

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: WY-500 - Wyoming Statewide CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Institute for Community Alliances

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

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

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

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

17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	No	No
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	No	No
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	No	No
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	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
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)

During the past year, WY-500 CoC prioritized its work with persons of color, particularly indigenous persons as they are the largest non-white native population in Wyoming and the most significantly over-represented in the homeless population. Wyoming's PIT data revealed that between 2023 and 2024, homelessness among the native population increased by 7% (comprising 11% in the 2024 count - up from 4% in the 2023 count). According to the 2020 Census, American Indians/Indigenous individual comprise 2.4% of the general population. At the CoC's Planning Retreat on June 12, 2024, the Board and membership acted on their focus of the last year and set up a Tribal Relations Priority Committee to formalize the active work of the Board. This committee, led by the CoC Board's Tribal Liaison have been actively meeting and planning with the TDHEs representing the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribal Councils. This planning has resulted in a collaborative resolution with the tribal communities and the CoC. As a result of this work, the Northern Arapaho Tribe will be applying through the CoCBuilds NOFO opportunity and is also actively planning to enhance services and housing support for tribal youth in coordinating with the CoC.

Although Wyoming significantly lacks specific organizations addressing the needs of their black and brown populations, CoC agencies and stakeholders calling on the experience of their staff who are Black and Brown provided informed and intentional outreach to this over-represented population. 2020 Census data shows the Black or African American as 0.9% of the general population. PIT data showed that the percentage of Black and Brown persons comprised 5% of the homeless population with was a reduction of 4% from 9% at the 2023 PIT count. This reduction provides tangible evidence to the CoC that their efforts working with their representative professional staff are producing positive results.

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)

1. The Wyoming CoC provides ongoing invitation opportunities to any interested community members to join the CoC Board or other working committees of the CoC. The website provides a linked form for individuals to submit their information to receive CoC communications and volunteer for task groups or standing committees. This form once completed is sent to the CoC staff and the Board Chair. Information about the activities of CoC and invitation for Board membership and/or committee work is presented as part of each quarterly meeting of the CoC, the annual strategic planning meeting, and other community planning meetings where staff or current members are attending. Reminders of the opportunity to be part of the CoC are shared at regional Coordinated Entry meetings. The Membership Committee of the Board also sends email invitations to community stakeholders in advance of the CoC's Annual Meeting. The CoC also hosts a social media site via Facebook that provides a direct link to the website.
2. The CoC's website provides automated accessibility options by selecting the "accessiBe" symbol on the home page which in turn offers the individuals 6 unique accessibility profiles (seizure safe, vision impaired, ADHA, cognitive disability, keyboard navigation and blind users, etc.) to turn on assist in their navigation of the website. The feature also offers the user the opportunity to make content, color and orientation adjustments to the screen to meet their unique needs. All Board meetings are recorded and transcribed. All planning for any in-person meetings of the CoC intentionally consider accessibility for all people in their site selection and presentation materials.
3. All meetings include directed invitation to community partners representing culturally specific communities, this includes the Tribal Nations, BIPOC, and LGBTQA+ representatives. During the most recent annual strategic planning meeting, three CoC priorities were identified for the work of the coming year and this included a work plan to increase and enhance the equity work of the CoC.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. All meetings of the CoC are open to public attendance. In particular, the quarterly membership meetings include opportunities for community providers and other stakeholders to provide feedback and opinions on the ongoing work of the CoC. The full array of providers, advocates and funders are invited to attend and are provided meeting materials in advance for their preparation.
2. Meeting agendas and supporting materials are made available as part of meeting notification and invitation. This practice is also true for all CoC committees, which include Membership/Outreach, Data, Coordinated Entry, Point in Time, Governance and NOFO Committees. Meeting agendas provide time for public input and community information. All Board and Membership meeting agendas and minutes are published on the CoC’s website, along with any supportive materials.
3. All meetings of the CoC are offered virtually and offered in hybrid access (both virtual and in-person for board strategic planning and full membership meetings. All virtual links for meetings are embedded in all electronic invitations for the meetings. All information and materials are provided through the CoC’s website which offers automated accessibility options by selecting the "accessiBe" symbol on the home page which in turn offers the individuals 6 unique accessibility profiles (seizure safe, vision impaired, ADHA, cognitive disability, keyboard navigation and blind users, etc.) to turn on assist in their navigation of the website and access to meeting materials. Locations for all in-person meetings are fully evaluated for accessibility and availability of assistive technology for presentations.
4. Community input and suggestions are recorded within meeting minutes and specific action steps related to information gathered are also noted in a dedicated section of the minutes. This provides needed record keeping of information and assigns responsibility to a Board or Committee member to respond and/or act on the opinions and suggestions offered during meetings.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;	
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;	
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and	
4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. On July 31, 2024, the CoC Board released its notification of funding through the NOFO process statewide and this notification was published on the same day on the CoC's website. Notification was also done through the CoC's entire email list serve and during all CoC meetings as part of the meetings business items. The NOFO application information was also provided to all community agencies and stakeholders during all regional coordinated entry meetings. As part of the web site posting and email notification, the NOFO timeline and process document was included and this communication specifically notified providers that the FY24 NOFO opportunity was open to all providers, including those who had not been funded previously. This year's competition includes one applicant that has not been previously funded.
2. The CoC's published competition notice outlined the timeline including relevant deadlines and also the instructions for the method that an applicant must use to provide an application. In this case through the submitted esnaps project application. Information and support to all applicants was provided on set-up and navigation of esnaps.
3. The published notification included all deadlines, including the meeting and decision-making dates that would be used by the CoC's rank and review committee. This included the CoC's NOFO scoring policies and processes used by the Rank and Review Committee, as well as the funding amounts available.
4. Consistent with all communications of the CoC via its website, accessibility support is provided by selecting the "accessiBe" symbol on the home page which in turn offers the individuals 6 unique accessibility profiles (seizure safe, vision impaired, ADHA, cognitive disability, keyboard navigation and blind users, etc.) to turn on assist in their navigation of the website and access to the NOFO application announcement, application timeline, and additional materials.

