma takes immense strength and resilience and when we engage with survivors, we begin by identifying their strengths and building upon them to support individuals in setting and reaching their goals.

4. AVANZAR provides both culturally-specific services as well as culturally responsive services. We acknowledge that culture is a strength every individual brings with them and we develop our service delivery by starting there. AVANZAR understands that everyone's needs and experiences are unique to each individual and we know culture is a strong contributing factor we must include when we engage with individuals. In our commitment to provide inclusive services, we challenge ourselves to create services that honor each person's culture- whether that be race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, abilities, etc. Additionally, AVANZAR is keenly aware of the intersectionality of trauma and culture and we integrate this in every service delivery provided. In addition to the value of creating culturally specific service through policy and procedure, we are committed to hiring diverse staff that represent the communities we serve. This diversity is demonstrated in the various races, ethnicities, ages, gender identities, sexual orientation, and language abilities of those that work in our programs.

5. AVANZAR believes in the importance of client connections and has created several groups to encourage joining amongst survivors. These are primarily client-centered groups.

6. AVANZAR has a creative art therapy program, PALS, that works with children who have witnessed domestic violence. In recognizing the impact domestic violence has on children, we also recognize the importance of supporting the non-offending parent in learning tools and skills that will provide their children with the maximum opportunity to heal from the trauma. We support the non-offending parent in understanding behaviors typically associated with trauma and provide them parenting strategies to respond in nurturing ways. AVANZAR also provides Fatherhood Services specific to male batterers who are also responsible for parenting children. This program offers a psycho-educational group to educate male batterers in not only identifying and taking accountability for their own abusive behaviors, but it emphasizes the impact domestic violence has on children. Alternatives to violence are taught throughout the 26-week group that the fathers participate in.

4A-3g.	Applicant's Experience Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(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.

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All staff that engage with survivors of domestic violence complete a 40-hour domestic violence training to gain the core competencies of doing this work. AVANZAR provides crisis intervention services that include phone counseling, individual/group counseling, case management, emergency shelter, community crisis response, legal and systems advocacy. While we are engaging with clients who are seeking permanent housing, all of our domestic violence services are offered to clients to provide a holistic approach and to provide them with coping skills to manage the symptoms associated with trauma response to domestic violence. In addition to our DV services, we have also provided linkages to our job readiness program for clients who identify a need to either gain employment, or increase their earning potential. This program conducts career assessments, and provides individuals with resources to gain self-sufficiency (such as budgeting, financial literacy, interview training, resume writing, etc).

4A-3h.	Applicant's Plan for Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	

Describe in the field below how the project(s) will:

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| 1. | prioritize placement and stabilization of program participants; |
| 2. | place program participants in permanent housing; |
| 3. | place and stabilize program participants consistent with their preferences; and |
| 4. | place and stabilize program participants consistent with their stated needs. |

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1. We will meet with survivors to further assess if they are literally homeless or imminently homeless. While we will serve all domestic violence survivors, those identified as literally homeless will be prioritized, with secondary prioritization to those who are facing imminent homelessness.
2. When determining individuals for placement in permanent housing, our team will work with each individual to assess their financial stability, create budgets and determine what they will be able to sustain. Our goal is to maximize the success of the individuals we serve, and we will accomplish this by simultaneously working to identify all areas of needs (child care, transportation, employment, etc) as we develop housing plans. Through this process, we are able to confidently support clients in entering into independent lease agreements to obtain their permanent housing.
3. AVANZAR will continue to complete assessments with each survivor we work with to determine their identified needs. We will assist survivors in placing their needs in a priority continuum to support them in identifying what they would like to have (prefer) in housing versus what they must have to meet their needs. Our staff work to identify available housing in the community that meet as many of these preferences as possible, while supporting survivors in matching their options with what they will be able to sustain long-term.
4. AVANZAR believes in honoring the self-determination of those we provide services to, we also value the importance of respecting the importance of their needs. In providing individualized and inclusive services, our team will increase their working relationships with rental properties and realtors to have increased knowledge on what each facility offers and use this information to create a data system that includes accessibility amenities, size of unites, types of units, etc. Our team will utilize this data base to better identify referrals that meet the needs of each individual, reducing the number of unnecessary referrals.

4A-3i.	Applicant's Plan for Administering Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Practices in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	

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

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- 1.All services are delivered from a strength-based, client centered approach with respect to, and in honor of, each individual survivor’s cultural identity. Our team recognizes the trauma impact of domestic violence on individuals and families and engages clients as the experts in their own life; while providing safety, guidance and resources so each individual can make informed decisions about what will best meet their needs.
- 2.AVANZAR offers each survivor free and confidential counseling. This counseling service provides participants with an educational component to inform individuals with knowledge around the short-term and long-term impacts of domestic violence trauma, and the development of adaptive coping skills. Our trauma-informed approach takes into consideration the cultural considerations around domestic violence, trauma and counseling.
- 3.AVANZAR provides a strength-based perspective when engaging survivors-recognizing we all have strengths that are developed over a lifetime, including our cultural strengths. We understand surviving domestic violence takes strength and support individuals in connecting with those survival strengths they have. Rather than approaching clients from a deficit perspective, we engage survivors to learn how to identify their strengths and build from this platform.
- 4.In order to provide client-centered, strength-based services, a survivor’s identity must be seen, honored and respected. This requires our team members to practice from a place of cultural humility, learn about the cultural practices and values of each individual we serve and structure our service delivery in a manner that is responsive to the individual needs of each client. We engage in ongoing assessments of our practices by gaining feedback from those we serve, our staff, the community and other professionals, in making appropriate adjustments to ensure our services are delivered in a manner that meet the needs of the individual. Additionally, we are committed to hiring a diverse staff that represents the communities we serve, who are bilingual and multicultural. AVANZAR has a Coordinator of Bilingual services who works with our DVHF Navigator and our Advocates to identify cultural resources that are responsive to survivor’s needs.
- 5.AVANZAR provides opportunities for survivors to participate in support groups where they can breakdown isolation and reinforce they are not alone; developing a support system.
- 6.AVANZAR works closely with other social service providers and provides linkages to community-based parenting support groups and classes.

4A-3j.	Applicant’s Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(f)	

Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:

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| 1. | with a range of lived expertise; and |
| 2. | in policy and program development throughout the project’s operation. |

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1. Services are client informed. AVANZAR conducts surveys and needs assessments with clients to determine how programs can be improved and new ones developed to respond to the changing needs of our client community. Our program services are impacted by clients' lived experiences. Based on the information gathered, we determine if a program has the capacity to meet these needs and determine how we can improve or expand to respond to these needs. For example, we may have a client with specific needs based on their religion – we adapt our services to meet the individual's needs.
2. In policy and program development throughout the projects operation – AVANZAR's services are client informed and we expand or change in response to these findings.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1. You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
2. You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.
3. We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
4. Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
5. Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
6. If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
 - . We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).
 - . We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
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1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	1C-7. PHA Homele...	10/15/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	1C-7. PHA Moving ...	10/15/2024
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	1D-10a. Lived Exp...	10/15/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	1D-2a. Housing Fi...	10/15/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	1E-2. Local Comp...	10/15/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	1E-2a. Scored Fo...	10/15/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5. Notificati...	10/15/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5a. Notificati...	10/15/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	1E-5b. Local Com...	10/15/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2A-6. HUD's Homel...	10/15/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	3A-1a. Housing Le...	10/15/2024
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	3A-2a. Healthcare...	10/15/2024
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Submission Summary

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

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1C-7
PHA Homeless Preference

Pleasantville Housing Authority PHA Admin Plan

PART III: SELECTION FOR HCV ASSISTANCE

4-III.A. OVERVIEW

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

The order in which families receive assistance from the waiting list depends on the selection method chosen by the PVHA and is impacted in part by any selection preferences that the family qualifies for. The source of HCV funding also may affect the order in which families are selected from the waiting list.

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

4-III.B. SELECTION AND HCV FUNDING SOURCES

Special Admissions [24 CFR 982.203]

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

Targeted Funding [24 CFR 982.204(e)]

HUD may award a PVHA funding for a specified category of families on the waiting list. The PVHA must use this funding only to assist the families within the specified category. Within this category of families, the order in which such families are assisted is determined according to the policies provided in Section 4-III.C.

PVHA Policy

The PVHA administers the following types of targeted funding:

- Family Reunification

Regular HCV Funding

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

4-III.C. SELECTION METHOD

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

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

Public housing authorities 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 PVHA to establish other local preferences, at its discretion. Any local preferences established must be consistent with the PVHA plan and the consolidated plan, and must be based on local housing needs and priorities that can be documented by generally accepted data sources.