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)	Yes
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	No
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?	Yes

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

WY-500 has an active collaborative relationship with the Wyoming Department of Education State Coordinators of Homeless Education, Neglected and Delinquent Education, Gender Equality and the Office of Civil Rights Liaison. The forenamed State Coordinators are member of the CoC and resource CoCstanding committees. During the past year, trainings were provided to the CoC membership and a presentation/training provided during the CoC's strategic planning meeting in June. Additionally local homeless school liaisons provide training to local service providers and participated in the quarterly CoC Membership meeting held June 13, 2024. The CoC worked actively with youth liaisons to assist in the planning of, and contributed data to the annual Point In Time count. The CoC is currently in process of updating formal agreements with the Wyoming Department of State Coordinators of Homeless Education.

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 WY-500 CoC has in place in its policies and procedures specific direction for agencies to inform persons and families experiencing homelessness of the eligibility for educational services that are available where they are being served. The Wyoming CoC Standards document states on page 4 under "Education" - "The educational needs of children and youth must be accounted for, to the maximum extent practicable, and families with children and unaccompanied youth must be placed as close as possible to the school of origin so as not to disrupt the children's education. Projects that serve homeless families with children and/or unaccompanied youth must have policies and practices in place that are consistent with the laws related to providing education services to children and youth. These recipients must have a designated staff person to ensure that children and youth are enrolled in school and receive education services. Homeless families with children and unaccompanied youth must be informed of their eligibility for McKinney- Vento education services and other available resources. Recipients shall maintain documentation in the participant's case file to demonstrate that these requirements have been met and that applicants and participants understand their rights." Additionally, all school districts in the State of Wyoming are required to have a policy describing the eligibility, rights, and services available for McKinney-Vento eligible students. Each district must post information on these rights throughout their district and community, specifically where individuals and families are likely to see them, i.e. food pantries, laundromats, libraries, medical offices, emergency shelters and community service centers.

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

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

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

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.		No

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)

1. The Executive Director of the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (WCDVSA) is a member of the Wyoming CoC and in that role actively coordinates to update existing CoC polices and also develop new policies that are consistent and supportive of the needs of survivors. The CoC Board membership is also comprised of two members who serve as domestic violence survivor support staff (one with lived experience) and work to inform and support the policies and planning work of the CoC. These policies include, but are not limited to; emergency transfer policies, and ensuring the assessment and service delivery for survivors is provided in a manner that is client choice centered, supports a strong safety plan and trauma informed. WCDVSA provides training on best practices and safety protocols, as well as reviewing the Wyoming CoC's Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures.

2. The policies and practices of that are developed out of this collaboration are embedded as part of the service standards for the CoC (and ESG) policies and for all service providers, regardless if the provider is a dedicated VSP or not. The Institute for Community Alliances (HMIS Lead/CE Lead) has provided training at the Wyoming Domestic Violence annual meeting to provide information regarding the Domestic Violence Information Management System (DVIMS) and how it can be used to securely obtain a comprehensive assessment for the survivor (and family) that protects confidentiality, and at the same time provide information for a consistent placement decision within the Coordinated Entry network. This team presents collaboratively on how the DVIMS assessment process can be conducted to triage immediate safety needs and planning and support a trauma informed experience for survivors.

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)

Clients who are currently fleeing DV are not entered into the CE project in HMIS. If a DV client should be included in CE, they are entered into a de-identified excel sheet. This sheet is then incorporated into the mainstream list ensuring that DV clients are placed on the list by the prioritization criteria, but all identifying information is protected. During case conferencing, clients are listed as protected, and discussion is focused on possible options, not specific details or circumstances. DV clients do sign a release of information, are informed that their PPI will not be used, and they are able to refuse inclusion in CE. All end users are trained on how to use this process for DV clients and have access to the de-identified excel sheet.

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.			

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)

1. The Wy-500 CoC adopted CoC and ESG Program Policy Standards and Procedures in September of 2017 and this policy document has been updated at a minimum bi-annually or as needed based on new regulation or policy requirements. The policy document review for 2024 has just been completed and the updated edition approved by the WY Board of Directors on October 18, 2024 This document contains information and guidance on the process for an emergency transfer request.
2. During quarterly membership meetings and through the CoC email listserve policy and practice updates, the CoC, in coordination with the Wyoming DV Coalition provides information on the processes for emergency transfer for DV survivors for all funded housing programs. This information is consistent with CoC policy, along with CE policies and practices for confidentiality.
3. Per CoC/ESG policies for Wyoming, households requesting an emergency transfer will notify their housing project administration and complete a written statement attesting to the safety threat.
4. CoC/ESG funded housing programs, per policy "the housing program (HP) will act as quickly as possible to move a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to another unit, subject to availability and safety of a unit. If a tenant reasonably believes a proposed transfer would not be safe, the tenant may request a transfer to a different unit. If the HP has no safe and available units for which a tenant who needs an emergency is eligible, HP will assist the tenant in identifying other housing providers who may have safe and available units to which the tenant could move. At the tenant's request, HP will also assist tenants in contacting the local organizations offering assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are attached to this 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)

Within the homeless service community in Wyoming community providers and stakeholders actively share information on access to services for persons experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, etc. This is done through CoC quarterly meetings, regional Coordinated Entry case planning meetings and through various media outlets.

The CoC values and depends upon the collaboration and resources of the Wyoming Coalition of Domestic Violence and the Division of Victim Services to inform survivors of the full breadth of services available to them. This client focused/directed information is shared and distributed through a cross section of providers across the state, through community listservs, social media, and printed materials made available with school social workers, community service areas, i.e libraries, grocery stores, etc.

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)

During the local provider meetings (held regionally across the state) for placement and services for the Coordinated Entry system, time is allotted for discussion of any on-going or new systemic barriers within the service systems that require the attention of community providers. Intentional problem solving and resolution are part of the work that occurs during those meetings. During these discussions, action items are assigned with the report back deadlines. If it is determined that a particular barrier may require the assistance and coordination of another local jurisdiction or provider community, the CoC will take the lead in calling together the relevant partners to work on solutions to the identified barriers.

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC Board has an ongoing collaborative working relationship with "Casper Pride", and this organization has provided trainings and information during CoC membership meetings. This organization works with the CoC Board and membership at least annually to review and update current CoC policies and procedures to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the service needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families, and that the policies of the CoC support those needs.
2. The CoC has specific anti-discrimination policies that were formulated in consultation with our Casper Pride partners and these are part of both the CoC's governance documents, policies and procedures and also our Coordinated Entry policies as well. These policies are used to assist housing and service providers to develop or enhance existing local policies. The CoC's policies can be used as a template for funded providers and local communities to understand the full breadth of the requirements of anti-discrimination and fair housing practices.
3. The Wyoming Continuum of Care (WY-500) has recently transitioned collaborative applicant duties to the Institute for Community Alliances. ICA's local CoC Manager in Wyoming will coordinate and manage the process for evaluation and monitoring of CoC funded projects and will be evaluating funded projects for compliance and consistency with the CoC's anti-discrimination policies.
4. In the event that evidence of non-compliance is discovered, the process for and re-training and provision of a documented work plan to comply with the CoC's anti-discrimination policies would be required from the provider in question. Failure to provide the work plan, or adhere to the policies could result in the project being prevented from grant renewal or new project application submission

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

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Cheyenne, Wyoming	19%	No	No
Casper, Wyoming	0%	No	No