PVHA Policy

The PVHA will offer a preference to any family that has been terminated from its HCV program due to insufficient program funding.

Local preferences will be used to select families from the waiting list. The PVHA has selected the following system to apply local preferences:

All local preferences will be numerically ranked with Tier 1 being the highest preference followed by Tier II in the order given below.

After granting consideration for HUD specified preferences, consideration for preferences will be granted based on a two-tier preference system:

Tier I

1. Non-Elderly Disabled Public Housing Residents. – currently residing in the Authority's senior buildings or Non-Elderly Handicapped & Disabled Applicants on the Public Housing waiting list prior to approval of PVHA's designated housing plan by HUD.
2. Elderly Family: A family whose head, spouse, or sole member is a person who is at least 62 years of age; or two or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living together; or one or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living with one live-in aide. (See Glossary description for Elderly Family) This preference is limited to the first twenty-five applicants on the waiting list claiming this preference.

Tier II

1. Residency preference for families who live, work, or have been hired to work (or who are attending school) in the jurisdiction.
2. Victims of domestic violence:

Actual or threatened physical violence directed against the applicant or the applicant's family by a spouse or other household member who lives in the unit with the family.

The actual or threatened violence must have occurred within the past thirty (30) days or be of a continuing nature.

An applicant who lives in a violent neighborhood or is fearful of other violence outside the household is not considered involuntarily displaced.

To qualify for this preference, the abuser must still reside in the unit from which the victim was displaced. The applicant must certify that the abuser will not reside with the applicant unless the PVHA gives prior written approval. Domestic violence victim must have written verification of abuse from third party certifying agencies such as courts, police reports and counseling agencies.

The PVHA will approve the return of the abuser to the household under the following conditions:

- The PVHA verifies that the abuser has received therapy or counseling that appears to minimize the likelihood of recurrence of violent behavior.
- A counselor, therapist or other appropriate professional recommends in writing that the individual be allowed to reside with the family.

If the abuser returns to the family without approval of the PVHA, the PVHA will deny or terminate assistance for breach of the certification.

At the family's request, the PVHA will take precautions to ensure that the new location of the family is concealed in cases of domestic abuse. (See Violence Against Women Policy, Chapter 16).

3. Involuntary Displacement:

Families are considered to be involuntarily displaced if they are required to vacate housing as a result of:

- a) A disaster (fire, flood, earthquake, etc.) that has caused the unit to be uninhabitable.
- b) Federal, state or local government action related to code enforcement, public improvement or development.
- c) Due to HUD disposition of a multifamily project under Section 203 of the Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1978.

4. Substandard Housing:

Applicants who live in substandard housing are families whose dwelling meets one or more of the following criteria provided that the family did not cause the condition:

If dilapidated, as cited by officials of local code enforcement office and does not provide safe, adequate shelter; has one or more critical defects or a combination of defects requiring considerable repair; endangers the health, safety, and well-being of family.

Does not have operable indoor plumbing.

Does not have usable flush toilet in the unit for the exclusive use of the family.

Does not have usable bathtub or shower in unit for exclusive family use.

Does not have adequate, safe electrical service.

Does not have an adequate, safe source of heat.

Has been declared unfit for habitation by a government agency.

Verification of Waiting List Preferences

At the time of application, an applicant's entitlement to a local preference may be made on the following basis.

The PVHA will verify all preference claims at the time they are made. The PVHA will re-verify a preference claim, if the PVHA feels the family's circumstances have changed, at time of selection from the waiting list.

If the preference verification indicates that an applicant does not qualify for the preference, the applicant will be returned to the waiting list without the local preference and given an opportunity for a meeting.

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

In accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, HUD requires that extremely low-income (ELI) families make up at least 75% of the families admitted to the HCV program during the PVHA's fiscal year. ELI families are those with annual incomes at or below 30% of the area median income. To ensure this requirement is met, the PVHA may skip non-ELI families on the waiting list in order to select an ELI family.

Low income families admitted to the program that are "continuously assisted" under the 1937 Housing Act [24 CFR 982.4(b)], as well as low-income or moderate-income families admitted to the program that are displaced as a result of the prepayment of the mortgage or voluntary termination of an insurance contract on eligible low-income housing, are not counted for income targeting purposes [24 CFR 982.201(b)(2)(v)].

PVHA Policy

The PVHA will monitor progress in meeting the ELI requirement throughout the fiscal year. Extremely low-income families will be selected ahead of other eligible families on an as-needed basis to ensure the income targeting requirement is met.

Order of Selection

The PVHA system of preferences may select families either according to the date and time of application, or by a random selection process [24 CFR 982.207(c)]. When selecting families from the waiting list PVHAs are required to use targeted funding to assist only those families who meet the specified criteria, and PVHAs are not permitted to skip down the waiting list to a family that it can afford to subsidize when there are not sufficient funds to subsidize the family at the top of the waiting list [24 CFR 982.204(d) and (e)].

PVHA Policy

Families will be selected from the waiting list based on the targeted funding or selection preference(s) for which they qualify, and in accordance with the PVHA's hierarchy of preferences, if applicable. Within each targeted funding or preference category, families will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date and time their complete application is received by the PVHA. Documentation will be maintained by the PVHA as to whether families on the list qualify for and are interested in targeted funding. If a higher placed family on the waiting list is not qualified or not interested in targeted funding, there will be a notation maintained so that the PVHA does not have to ask higher placed families each time targeted selections are made.

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Chapter 5

SELECTION OF HOUSEHOLDS FOR PARTICIPATION

The selection process begins with the program's commitment to exceed the regulatory requirement that not less than 75 percent of the households admitted to the Housing Choice Voucher Program from the program's waiting list must be extremely low-income households. The DCA selection policy then employs a local preference for households that include a person with disabilities, victims of domestic violence and Veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The program has the discretion to establish local preferences that are consistent with the PHA Plan and Consolidated Plan under which the local PHA jurisdiction is covered.

Residency is a secondary preference that is used to further rank those applicants with a local preference and applicants without a preference. Applicants living in the county are offered assistance before non-residents of the county. The residency preference will not have the purpose or effect of delaying or denying admission because of the applicant's age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or other protected class. The standards instituted by the DCA for verification of a local preference are presented in (Appendix A: EXHIBIT 5-2). Applicants who have not claimed a preference are afforded the opportunity to claim a preference at any time while on the waiting list. However, a change from no preference to a local preference will not be implemented without supporting documentation. Applicants are notified of their right to an informal review if their claim of a local preference is denied. Date of placement on the waiting list is the final criteria used in the selection of applicants

As noted above, with the exception of HUD program regulations pertaining to special admissions and targeted funding, persons will be placed on the DCA's waiting list using a lottery system.