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. steps your CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within your CoC's geographic area or the two PHAs your CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if your CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, you may respond for the one; or	
	2. state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC's working relationship with the Cheyenne PHA continues to strengthen as the Cheyenne VA has a Coordinated Entry Specialist who is active and supportive of our Coordinated Entry System and fills his VASH Vouchers from the CE BNL. We are encouraged by this ongoing collaborative effort between the CoC, the VA and the Cheyenne Public Housing Authority and we believe it will serve as a relationship building model with Casper as well. At this time, neither PHA has either a general or limited homeless preference (beyond dedicated VASH vouchers). We continue to engage and keep communication with the Casper PHA open and the Wyoming CoC hopes to facilitate a coordinated effort with our PHAs and Family Services to design a housing and support program for youth aging out of foster care. We did ask the Casper PHA for data related to admissions of those experiencing homelessness, but a response was not provided.

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	No
4.	Local low-income housing programs	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

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

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

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

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

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

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?	No
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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.	
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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.
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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.	
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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.	6
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.	6
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.	
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NOFO Section V.B.1.i.

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

1. Annually (and as part of the scoring for the NOFO competition) the CoC evaluates understanding and compliance with Housing First practices and principals.
2. The CoC utilizes the "Housing First Standards Assessment Tool provided by HUD for determining compliance and for calculating relevant scores for the NOFO competition. Factors included in that evaluation include, provider capacity, access policies and practices, services provided and methods forevaluation, housing options and leasing practices.
- 3.As part of annual local agency monitoring, CoC staff review providers annually against the assessment tool outside of the NOFO competition.
4. The CoC annually reviews Housing First principals as part of the provider policy update and refresher trainings to reiterate the committment to Housing First with the provider community and the CoC membership at large. Our CoC Standards specifically state that any provider found to not adhering to Housing First Principals may have their project funding reallocated and the agency barred from submitting new projects for consideration.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Data—Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The frontier State of Wyoming encompasses 97,814 square miles and is the 10th largest state (geographically) in the nation. Given that we are a statewide CoC, it would be disingenuous to try to claim that the CoC's outreach effort covers 100% of the CoC's geographic area. The impact of this reality is that highly impactful street outreach efforts are systematically targeted to areas that are often the least likely to have services that are accessible to persons experiencing homelessness who are service resistant. This is done regionally where staffing and resources will adequately support the street outreach efforts. Given that frontier homelessness is unique in it's nature and expression, street outreach efforts are most often paired with other community services - meal programs, library services, health clinics, and cooling/warming shelters. This allows for local persons who may not want to be identified as homeless and are unlikely to seek assistance to find connections to services participating in local community services with their neighbors.

The Wyoming SSVF provider Volunteers for America, developed a comprehensive street outreach strategy in collaboration with the Wyoming CoC and implements a staffed regional outreach effort across the state to proactively seek out service resistant individuals and establish relationship to support offering of comprehensive services and housing.

Community Action Partnership of Natrona County (CAPNC) enhances street outreach through highly trained staff, partnerships with individuals with lived experience, and close collaboration with community organizations and municipalities. Our outreach process identifies street homeless, temporarily sheltered individuals (both formally and informally), and those precariously housed without control over their shelter beyond the present moment.

We utilize the following sites to meet those in need of outreach services: Salvation Army, Poverty Resistance, Central Wyoming Rescue Mission, Health Care for the Homeless (HCH)/12th Street Clinic, Natrona County Public Library, Kind Grounds Day Center and various rural areas not fit for human habitation. Additionally, we maintain productive relationships with local law enforcement, parole/probation officers, the detention center, Central Wyoming Counseling Center, and Banner Health discharge planners to prevent unnecessary discharges to the street.

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

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	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	199	186

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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| 1. | works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including those that provide substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services, including Medicaid; and |
| 2. | promotes SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff. |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The State Housing Manager of the Wyoming Department of Family Services (DFS) serves on the CoC Board and their department provides regular (monthly or more often as needed) to the CoC membership on mainstream resources and programs. This is done through virtual trainings, and distribution of materials and information to the membership during regular quarterly meeting and via the email listserv. Information is also posted to the CoC's website. Since local healthcare, substance use and mental health providers actively participate in the CoC quarterly membership meetings, the connection to services for local homeless project staff regularly occurs. This regular meeting exchange provides the opportunity for healthcare providers to update local agency staff on any new information or services.
2. Annually, the CoC updates SOAR process information during a scheduled, virtual training and information exchange with local SSA staff.

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)

1. Procedures that were established during the pandemic, direct the partnership of CoC affiliated agencies with local (county) public health officials and including hospitals to return to weekly virtual meetings to update participants on local infection rates, treatment options and non-congregate sheltering options in the event of an infectious disease outbreak.
2. During the upcoming December membership CoC meeting, a planned review of hygiene practices, and contagion management will be part of the agenda in anticipation of a fall/winter uptick in COVID and flu cases. Discussion and finalization of a plan for information distribution for access to vaccinations for clients and staff will be part of the agenda as well.

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)

1. The Wyoming CoC has established relationships with county public health departments (created as a result of the COVID pandemic) and we continue work cooperatively to ensure that the CoC and community providers are provided up-to-date information on public health services within the unique circumstances of homelessness. This kind of health information has moved beyond Covid and increasingly considers other public health concerns, care and treatment such as cold, flu, whooping cough, RSV, pneumonia, and HIV. Again, this information is shared during CoC meetings, during virtual public health department orientations and trainings and via the CoC email listserv and published via the CoC website.
2. The CoC is in regular communication with county public health agencies to provide community partner agencies, shelters and street outreach workers with needed protective supplies, such as masks, hand sanitizer, etc. and information on community vaccination opportunities as they are available. These orientation and training opportunities also provide service provider staff with training on personal hygiene practices and safe personal behavior.

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)

The CoC's Coordinated Entry system is a "no wrong door" approach that is implemented regionally and encompasses the entire state. Every county in Wyoming has an CE Lead Agency including the Wind River Reservation and this agency supports cooperatively any local community service provider or community partner that may be seeking services for their consumers.

2. The Coordinated Entry access agencies use the same triage assessment and vulnerability index tool across the entire network. CE policies outline standard prioritization decision making tree that is uniformly applied at all access points and during local "pull meetings" for service delivery and client assignment decisions.

3. During weekly client service assignment meetings ("pull meetings") provider agencies review the results of the previous week's work and report on client interactions and feedback to improve contact and communication methods and refine service delivery. Trauma informed and harm reduction interviewing of clients is the CoC service standard and is used by all access points and service providers.

4. The Wyoming CE staff recently (9/27/2024) had funding approved and completed planning for regional (statewide) focus groups for review and discussion of the current CE practices with all access point agencies, community providers and especially consumers. Consumers will receive a stipend for participation.

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)

1. The CoC has an agency that does street outreach in every county in the state including on the Wind River Reservation. Emergency Shelters in the three largest population counties all regularly participate in CE. We have also created a referral system where agencies who do not utilize HMIS can refer their clients to be added to the CE list. Regular agency training is provided by CE staff on trauma informed interviewing and outreach methods specific to service resistant individuals.
2. The Wyoming CoC uses a common assessment of the VI-Spdat, VI-Fspdat and TAY VISpdat to assess vulnerability of all clients. The by name list is then sorted by chronic and non-chronic status and in order of priority score.
3. Recording all referrals and the outcomes in HMIS will enable the CE Committee to better monitor the effectiveness of the CE process while determining if a particular agency's entrance eligibility criteria is not in alignment with the Housing First. If an agency refuses a referral from the PL, the CE Committee will evaluate if the agency is following the Housing First model. If the CE Committee determines the agency is not applying the Housing First methodology, the MOU will be reviewed, and further training will be provided to the agency. During the weekly case conferencing meeting the strengths, challenges, and specific needs of clients are identified, and case managers work to match the client with the project that best fits the clients' needs. This process enables the CE Specialist to make appropriate and effective referrals. Since case managers are involved in these discussions, they are aware when a client they are working with is referred to a housing opening. Once the referral is accepted, the case manager can assist the client with the transition from one provider to another.
4. Information is shared among agencies in HMIS, this allows for the service history and data to be carried and reduce the number of times clients have to share their story. In weekly case conferencing case managers advocated for their clients and work together to remove barriers to housing, and appropriate referrals which reduces the need for clients to seek out multiple service and housing providers.