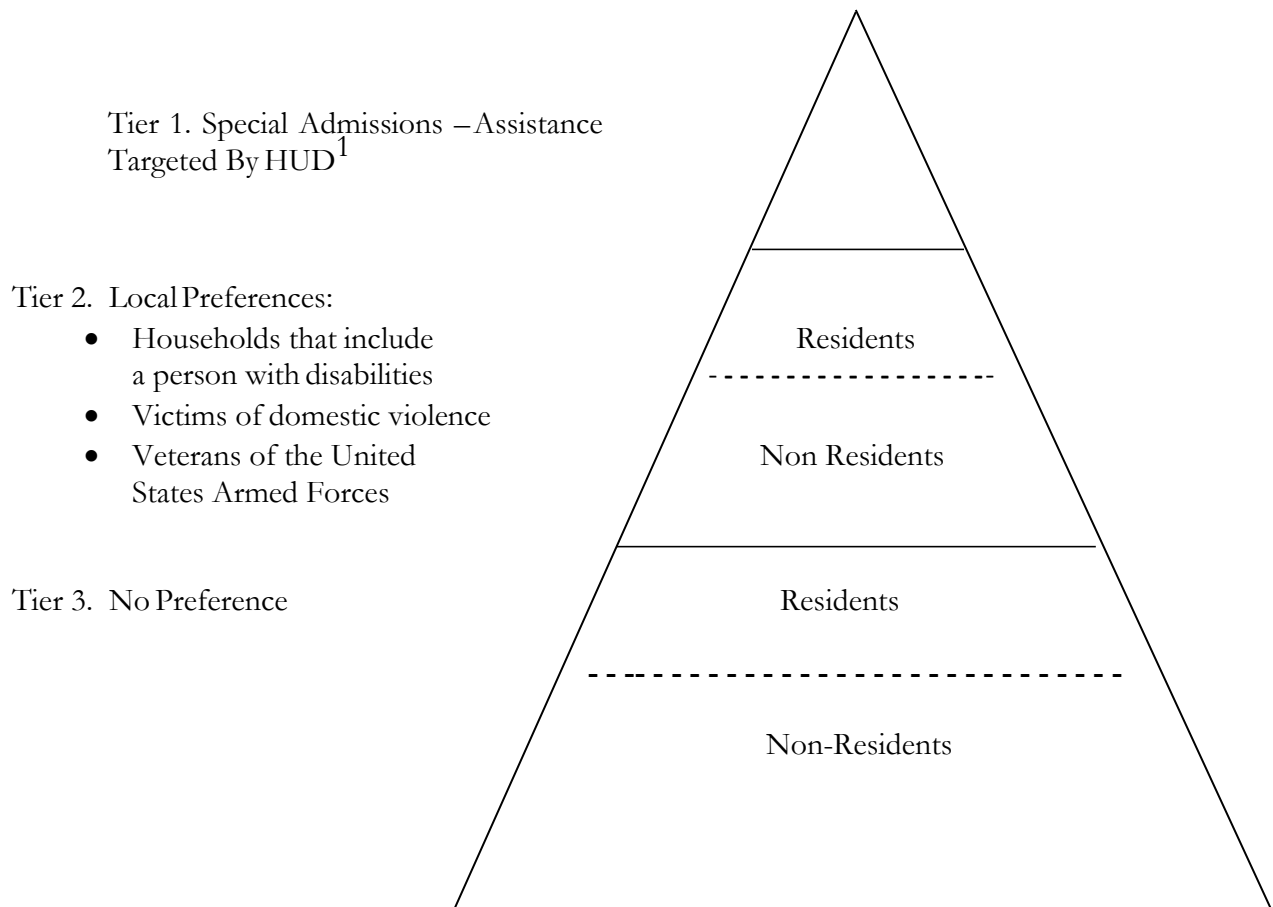
In selecting applicants for participation, the DCA will first offer assistance to Tier I applicants. If there are no Tier I applicants on the jurisdiction's waiting list, assistance is offered to Tier II applicants. If there are no Tier II applicants on the waiting list, assistance is offered to Tier III applicants. (see Appendix A: EXHIBIT 5-1).

Applicants selected from the waiting list must provide all required documentation within fifteen (15) business days of the date of the notice from the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Extenuating circumstances will be considered in order to provide a reasonable accommodation, on a case-by-case basis. Programs that require variations to the standard selection policy are identified in (Appendix A: EXHIBIT 5-4).

5.1 Single Member Households

In accordance with 24 C.F.R. §982.207, *Waiting list: Local preferences in admission to program*, the DCA provides a preference for the admission of single persons with disabilities over other single person households.

ILLUSTRATION OF THE DCA'S APPLICANT SELECTION POLICY



¹ The DCA will select a household that is not included on the waiting list, or without considering the household's waiting list position, if HUD awards the program funding that is targeted for households living in specified units.

EXHIBIT 5.2

Verification Standards for the Local Preferences

All documents received to verify a local preference must be dated and current. To be considered “current” a document must not be dated more than sixty (60) days before the issuance date of a Voucher to an applicant household. All certifications from a third party (including facsimile transmissions) must be on the agency’s letterhead, dated and signed by the appropriate representative of the agency. If verifications are more than sixty (60) days old before a Voucher is issued, new written verifications must be obtained.

Households That Include a Person with Disabilities

1. Documentation from the Social Security Administration that a member of the household is a disabled person who is receiving Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income benefits; or
2. Certification from a physician, on a Certification of Disability form (Appendix A: EXHIBIT 5-3), that a member of the household is a person with disabilities.

Victims of Domestic Violence

Official correspondence from a social services agency, the local police department, a court of competent jurisdiction, or a public or private facility that provides shelter or counseling to victims of domestic violence that the applicant:

1. Is currently living in a housing unit in which a member of the household engages in such violence. The actual or threatened violence must be of a continuing nature and have occurred within the past 120 days; or
2. The applicant has been displaced because of domestic violence and is not currently residing in standard, permanent replacement housing, to avoid the threat of continued abuse.

Veteran of the United States Armed Forces

Only veterans discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable

conditions are eligible for veterans' preference. This means you must have been discharged under an honorable or general discharge.

If you are a "retired member of the armed forces" you are not included in the definition of preference eligible unless you are a disabled veteran OR you retired below the rank of major or its equivalent. See veteran definition on page 15.

The surviving spouse of a Veteran who died outside of service is entitled to the same preference as the Veteran, up until they remarry.

VARIATIONS TO THE STANDARD SELECTION POLICY

Mainstream Program and Elderly Disabled (NED)

The Mainstream and NED Programs assist households in which the head of household or spouse is a person with disabilities. The program administers Mainstream Vouchers in Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, and Union Counties. Mainstream Vouchers combine housing assistance and appropriate supportive services that are provided by local social service agencies. The program assists individuals in gaining access to the supportive services in their community. The person with disabilities, however, is not required to accept the services as a condition of participation in the program.

The DCA will first review its regular Housing Choice Voucher Program waiting list in selecting applicants for admission to the Programs. Households in which the head of household or spouse is a person with disabilities that are included on a county waiting list where the Programs are administered will be offered a voucher. If the waiting list does not include any eligible households, the DCA will perform outreach activities to local social service and non-profit agencies.

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PHA Moving On Preference

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 2018 Annual Action Plan



**State of New Jersey
Phil Murphy, Governor**

**Department of Community Affairs
Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, Commissioner**

500 households who are involved with the child welfare system.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

New Jersey will continue its continuum of care approach to address and identify the needs of the homeless. This includes programs and services addressing each stage of the homeless continuum: homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, emergency shelter, temporary housing assistance and permanent supportive housing programs.

Homelessness Prevention: The State of New Jersey will continue to provide temporary financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeless households in imminent risk of homelessness due to a rental eviction through the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP). The HPP can provide the following types of assistance:

1. Rental Arrears – a maximum of 3 months' back rent plus any court fees, legal fees and other late fees included as rent in a written lease.
2. Relocation: security deposit of up to 1 ½ months' rent and 2 months' rent.

ESG: The State of New Jersey will continue to provide rapid re-housing assistance through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program to homeless households at or below 30% of Area Median Income (AMI). Rapid re-housing assistance includes financial assistance, case management, housing search and placement, credit repair, money management and budgeting.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The State will continue to provide funds to maintain shelter facilities through the ESG Program. The program provides funding to do the following:

1. Address life and safety issues in emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities.
2. Purchase equipment and furnishings that will provide direct benefits to the shelter's residents.
3. Create new emergency shelter beds when needed.

DCA and the State Parole Board will also continue the Another Chance program. The program expands housing resources available to inmates released from prison without a stable living arrangement. The program provides temporary housing assistance (up to six months) to offenders being released from designated Department of Corrections' facilities that do not have an approved residence of record. The program is currently operating in Camden, Newark, New Brunswick and Trenton.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families

with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The State will continue to apply for HUD Continuum of Care funding (CoC) provide rental assistance to homeless persons with disabilities, in collaboration with local social service providers. Funds for this program have been granted in Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Essex, Gloucester, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic and Warren Counties. In addition, the State through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program will continue to provide rapid re-housing assistance to households up to 30% of Area Median Income.

The State's Housing First Initiative awarded 500 tenant-based State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP) vouchers and \$250,000 in supportive service funding to 12 agencies across the state. 425 vouchers will provide housing for chronically homeless people who are frequent users of public systems, and 75 vouchers will provide housing for homeless veterans. To date, 468 applicants were approved and 392 were leased up.

The State's Moving On Initiative provides SRAP vouchers to people in permanent housing programs who no longer need a high level of services. As people move on to the SRAP vouchers, currently homeless individuals and families will backfill the vacancies in the existing permanent supportive housing programs.

Rental assistance will continue to be provided to people who are homeless and working towards self-sufficiency through the Housing Choice Voucher, State Rental Assistance and the HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance programs.

DCA also administers 832 Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers and 273 project-based Housing Choice Vouchers for homeless and at-risk veterans. In addition, DCA has "graduated" 32 formerly homeless veterans from VASH to Housing Choice Vouchers.

DCA has also committed rental assistance to the Keeping Families Together Initiative with the Department of Children and Families (DCF). This program targets rental assistance and supportive services to extremely vulnerable families who are homeless or live in unstable housing, and who are involved with the child welfare system. The goal is to ensure that children are not removed from their families, or that families can reunify, with stable housing and services designed to support their tenancy. DCA committed 50 project-based Housing Choice Vouchers to this program in 2015 and 2016, and will commit an additional 100 vouchers in 2017. In addition, DCA has committed 100 vouchers for homeless and at-risk youths.

Rental assistance will continue to be provided to people who are homeless and working towards self-

sufficiency through the Housing Choice Voucher, State Rental Assistance and the HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance programs.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The State will continue to use a portion of its Emergency Solutions Grant funds along with State Homelessness Prevention funds to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent households from becoming homeless or rapidly re-house those who are homeless. In addition, the State will utilize Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program vouchers, recently awarded, along with State Rental Assistance Program and Division of Developmental Disabilities vouchers to provide rental assistance to low-income individuals being discharged from institutions.

Discussion

State Rental Assistance Program: Moving On Initiative

Introduction:

The NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will issue up to 500 State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP) tenant-based vouchers to eligible disabled households who are currently receiving rental assistance from a HUD Continuum of Care (CofC) permanent supportive housing voucher program or are a recipient of another supportive housing voucher program and no longer require the level of supportive services associated with that program. This initiative will do the following:

1. Enable tenants who have achieved stability in supportive housing to transition to more independent living.
2. Enable the CofCs to refill their vacated vouchers with individuals or families in need of supportive housing.

SRAP Moving On:

SRAP provides an unlimited-term, tenant-based rental assistance voucher to eligible disabled households. Under the program, a disabled head of household will pay 25% of their adjusted income for their portion of the rent.

Eligibility Requirements for SRAP Tenancy:

1. Be an active participant on a HUD CofC permanent supportive housing voucher program or other supportive housing voucher program.
 - a. No longer require the level of supportive services associated with that program, as demonstrated by an assessment according to the CSH Acuity Index*; and
 - b. Be in good standing with the current program's regulations and policies.
2. Have household income at or below 30% of Area Median Income.
3. Have not been convicted of a violent criminal act in the last 5 years; please note that DCA will consider extenuating circumstances on a case by case basis.
4. Are not subject to a lifetime registration requirement under the State sex-offender registration program.

**Please utilize the attached matrix created by the Corporation for Supportive Housing to assist you in identifying potential households (please note that the matrix was based on the Connecticut Supportive Housing Assessment and Acuity Index).*

Next Steps:

Letter of Intent: DCA is requesting a Letter of Intent from interested New Jersey Continuum of Care lead representatives. The Letter of Intent which is due to DCA by January 11, 2017 must identify the following:

1. A description of the targeted population for the SRAP vouchers using HMIS and any other relevant data
2. A commitment by the CofC to backfill any voucher program slots vacated by tenants moving onto the SRAP vouchers with eligible homeless households. Please also include a brief description of the CofC's need for these slots and timeline/outreach plan for backfill.

3. The number of SRAP vouchers being requested; please note that there is no guarantee that a CofC will receive a certain number of SRAP vouchers. These vouchers will be issued on a first come/first serve basis statewide with the assumption that all SRAP participants will be leased up within a 60 day timeframe. Due to this strict timeline, leasing in place will be encouraged. Successful CofCs will have a mechanism in place to ensure that complete and accurate SRAP applications are submitted in a timely fashion. If this timeline is not met, the SRAP voucher may be withdrawn and issued to another eligible household, and the tenant will remain on the CofC permanent housing voucher.
4. A description of case management follow-up; DCA will require the CofC to ensure that the current permanent supportive housing grantee agency follow-up at least once a month during the six months of SRAP tenancy, to ensure that the program participants are transitioning appropriately.
5. Contact person's name, phone number and e-mail address.

Conference Call: DCA has scheduled a conference call for Friday, January 6, 2017 at 10 AM to answer questions on this initiative. Please e-mail Lisa Downes at lisa.downes@dca.nj.gov if you are interested in participating in the call.

Notification: DCA will notify the CoCs that have been selected to participate in this initiative by January 30, 2017. A conference call to discuss the application process will be scheduled shortly after the announcement. After notification by DCA, selected CofCs may begin submitting SRAP applications. Please note that selected CofCs are not guaranteed access to SRAP vouchers; the number of SRAP vouchers awarded to the selected CofCs will be dependent on the timeliness of the SRAP application submission and the amount of funds available.

Attachment

1D-10a Letter Signed by Working Group

Oct. 2nd, 2024

Attn: Trenton/Mercer CoC Lead

Dear Lead Agency Representative,

Subject: Support for the 2024 - 2025 HUD Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity

On behalf of the Mercer Continuum of Care, the Mercer County Lived Experience Advisory Board, we are writing to express our strong support for the 2024-2025 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). As individuals who have directly experienced homelessness in the Mercer community, we understand the critical importance of these funds in providing essential services and support to those in need.

Our advisory board is composed of individuals from an array of diverse racial backgrounds. We believe that this diversity is one of our strengths, as it brings a wide range of perspective and experiences to our group who has faced the challenges of homelessness and have firsthand knowledge of the gaps and needs within our community. We are committed to ensuring that the voices of those with lived experience are heard and considered in the planning and implementation of CoC programs.

The 2024-2025 HUD CoC NOFO represents a significant opportunity to enhance our community's efforts to prevent and end homelessness. These funds will enable the CoC to:

- Expand & Enhance Support Services, ensuring programs provide more comprehensive services that address the diverse needs of individuals and families with the most severe service needs
- Expand & Enhance Support Services, ensuring programs provide more comprehensive services that address the diverse needs of individuals and families with the longest history of chronic homelessness
- Expand and Enhance services and access to services for ALL other chronically homeless individuals and families
- Foster Collaboration by strengthening partnerships between service providers, government agencies, and community organizations to create a cohesive and effective response to homelessness. We recommend revisions to the Coordinated Access System as a starting point.
- Ensure that resources are allocated equitably, addressing the unique challenges faced by marginalized and underserved populations.
- Reduce the length of time families and individuals experience homelessness in Mercer County

We urge you to consider the insights and recommendations of our advisory board as you review and allocate the 2024-2025 HUD CoC funds. Our lived expertise provides unique

perspective that can help shape more effective solutions. We look forward to continually collaborating with the CoC to make a meaningful impact in our community.

Authentically,
Trenton/Mercer Advisory Board

NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Barbara Comedez	Barbara Comedez	October 2nd 2024.
Antonio Sullivan	Antonio Sullivan	10/2/24
Jacob Wall	Jacob Wall	10/2/24
Justin King	Justin King	10/2/24
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1D-2a Housing First Evaluation

**Atlantic County CoC
FY2024 Local Selection
Project Scoring Tool**

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- 7 points for projects identifying adequate capacity to engage & serve those with the most severe needs

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- 7 points for projects with a plan that reflects integration with Coordinated Entry

Project Goals

- 7 points for projects working to obtain/maintain housing stability for participants and working to connect participants to employment income and cash benefits

Atlantic Tourism District

- 3 points for projects demonstrating sufficient plan to address the needs of the Atlantic City Tourism District

Agency Experience – 20 points

Experience with HUD funding

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- 7 points for projects demonstrating experience in successfully serving the target population and/or providing the proposed services

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- 6 points for applicants demonstrating ability to successfully enter program data in HMIS and processes in place to ensure timely, accurate data entry, and program integration with the current CoC system.

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- 10 points for projects that demonstrate current partnerships with relevant community partners and demonstrate how they will leverage these partnerships for the proposed project and expand services available to program participants specifically in housing and healthcare.