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry–Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies–Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC through its coordinated entry:	
1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC’s geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;	
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and	
3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. All individuals in the CoC’s coverage area have fair and equal access to the CE process regardless of where they are geographically located within the state. The WY CoC has a “no wrong door” approach which works well due to the frontier geographic status of Wyoming. The marketing of CE has been one of the goals for the CE Committee this year. Service providers are very spread out and located in the more populated areas of the state, therefore accessing services is a constant challenge for clients. Interstate I-25 runs East/West along the southern corridor of the state, I-80, runs North/South through the eastern half of the state, and I -90 passes through the northeast corner. Three of the four brick and mortar emergency shelters are located along these interstate routes in the eastern section of the state. This leaves a large portion of the state with limited to no service providers, especially for emergency shelter. The challenge for the CE Committee is to advertise CE in an effective manner in all areas of the state. Wyoming 211 has been instrumental in the marketing of CE. This allows clients to easily access the CE whether in person or by phone. Any caller who self identifies as experiencing homelessness is informed of emergency shelter locations and informed about the CE process. The caller is encouraged to reach out to the closest service provider for not only emergency shelter but also to be assessed for CE. Marketing strategies include direct outreach to individuals at service sites and through street outreach. The CE is also advertised on the Wyoming CoC website. The site directs those seeking assistance directly to participating agencies.
2. All homeless service providers in Wyoming must comply with fair housing laws and have flyers explaining these rights posted in their offices. This information is also provided to clients when intake and assessment is performed.
3. We are unaware of any conditions or actions in Wyoming that currently impede fair housing choice for program participants. In the event that these are reported or discovered the CoC would take action through the Wyoming Department of Family Services to report such actions.

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.	06/07/2024

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)

1. During the CoC's strategic planning retreat on June 12, 2024, the Board and membership they reviewed data from HMIS on racial breakdown of clients served in Wyoming against the representation of people of color in the general population. This data was compared to the racial disparity assessment that was conducted the previous year.

2. The racial breakdown of Wyoming in the general population is 92% white, 1.2% Black/African American, 2.8% Native American/Indigenous, finally Asian/Native Hawaiian at 1.1%. When we compare this to the breakdown by race of clients served, we do not identify a significant over-representation, nor do we see unequal access/acceptance to services. HMIS data shows that Wyoming consumers are 83% white, with the same percentage with program entries, 4% Black/African American also with 4% showing program entry. Our most significant disparity is among Native Americans who represent 11% of clients, but the full 11% also show successful client program entry. The CoC is now actively working with the Wyoming Tribal Nations, coordinating on planning and services for our tribal communities with our Board member Tribal Liaison. Monitoring of this data is ongoing and reviewed twice annually – in conjunction with the winter PIT count and again in June of each year. Also, the CoC has contracted with the University of Wyoming (9/27/24) for a comprehensive Gaps Analysis, which will include an evaluation of racial disparity that is scheduled to be completed in June of 2025.

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?	No
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)

As addressed in question 1D-9a, the most significant racial disparity that the CoC is facing is the over-representation of Native Americans among those being served by homeless providers (11%) compared to the general population (2.8%). Although it appears there is equity in successful entry into CoC programs, the CoC strongly desires to reduce the percentage of native clients (along with all persons of color) that seek homeless services. To that end, the CoC Leadership met with the Wyoming Governor's office and the liaison to the Northern Arapaho Tribe to discuss the participation and involvement the tribal nations might have with the Wyoming Continuum of Care. As a result of this effort, the CoC now has an active Board member who serves as our Tribal Liaison and their contributions to the CoC's activities and planning have been invaluable. As a result of our Board member's participation, the Wind River Reservation Nations have provided a tribal resolution to support the work of the CoC. To that end, a CoC Builds application will be forthcoming for an extensive new project on tribal lands.

The CoC's next focus will be to evaluate specifically additional racial disparity and take intentional active steps to engage in service and outreach planning to our neighbors of color who are experiencing homelessness

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)

1. The CoC Data Committee reviews HMIS client data and aggregate data with in the DV comparable data base, twice a year (at the conclusion of the winter PIT count and in June of each year) and compares client records with program entry data and also racial breakdowns compared to the general population. This information informs the planning for training activities and also current project service improvements as well as planning for potential new service projects that could be targeted to vulnerable populations - particularly persons of color.
2. We utilize HMIS client data and Census bureau data, along with aggregate data provided from our DV agency partners. The CoC also consults with Board members and community partners for comparative data related to veteran's data, school liaison data, and data from state partners serving the LGBTQ+ population with a lens on their BIPOC clients.

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 Wyoming CoC is fortunate to have four individuals - 3 board members (2 in Officer positions) and another active committee member that provide their lived expertise to the work and planning of the CoC. In fact, their presence has been instrumental in authentic engagement with others with lived experience in service and support of the CoC. The CoC also reaches out through social media and via our website, but the personal experiences shared by our Board and committee members has been no doubt been the most impactful outreach tool we have, and we are grateful. Our Lived Experience Board Officers serve as representatives to State departments, County planning and cooperative community partner efforts.