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Atlantic County CoC
 FY202 Local Selection
 Project Scoring Tool

AGENCY NAME _____

PROJECT NAME _____

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Total	160 points	

Continuum of Care

Desk Monitoring Review

Area of consideration	Total Possible Score	Score	Notes
Program Coordination	12		
Coordination with CE	3		
Formerly homeless person on board	6		
Subrecipients (if applicable)	3		
Project Administration	18		
HUD Audit	3		
Budget Narrative	3		
match	3		
Program goals	3		
Intake process/eligibility	6		
Program updates	5		
Housing First Principles	27		
Project access	6		
Project input	6		

Lease agreements (if applicable)	3		
services	6		
Housing provision	6		
Client Feedback	15		
Consumer Surveys	3		
Communication of rules and regulations	3		
Process to resolve complaint	3		
Grievance policy	3		
Incorporation of consumer feedback	3		
Agency Staff and Cultural Competency	18		
Staff Training	6		
Staff Diversity	6		
Culturally appropriate service delivery	6		
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	total possible score	score	%
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Performance Score			
Total Monitoring Score			

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Coordinated Entry: _____

Goals	Required Performance Standard		%	Points Awarded
1. Households assessed will be placed on the prioritization list	90% of households assessed will be placed on the prioritization list		≥90%=10 80%-89%= 8 65%-79%= 4 55%-64%= 1 ≤55%= 0	
2. CE projects will provide in person and virtual service connection to best meet the community needs.	At least 10% of households participating will be seen in person		≤10%= 10 11%-20%= 4 21%-30%= 3 31-45%= 1 ≥31%= 0	
3. Unsuccessful referral events	<10% of those referred have an unsuccessful placement		≥85%= 10 75%-84%= 7 65%-74%= 5 50%-64%= 3 ≤49%= 0	
4. The CoC will see a reduction in returns to homelessness from PH placements	>5% of persons return to homelessness at 6,12, and 24 month		≥20%= 10 10%-19%= 6 5%-9%= 3 ≤5%= 0	
5. Coordinated Entry programs are reflective of the total homeless population in the CoC	CE will reflect 85% total CoC homeless population		≥85%= 10 75%-84%= 7 65%-74%= 5 50%-64%= 3 ≤49%= 0	
6. Program maintains adequate data quality in HMIS	<20% data quality errors		<20%= 10 21%-30%= 7 31-45%= 4 ≥31%= 0	
			Total:	

Of 60

All data is taken directly from HMIS using the following dates:

The following HMIS reports are used:

1. The CoC Annual Performance Report run through HMIS

Agency:

Project:

Year Performance was based on:

Housing Program Performance				
Goals	Required Performance Standards		%	Points Awarded
Project maintains an appropriate utilization rate for the year	At least an 85% utilization average for the year	≥85%=6		
		70%-84%= 4		
		50%-69%= 2		
Adults that are not enrolled in SSDI/SSI process will have some level of earned income	20% of adults not enrolled will have earned income	≥20%= 6		
		15%-19%= 4		
		10%-14%= 2		
Households receive some form of earned or unearned income or cash benefits	60% of households have some form of cash benefit	≥60%= 6		
		40%-59%= 4		
		25%-39%= 2		
Households are connected to mainstream non-cash benefits	60% of households are connected to noncash benefits	≥60%= 6		
		40%-59%= 4		
		25%-39%= 2		
Households have increased their level of income from project entry to exit (or update)	20% of households have increased their income	≥20%= 6		
		15%-19%= 4		
		10%-14%= 2		
Households obtained/increased mainstream non-cash benefits from project entry to exit (or update)	60% of households increased noncash benefits	≥60%= 6		
		40%-59%= 4		
		25%-39%= 2		
Households in PSH remain in program through end of operating year or exit to PH	At least an 80% utilization average for the year	≥80%=10		
		70%-65%= 7		
		50%-64%= 4		
			Total Score	0

Total Possible 46
0%

1E-2a Scored Forms for One Project

Applicant Name	Project Name	Grant Number	Project Component
Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey	Atlantic Cty Jewish Family S	NJ0212L2F002309	PH

All Projects (40points):	Total Possible	Agency Score
Housing First Model	10 points	10
Promoting Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity	15 points	13
System Performance	6 points	6
Budget	9 points	9
Renewal Projects Only (50 points)		
Program Outcomes	20 points	20
Prioritization	10 points	10
Enrollment	10 points	10
Financial Management	10 points	10
For Project Targeting Victim Services Only	10 points	

Final Scoring			
Scoring Category	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1 - All Projects	40	38	
Section 2- Renewal Projects	50	50	
2024 Desk Monitoring Score	101	97	
Performance Score	60	39	
Final Application Score	251	224	89%

3AA: 1/1/23-12/31/23

Goals	Required Performance Standard		%	Points Awarded
1. Households residing in permanent housing will remain in this housing for a minimum of 1 year or exit to other permanent housing	85% will remain housed for a least 12 months, exit to other permanent housing, or continue in permanent housing	≥85%=10 80%-84%= 8 65%-79%= 4 55%-64%= 1 ≤55%= 0	100%	10
2. Households exiting permanent housing will not return to homelessness (Including transitional housing)	<10% of those exiting permanent housing return to homelessness	≤10%= 10 11%-20%= 4 21%-30%= 3 31-45%= 1 ≥31%= 0	0%	10
3. Households will maintain or increase earned and unearned income (Includes wages and mainstream resources)	85% will maintain or increase income at exit or annually	≥85%= 10 75%-84%= 7 65%-74%= 5 50%-64%= 3 ≤49%= 0	100%	10
4. Adults will obtain or maintain employment while in the program and will exit the program employed.*	20% of adults who are not on SSI/D will be employed at program exit or annually	≥20%= 10 10%-19%= 6 5%-9%= 3 ≤5%= 0	50%	10
5. Households will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits	85% will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits at exit or annually	≥85%= 10 75%-84%= 7 65%-74%= 5 50%-64%= 3 ≤49%= 0	100%	10
6. Program operates at full capacity, with low vacancy rate, and quickly fills vacancies	>90% occupancy during reporting period	≥90%= 10 70%-89%= 7 51%-69%= 4 ≤50%= 0	40%	0
7. Program maintains adequate data quality in HMIS	<10% data quality errors	<10%= 10 11%-20%= 7 21%-30%= 4 31-45%= 1 ≥31%= 0	0%	10
			Total:	60/70

1E-5 Notification of projects Rejected-Reduced

Friday, October 4, 2024 at 12:30:23 Eastern Daylight Time

Subject: ACHC Funding Notice
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 at 9:00:47 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Kasey Vienckowski
To: asteinberg.jfsatlantic.org
CC: Kiley, Samantha, golden_leonard@aclink.org
Attachments: Appeals Policy[97].pdf, 2024 Esnaps Office Hour Registration[23].pdf, 2024 JFS funding notice.pdf

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Tier	Score	Rank	Agency	Project	Request	Award
1	92%	2	Jewish Family Service of Atlantic County	Coordinated Entry & Assessment	\$155,556	\$155,556
1	90%	3	Jewish Family Service of Atlantic County	Coordinated Entry & Assessment-DV	\$33,459	\$33,459
	90%		Jewish Family Service of Atlantic County	Coordinated Entry & Assessment Expansion	\$115,696	CoC- \$0 CDBG expansion- \$41,600

- The Coordinated Entry & Assessment Expansion program has been awarded funding at HUD approved renewal demand as requested.
- Please use the following amounts below for your budget line items:

Supportive Services	Admin	Total
\$144,742	\$10,814	\$155,556

- The Coordinated Entry & Assessment DV program has been awarded funding at HUD approved renewal demand.
- Please use the following amounts below for your budget line items:

Supportive Services	Admin	Total
\$ 31,117	\$ 2,342	\$33,459

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Final Scoring-SPOE			
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Section 1 - All Projects	40	40	
Section 2- Renewal Projects	50	50	
2024 Desk Monitoring Score	98	98	
Performance Score	60	41	
Final Application Score	248	229	92%

Final Scoring-SPOE DV			
Scoring Category	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1 - All Projects	40	38	
Section 2- Renewal Projects	50	50	
Section 3- DV Projects	10	10	
2024 Desk Monitoring Score	98	98	
Performance Score	50	26	
Final Application Score	248	222	90%

Final Scoring-New Project			
Scoring Category	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1- New Projects	70	60	
Section 2 - All Projects	40	40	
Final Application Score	110	100	91%

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CC: Kiley, Samantha, golden_leonard@aclink.org
Attachments: Appeals Policy[49].pdf, 2024 Esnaps Office Hour Registration[100].pdf, 2024 CSPNJ funding notice.pdf

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1	89%	7	Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey PHA	Atlantic CTY Jewish Family Services (CSPNJ)	\$65,337	\$73,557
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2024 Desk Monitoring Score	101	97	
Performance Score	60	39	
Final Application Score	251	224	89%

1E-5a Notification of Projects Accepted

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Subject: FY24 ACHC Funding Notice
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 at 9:00:39 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Kasey Vienckowski
To: Fran Wise
CC: Kiley, Samantha, golden_leonard@aclink.org
Attachments: Appeals Policy.pdf, 2024 Esnaps Office Hour Registration.pdf, 2024 Avanzar funding notice.pdf

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Tier	Score	Rank	Agency	Project	Program Type	Request	Award
1	93%	4	AVANZAR	Safe Home	Joint TH-RRH	\$16,800	\$16,800
2	98%	11	AVANZAR	Safe Home Expansion	Joint TH-RRH	\$109,055	\$172,087

- The Safe Home program has been awarded funding at HUD approved renewal demand as requested.
- Please use the following amounts below for your budget line items:

Rental Assistance*	Operating	VAWA	Admin	Total
\$15,084	\$2,514	\$100	\$902	\$18,600

- Your Safe Home Expansion project has been awarded more than requested based on the 2024 Domestic Violence Bonus funding available. Please update your budget to reflect the correct total

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Final Scoring- Safe Home Project			
Scoring Category	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1 - All Projects	40	40	
Section 2- Renewal Projects	50	50	
Section 3- DV Projects	10	10	
2024 Desk Monitoring Score	98	83	
Performance Score	30	30	
Final Application Score	228	213	93%

**Atlantic County CoC FY2024 Local Selection New
Project Scoring**

PROJECT NAME: Safe Home Project Expansion

Final Scoring			
Scoring Category	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1- New Projects	70	68	
Section 2 - All Projects	40	40	
Section 3- DV Projects	10	10	
Final Application Score	120	118	98%

Subject: FY24 ACHC Funding
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 at 9:00:42 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Kasey Vienckowski
To: Southrey, Sarai
CC: Kiley, Samantha, golden_leonard@aclink.org
Attachments: Appeals Policy.pdf, 2024 Esnaps Office Hour Registration[31].pdf, 2024 CODI funding notice.pdf

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Tier	Score	Rank	Agency	Project	Request	Award
2	85%	10	Career Opportunity Development	Permanent Supportive Housing	\$50,196	\$50,196

- The Permanent Supportive Housing program has been awarded funding at HUD approved renewal demand as requested.
- Please use the amounts below for your budget line items:

Supportive Services	Operating	Admin	Total
\$11,640	\$36,107	\$2,449	\$46,042

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Section 2- Renewal Projects	50	40	
2024 Desk Monitoring Score	98	90	
Performance Score	60	27	
Final Application Score	248	197	79%

Friday, October 4, 2024 at 12:30:03 Eastern Daylight Time

Subject: FY24 ACHC funding
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 at 9:00:43 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Kasey Vienckowski
To: Meghan Leigh
CC: Kiley, Samantha, golden_leonard@aclink.org
Attachments: 2024 Covenant House funding notice.pdf, 2024 Esnaps Office Hour Registration[46].pdf, Appeals Policy[21].pdf

Good Morning,

Please see attached funding notice for Covenant House in response to your FY2024 CoC application to the Atlantic County CoC application. Attached you will find:

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1	89%	8	Covenant House New Jersey, Inc	Atlantic City Youth Housing Project	\$28,080	\$81,947
1	87%	9	Covenant House New Jersey, Inc	RAP- Consolidation	\$93,243	\$105,051

- The RAP Consolidation program proposal has been awarded funding at HUD approved renewal demand as requested.
- Please use the following amounts below for your budget line items for your RAP Consolidation program:

Rental Assistance	Admin	Total
\$102,432	\$2,619	\$105,051

- The Atlantic City Youth Housing Project proposal has been awarded funding at HUD approved renewal demand as requested.
- Please use the following amounts below for your budget line items for your Atlantic City Youth Housing Project program:

Rental Assistance	Supportive Services	Admin	Total
\$75,420	\$3,288	\$3,239	\$81,947

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Section 1 - All Projects	40	40	
Section 2- Renewal Projects	50	50	
2024 Desk Monitoring Score	98	92	
Performance Score	70	42	
Final Application Score	258	224	87%

Project Evaluation Score Sheet

Final Scoring- RRH			
Scoring Category	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1 - All Projects	40	40	
Section 2- Renewal Projects	50	50	
2024 Desk Monitoring Score	98	92	
Performance Score	50	30	
Final Application Score	238	212	89%

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Final Scoring			
Scoring Category	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1 - All Projects	40	38	
Section 2- Renewal Projects	50	50	
2024 Desk Monitoring Score	101	97	
Performance Score	60	39	
Final Application Score	251	224	89%

Friday, October 4, 2024 at 12:31:00 Eastern Daylight Time

Subject: FY24 ACHC Funding
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 at 9:01:02 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Kasey Vienckowski
To: Markowski, Brandon [DCA]
CC: golden_leonard@aclink.org, Kiley, Samantha
Attachments: 2024 NJDCA funding notice.pdf, 2024 Esnaps Office Hour Registration[47].pdf, Appeals Policy[18].pdf

Good Morning,

Please see attached funding notice for DCA in response to your FY2024 CoC application to the Atlantic County CoC application. Attached you will find:

- Funding notice
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August 26th, 2024

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Tier	Score	Rank	Agency	Project	Request	Award
1	94%	3	NJ Department of Community Affairs	3AA CoC Renewal	\$97,800	\$109,812

- The 3AA CoC Renewal program has been awarded funding at HUD approved renewal demand as requested.
- Please use the following amounts below for your budget line items:

Rental Assistance	Admin	Total
\$104,832	\$4,980	\$109,812

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Renewal Projects

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY-2024-CoC-RENEWAL-Application-Detailed-Instructions.pdf>

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Project Evaluation Score Sheet**

Final Scoring			
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Section 1 - All Projects	40	38	
Section 2- Renewal Projects	50	50	
2024 Desk Monitoring Score	101	97	
Performance Score	70	60	
Final Application Score	261	245	94%

Friday, October 4, 2024 at 12:30:41 Eastern Daylight Time

Subject: FY24 ACHC Funding Notice
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 at 9:01:03 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Kasey Vienckowski
To: cbrewster@njhmfa.gov
CC: Kiley, Samantha, golden_leonard@aclink.org
Attachments: Appeals Policy[61].pdf, 2024 Esnaps Office Hour Registration[24].pdf, 2024 NJHMFA Funding Notice.pdf

Good Morning,

Please see attached funding notice for NJHMFA in response to your FY2024 CoC application to the Atlantic County CoC application. Attached you will find:

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Tier	Score	Rank	Agency	Project	Request	Award
1	N/A	1	New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency	Atlantic County HMIS FY2023	\$17,000	\$17,000

- The Atlantic County HMIS FY2023 has been awarded funding at the HUD approved renewal demand as requested.
- Please use the following amounts below for your budget line items:

HMIS	Total
\$17,000	\$17,000

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Friday, October 4, 2024 at 12:33:52 Eastern Daylight Time

Subject: ACHC Funding Notice
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 at 9:00:46 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Kasey Vienckowski
To: Cristine Knight
CC: Kiley, Samantha, golden_leonard@aclink.org
Attachments: 2024 HR Recovery funding notice.pdf, 2024 Esnaps Office Hour Registration[13].pdf, Appeals Policy[100].pdf

Good Morning,

Please see attached funding notice for HR Recovery in response to your FY2024 CoC application to the Atlantic County CoC application. Attached you will find:

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Atlantic County Homeless Consortium

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Thank you for applying to the Atlantic County Homeless Consortium Executive Committee for FY2023 Continuum of Care funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposals for new and renewal funding. Below please find your final application scores as approved by the Committee.

Please see below for the funding levels for your approved renewal and new project.

Tier	Score	Rank	Agency	Project	Request	Award
1	94%	2	HR Recovery	Project Home 2023	\$ 50,578	\$ 50,578
2	95%	12	HR Recovery	Interim Supportive Housing	\$255,172	\$137,669

The Project Home program has been awarded funding at HUD approved renewal demand as requested. Please use the following amounts below for your budget line items:

Rental Assistance	Supportive Services	VAWA	HMIS	Admin	Total
\$30,168	\$15,610	\$100	\$700	\$4,000	\$ 46,978

The new project was awarded the full amount of bonus funding available to the CoC to apply for.