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.	4	1
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	4	1
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	3	1
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	3	1

1D-10b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness. NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
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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 Board offers ongoing mentorship, training and professional development as the opportunities arise and resources identified. In the lived experience letter provided by our COC Board/Committee members, they describe the opportunities that they have participated in. These individuals also often take leadership roles to train and resource their Board peers via their experiences and expertise. Two of our Lived Experience board members serve in Officer leadership positions (Chair and Secretary). As the Planning Grant was transferred to Wyoming's new Collaborative Applicant two months ago, specific line items will be used for training and development costs for board members in the current grant's budget and will be expanded with the FY24 Planning Grant. During quarterly membership meetings, our lived experience Board members offer their assistance/counsel to member organizations on approaches to provide development and training opportunities locally.

1D-10c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness. NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
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Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1/2. Feedback from persons with lived experience is gathered through Coordinated Entry case conferencing meetings that provide for an ongoing feedback loop on client outcomes and evaluations from the field. Feedback is also gathered as part of the regular public comment and feedback opportunity during the quarterly membership meetings. The CoC also recently concluded a series of statewide community focus groups with consumers and community partners. The focus group series will be offered annually.

3/4. Both the CE case conferencing meetings and membership meetings include all CoC and ESG programs. These programs also engage in client listening sessions, and feedback surveys that are provided to client during a service engagement and at exit. Case conferencing occur monthly and full membership meetings occur quarterly, with the next scheduled meeting set for December 11th

5. Challenges and concerns raised through formal meeting settings or through surveys are reported during CoC Board meetings and response team assignments are made to address those concerns.

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 CoC Chair and Vice Chair have participated in a targeted discussion with representatives from the State of Wyoming concerning approaches to allow for affordable housing development in sparsely populated, rural (frontier) areas of the State.

During this summer's National Alliance to End Homelessness conference representatives from the Wyoming CoC met with Senator Lummis to discuss the significant lack of affordable housing in the State and how Federal policy might encourage and influence State planning and decision making.

The Board's Tribal Liaison meets regularly with Tribal Leaders to advance expanded housing opportunities in collaboration with the two TDHEs that represent the Wind River Reservation.

Currently our Board member representing the State of Wyoming Homeless services has facilitated an intentional conversation as the State updates and renews it's Consolidated Plan this year.

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

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

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- 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.	08/09/2024
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.	08/09/2024

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)?	225
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	5
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)

- Each project submitting a renewal application were scored on System and Project Performance including the percentage of participants who exited to or retained permanent housing with a maximum score achieved if the project met 80% or better. This resulted in 25 points out of 100 for the performance section.
- An additional 20 points maximum of this section was awarded for number of days from project entry to residential move-in. All related data was produced from HMIS reports (or comparable database reports).
- Specific points were awarded to projects that demonstrated they targeted individuals and families assessed as chronically homeless, dedicated plus, or fleeing domestic violence. This scoring also considered demonstrated practices of agencies that prevented "screening out" of high barrier/service resistant individuals.
- The scoring metric described in response number 3 of this question was used by the rank and review committee for evaluation consideration and discussion around performance and also to identify projects whose performance may have been impacted by their commitment to serve high barrier populations. Another consideration the rank and review committee considered is the impact of scarcity of affordable housing as well as the challenge of long travel distances for consumers seeking housing and services.

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)

1. The CoC's rank and review scoring tools were presented to the full board for approval and this of course included our Tribal Liaison Board member. Their feedback on the tool was important to moving forward as our Native American population is the most significantly over-represented in our population of person experiencing homelessness.

2. The Rank and Review Committee included persons with vast experience inhomeless services, including representatives from ESG agencies, Federal partner staff, and other professional capacity. Committee members included persons representing the DV community, as well as the youth service community. Among these individuals assisting with the rank and review process were those of various races and ethnicities.

3. The scoring tool used by the CoC included an "Equity Factors" section worth 60 points that examining the applicant's inclusion of persons from underrepresented populations (BIPOC, LGBTQIA+) in leadership positions, also including persons with lived experience and providing organizational policies that provide for and equity lens to service delivery and planning.