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New Projects

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY-2024-CoC-NEW-Application-Detailed-Instructions-7-31-2024.pdf>

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Final Scoring-Renewal			
Scoring Category	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1 - All Projects	40	40	
Section 2- Renewal Projects	50	48	
2024 Desk Monitoring Score			
Performance Score			
Final Application Score	90	88	98%

Final Scoring- New			
Scoring Category	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1- New Projects	70	65	
Section 2 - All Projects	40	40	
Section 3- DV Projects			
Final Application Score	110	105	95%

Friday, October 4, 2024 at 12:30:23 Eastern Daylight Time

Subject: ACHC Funding Notice
Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 at 9:00:47 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Kasey Vienckowski
To: asteinberg.jfsatlantic.org
CC: Kiley, Samantha, golden_leonard@aclink.org
Attachments: Appeals Policy[97].pdf, 2024 Esnaps Office Hour Registration[23].pdf, 2024 JFS funding notice.pdf

Good Morning,

Please see attached funding notice for JFS in response to your FY2024 CoC application to the Atlantic County CoC application. Attached you will find:

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Tier	Score	Rank	Agency	Project	Request	Award
1	92%	2	Jewish Family Service of Atlantic County	Coordinated Entry & Assessment	\$155,556	\$155,556
1	90%	3	Jewish Family Service of Atlantic County	Coordinated Entry & Assessment-DV	\$33,459	\$33,459
	90%		Jewish Family Service of Atlantic County	Coordinated Entry & Assessment Expansion	\$115,696	CoC- \$0 CDBG expansion- \$41,600

- The Coordinated Entry & Assessment Expansion program has been awarded funding at HUD approved renewal demand as requested.
- Please use the following amounts below for your budget line items:

Supportive Services	Admin	Total
\$144,742	\$10,814	\$155,556

- The Coordinated Entry & Assessment DV program has been awarded funding at HUD approved renewal demand.
- Please use the following amounts below for your budget line items:

Supportive Services	Admin	Total
\$ 31,117	\$ 2,342	\$33,459

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Project Evaluation Score Sheet**

Final Scoring-SPOE			
Scoring Category	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1 - All Projects	40	40	
Section 2- Renewal Projects	50	50	
2024 Desk Monitoring Score	98	98	
Performance Score	60	41	
Final Application Score	248	229	92%

Final Scoring-SPOE DV			
Scoring Category	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1 - All Projects	40	38	
Section 2- Renewal Projects	50	50	
Section 3- DV Projects	10	10	
2024 Desk Monitoring Score	98	98	
Performance Score	50	26	
Final Application Score	248	222	90%

Final Scoring-New Project			
Scoring Category	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1- New Projects	70	60	
Section 2 - All Projects	40	40	
Final Application Score	110	100	91%

1E-5b Local Competition Selection Results

FY2024 Atlantic County CoC Budget

Score	Rank	Tier	Applicant Name	Project Name	Grant Number	Project Component	Leasing	Rental Assistance	Supportive Services	Operating Costs	HMIS	VAWA	Admin	Total Budget Requested	Total Budget Recommended
100	1	1	New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency	Atlantic HMIS FY2023	NJ0001L2F002315	HMIS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,000	\$0	\$0	\$17,000	\$17,000
98	2	1	HR Recovery Initiative A NJ Nonprofit Corporation	PROJECT HOME 2023-2024	NJ0677L2F002301	PH	\$0	\$30,168	\$15,610	\$0	\$700	\$100	\$4,000	\$50,578	\$50,578
94	3	1	NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	3AA CoC Renewal 2023	NJ0002L2F002316	PH	\$0	\$104,832	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,980	\$109,812	\$109,812
93	4	1	A PLACE FOR US Atlantic County Women's Center DBA-AVANZ	Safe Home Renewal 2023	NJ0643L2F002302	Joint TH & PH-RRH	\$0	\$15,084	\$0	\$2,514	\$0	\$100	\$902	\$18,600	\$18,600
92	5	1	Jewish Family Service of Atlantic County	Coordinated Entry and Assessment	NJ0496L2F002307	SSO	\$0	\$0	\$144,742	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,814	\$155,556	\$155,556
90	6	1	Jewish Family Service of Atlantic County	Coordinated Entry and Assessment- DV	NJ0598D2F002304	SSO	\$0	\$0	\$31,117	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$2,242	\$33,459	\$33,459
89	7	1	Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey	Atlantic City Jewish Family Services	NJ0212L2F002309	PH	\$0	\$71,340	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,217	\$73,557	\$73,557
89	8	1	Covenant House New Jersey, Inc	Atlantic City Youth Housing Project	NJ0497L2F002307	PH	\$0	\$75,420	\$3,288	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,239	\$81,947	\$81,947
87	9	1	Covenant House New Jersey, Inc	RAP Consolidated	NJ0275L2F002311	PH	\$0	\$102,432	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,619	\$105,051	\$105,051
86	10	1/2	Career Opportunity Development	Permanent Supportive Housing	NJ0003L2F002316	PH	\$0	\$0	\$11,640	\$36,107	\$0	\$0	\$2,449	\$50,196	\$50,196
98	11	2	A PLACE FOR US Atlantic County Women's Center DBA-AVANZAR	Safe Home Expansion		Joint TH & PH-RRH		\$106,152.00		\$ 49,977.00			\$ 15,635.00	\$ 109,055.00	\$ 172,087
95	12	2	HR Recovery Initiative A NJ Nonprofit Corporation	Interim Supportive Housing		Joint TH & PH-RRH	\$ 38,916.00	\$ 84,168.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,985.00	\$ 255,172.00	\$ 137,669.00
			Atlantic County	FY2024 Planning Grant											\$ 57,362.00
				Rejected											
91			Jewish Family Service of Atlantic County	Coordinated Entry Expansion		SSO			\$ 105,178.00				\$ 10,518.00	\$ 115,696.00	\$ -
0			CSPNJ/Family Empowerment Assoc	CSPNJ Resource Specialist		SSO			\$ 150,000.00				\$ 10,500.00	\$ 160,500.00	\$ -
														Total	\$1,005,512

Total Preliminary Pro-Rata Need (PPRN)	\$	1,147,245
Total Renewal (Annual Renewal Demand - ARD)	\$	695,756
Allowable Planning Grant	\$	57,362
Tier 1 Renewal (90% of ARD)	\$	626,180
CoC Bonus Allowable	\$	137,669
Total DV	\$	172,087
Total Renewal & Bonus	\$	1,005,512
Total Amount of Funding	\$	1,062,874

2A-6 HUD's Homeless Data Exchange HDX Competition Report

2024 HDX Competition Report

This workbook contains summary information about your CoC's data as it was entered into HDX 1.0 and HDX 2.0 for your use as part of the 2024 Competition.

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On Accessibility, Navigability, and Printability:

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2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - Summary

NJ-514 - Trenton/Mercer County CoC

HDX Data Submission Participation Information

Government FY and HDX Module Abbreviation	Met Module Deadline*	Data From	Data Collection Period in HDX 2.0
2023 LSA	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).	November 2023 to January of 2024
2023 SPM	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).**	February 2024 to March 2024
2024 HIC	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024
2024 PIT	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024

1) FY = Fiscal Year

2) *This considers all extensions where they were provided.

2) **"Met Deadline" in this context refers to FY23 SPM submissions. Resubmissions from FY 2022 (10/1/21 - 9/30/22) were also accepted during the data collection period, but these previous year's submissions are voluntarily and are not required.

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - LSA Summary & Usability Status

NJ-514 - Trenton/Mercer County CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

LSA Usability Status 2023

Category	EST AO	EST AC	EST CO	RRH AO	RRH AC	RRH CO	PSH AO	PSH AC	PSH CO
Fully Usable							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Partially Usable									
Not Usable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

EST

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	1,567	1,618	2,178
AO	1,147	1,066	1,148
AC	411	528	998
CO	10	25	34

RRH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	523	496	754
AO	147	162	176
AC	376	335	581
CO	0	0	5

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - LSA Summary & Usability Status

NJ-514 - Trenton/Mercer County CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

PSH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	584	292	334
AO	364	287	302
AC	220	4	28
CO	0	0	0

1) Glossary: EST = Emergency Shelter, Save Haven, & Transitional Housing; RRH = Rapid Re-housing;

PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing; AO = Persons in Households without Children; AC = Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child; CO=Persons in Households with only Children

2) Because people have multiple stays in shelter over the course of a year and stay in different household configurations, a single person can be counted in more than one household type.

Therefore, the sum of the number of people by household type may be greater than the unique count of people.

3) Total Sheltered count only includes those served in HMIS participating projects reported by your CoC.

4) For CoCs that experienced mergers during any of these reporting periods, historical data will include only the original CoCs.

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

NJ-514 - Trenton/Mercer County CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than the look back stop date or client's date of birth, whichever is later.

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

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

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

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, and SH	2,022	75.0	23.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and TH	2,162	83.9	29.0

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

NJ-514 - Trenton/Mercer County CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

b. This measure is based on data element 3.917

This measure includes data from each client's Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added to the client's entry date, effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	2,273	358.7	109.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	2,413	351.1	113.0

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

NJ-514 - Trenton/Mercer County CoC

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Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness for Persons who Exit to Permanent Housing (PH) Destinations

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

Metric	Total # of Persons Exited to a PH Destination (2 Yrs Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months (0 - 180 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months (181 - 365 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366 - 730 days)		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
	Count	Count	% of Returns	Count	% of Returns ⁴	Count	% of Returns ⁶	Count	% of Returns ⁸
Exit was from SO	81	14	17.3%	5	6.2%	5	6.2%	24	29.6%
Exit was from ES	202	8	4.0%	1	0.5%	9	4.5%	18	8.9%
Exit was from TH	45	3	6.7%	1	2.2%	3	6.7%	7	15.6%
Exit was from SH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from PH	208	1	0.5%	4	1.9%	12	5.8%	17	8.2%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	536	26	4.9%	11	2.1%	29	5.4%	66	12.3%

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Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

Please refer to PIT section for relevant data.

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	2,186
Emergency Shelter Total	2,046
Safe Haven Total	0
Transitional Housing Total	179

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

This measure is divided into six tables capturing employment and non-employment income changes for system leavers and stayers. The project types reported in these metrics are the same for each metric, but the type of income and universe of clients differs. In addition, the projects reported within these tables are limited to CoC-funded projects.

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	180
Number of adults with increased earned income	5
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	2.8%

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	180
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	90
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	50.0%

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	180
Number of adults with increased total income	93
Percentage of adults who increased total income	51.7%

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	35
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	6
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	17.1%

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	35
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	18
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	51.4%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	35
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	22
Percentage of adults who increased total income	62.9%

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Measure 5: Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time

This measures the number of people entering the homeless system through ES, SH, or TH (Metric 5.1) or ES, SH, TH, or PH (Metric 5.2) and determines whether they have any prior enrollments in the HMIS over the past two years. Those with no prior enrollments are considered to be experiencing homelessness for the first time.

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH or TH during the reporting period.	1,919
Of persons above, count those who were in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	442
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	1,477

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	2,230
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	493
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	1,737

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

Measure 6 is not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.

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

This measures positive movement out of the homeless system and is divided into three tables: movement off the streets from Street Outreach (Metric 7a.1); movement into permanent housing situations from ES, SH, TH, and RRH (Metric 7b.1); and retention or exits to permanent housing situations from PH (other than PH-RRH).

Metric 7a.1 – Change in SO exits to temp. destinations, some institutional destinations, and permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	24
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	3
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	7
% Successful exits	41.7%

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Metric 7b.1 – Change in ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH exits to permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	1,727
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	542
% Successful exits	31.4%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in PH exits to permanent housing destinations or retention of permanent housing

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH who exited after moving into housing, or who moved into housing and remained in the PH project	668
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	644
% Successful exits/retention	96.4%

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System Performance Measures Data Quality

Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your SPM submissions.

Metric	All ES, SH	All TH	All PSH, OPH	All RRH	All Street Outreach
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	2,049	179	709	806	151
Total Leavers (HMIS)	1,487	98	48	327	22
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	187	3	0	4	0
Destination Error Rate (Calculated)	12.6%	3.1%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%

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Notes For Each SPM Measure

Note: Cells may need to be resized to accomodate notes with lots of text.

Measure	Notes
Measure 1	No notes.
Measure 2	No notes.
Measure 3	No notes.
Measure 4	No notes.
Measure 5	No notes.
Measure 6	No Notes. Measure 6 was not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.
Measure 7	No notes.
Data Quality	No notes.

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current Beds in HMIS or Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster*	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Adjusted HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round, Current Beds
ES	395	370	370	0	370	100.0%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	99	87	87	0	87	100.0%
RRH	464	437	437	0	437	100.0%
PSH	407	358	407	0	407	88.0%
OPH	577	350	577	227	350	100.0%
Total	1,942	1,602	1,878	227	1,651	97.0%

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster**	Adjusted Total Year-Round Current, VSP Beds	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds
ES	395	25	25	0	25	100.00%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	99	0	12	0	12	0.00%
RRH	464	27	27	0	27	100.00%
PSH	407	0	0	0	0	NA
OPH	577	0	0	0	0	NA
Total	1,942	52	64	0	64	81.25%

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For HIC conducted in January/I

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP and VSP Beds	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES	395	395	395	100.00%
SH	0	0	0	NA
TH	99	87	99	87.88%
RRH	464	464	464	100.00%
PSH	407	358	407	87.96%
OPH	577	350	350	100.00%
Total	1,942	1,654	1,715	96.44%

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Rapid Re-housing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

Metric	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RRH beds available to serve all pops. on the HIC	352	372	266	229	464

1) † EHV = Emergency Housing Voucher

2) *This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds not associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

3) **This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating or HMIS-comparable database participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

4) Data included in these tables reflect what was entered into HDX 2.0.

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

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

7) For historical data: Aggregated data from CoCs that merged are not displayed if HIC data were created separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

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Submission Information

Date of PIT Count	Received HUD Waiver
1/23/24	Not Applicable

Total Population PIT Count Data

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
PIT Count Type	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered-Only Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count
Emergency Shelter Total	264	355	311	366	503	706
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	100	96	82	73	80	81
Total Sheltered Count	364	451	393	439	583	787
Total Unsheltered Count	84	105	0	94	131	147
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count*	448	556	393	533	714	934

1) *Data included in this table reflect what was entered into HDX 1.0 and 2.0. This may differ from what was included in federal reports if the PIT count type was either sheltered only or partial unsheltered count.

2) Aggregated data from CoCs that merged is not displayed if PIT data were entered separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

3) In 2021, for CoCs that conducted a "Sheltered and partial unsheltered count", only aggregate and not demographic data were collected.

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3A-1a Housing Leveraging Commitments



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October 8, 2024

Ms. AnneMarie Uebbing
Newark Field Office
US Dept of Housing and Urban Development
One Newark Center, 13th Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Dear Ms. Uebbing:

Please let this letter serve as a commitment of match to the AVANZAR Safe Housing Expansion project. AVANZAR is committed to utilizing NJ DCF funds from the DV Housing First program to leverage additional rental assistance/RRH to the program. The agency aims to dedicate \$154,956 in leveraging commitment to additional rental assistance. AVANZAR has received a two-year commitment from DCF for this grant and can guarantee assistance through 6/30/26.

Please do not hesitate to contact Fran Wise, Director of Development at 609-204-9110 with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Claudia Ratzlaff
President and Chief Executive Officer

3A-2a Healthcare Formal Agreements



Claudia Ratzlaff, CEO
A Place for Us, Atlantic County Women's Center DBA AVANZAR
927 N Main Street Bldg. D Pleasantville, NJ 08232

October 1, 2024

RE: Project Name: Safe Home Expansion
Number of Units: 5
Anticipated Start Date: 9/1/2024 Expiration Date: 8/30/2025
Value of Commitment: \$31,000

On behalf of AtlantiCare Health Services- Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) I am confirming our commitment to provide primary, preventive, and behavioral health care for eligible clients by billing Medicaid, leveraging healthcare resources to help households that are experiencing Domestic Violence and homelessness. The healthcare resource will be provided continuously throughout the term of the grant as eligible clients are identified.

AtlantiCare Health Services- FQHC confirms that eligibility for program participants will be based on CoC program fair housing requirements and not restricted by Medicaid eligibility. AtlantiCare Health Services- FQHC is a not-for-profit health center licensed to provide primary care, preventive care, and behavioral health services by the New Jersey Department of Health and the United State Health and Resource Services Administration (HRSA). The average hourly rate for these services is based on the New Jersey State Medicaid Cost report for Medicaid for Community Support Services based on agency Medicaid reimbursement rate per visit not per hour. We estimate that \$31,000 of the match for the Safe Home Expansion Project will be from Medicaid for Community Support Services.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Atlantic County Continuum of Care and HR RECOVERY to provide supportive housing to the tenants in the Safe Home Project Expansion. If you have any additional question, please feel free to contact me at 609-412-8969.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra L. Festa". The signature is stylized and overlaps the printed name below it.

Sandra L. Festa, LCSW LCADA
Executive Director
AtlantiCare Health Services- FQHC