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)

This is not applicable to our CoC. We did not determine any of the applicants as low performing and to that end did not result in any reallocation. The renewal projects that were submitted met the expectations of the CoC in performance and as such did require reallocation.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	Yes
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	

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.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/15/2024
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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.	10/25/2024
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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.	10/25/2024
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	05/09/2024
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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 Wyoming CoC, through our HMIS Lead Agency currently offers a separate closed implementation of the CommunityPoint software that mirrors the setup of the regular HMIS network and meets all the HUD data standards and CoC/ESG reporting requirements. Known as the Domestic Violence Information Management System (DVIMS). The HMIS Lead Agency manages the network set up for any participating agencies and provides training and support to the VSP on their implementation. The providers utilize the “un-named client” function of the software, where the end user enters the client’s name to inform the creation of a unique ID, but when the record is saved, the name is purged from the system. No HMIS administration staff, vendor staff or recipient staff member has access to the name. The agency must include the ID number in the client file so that VSP agency staff can locate the appropriate record so interim updates and exit information can be entered as needed. The implementation of DVIMS is still in its first two years of implementation, and the CoC, the Collaborative Applicant and the State of Wyoming are working collaboratively to recommend its use more broadly. Since the DVIMS tool is utilizing the same software as many HMIS implementations, the CoC can request the same performance data as it does of the HMIS participating agencies. The HMIS Lead can run System Performance Measures reports upon request and report to the CoC as often as desired, the same can be said for the ESG CAPER and CoC APR. The HMIS administrative agency is also prepared to support VSP providers with custom performance reports upon request. DVIMS currently is compliant with the FY2024 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	332	148	383	79.79%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	224	0	122	54.46%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	73	0	73	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	254	0	35	13.78%
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)

PSH Bed Coverage: Because a significant number of permanent housing units available are VASH units and are not reported in HMIS, this negatively impacts our coverage. The CoC has a strong working relationship with VA Outreach and those staff actively participate in Coordinated Entry case conferencing providing housing voucher resources. This "structural" deficit in relationship with the VA is not likely to be resolved but we stand behind the shared partnership with our VA partners.

ES Bed Coverage: The Wy-500 CoC must respectfully reject the HDX Competition Report results for this bed coverage. Our HMIS staff have advised us that because formula structure around reporting on DV beds that are utilizing a comparable data base was flawed and any useful error flag was not even present in the structure, the staff were unable to identify which DV agencies were missing the comparable data base selection. Although this was reported to HUD during the time of reconciliation of the PIT/HIC reports, HMIS staff were not provided any viable option for correction within the time frame allowable to deliver the HDX report to CoCs for scoring. The NOFO was released on July 31st and our HMIS teams were still trying to resolve this question with HUD into late August. The steps we will take to correct this issue will be to work more assertively with HUD to have reporting structure problems with HDX identified and corrected earlier. There was no changes in bed coverage o from last year (or comparable database participation, and our effective bed coverage in ES went from 98.2% to 79.9%. This was virtually beyond our control.

TH Bed Coverage: The Wy-500 CoC must respectfully reject the HDX Competition Report results for TH bed coverage. Our HMIS staff have advised us that because formula structure around reporting on DV beds that are utilizing a comparable data base was flawed and an appropriate error flag was not even present in the structure, the staff were unable to identify which DV agencies were missing the comparable data base selection. Although this was reported to HUD during the time of reconciliation of the PIT/HIC reports, HMIS staff were not provided any viable option for correction within the time frame allowable to deliver the HDX report to CoCs for scoring. There were no changes in our TH bed coverage from last year and our reported coverage went from 100% to 54.46%. We will work more assertively with HUD to avoid this systemic error.

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.	01/24/2024
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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.	05/09/2024
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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)

1. The CoC is actively engaged with the five principal youth serving agencies in the state and in coordination with the Wyoming Youth Action Board were able to include youth in participation of the planning, and execution of the annual PIT count. The Wyoming Youth Action Board (YAB) is facilitated and mentored by our YHDP grant holder – Youth Emergency Services.
2. The YAB members worked with their peers across the youth serving agencies to select and advise the PIT planning team on commonly understood locations that unsheltered youth could be located.
3. YAB members served on teams that went out on the night of the 2024 count to assist with interviewing and counting identified persons and families.

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)

Not Applicable

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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- 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)

1. The WY-500 CoC determined risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness by reviewing the data found in the CoC’s CE prioritization list in HMIS and also the DVIMS comparable data base as well as the alternative DV spreadsheet used for those individuals serving survivors who not entered into either data base. This data is reviewed twice per year and the number of first time homeless persons is tracked and published as part of the Wyoming Data Dashboard.
2. During Wyoming’s coordinated entry system case conferencing meetings, providers discuss persons they are aware of, who are not yet homeless and seeking prevention resources, this provides information on services provided that successfully divert individuals and families from entering the homeless service system. Local community service providers and partners are able to connect at risk individuals to additional services for emergency rental assistance, food assistance and other personal supports that allow these persons to remain in their current housing situation. This approach informs the most effective strategies and also identifies gaps in services that need to be addressed in local communities and regions. This targeted strategy has proven successful for the CoC as the number of persons who were homeless for the first time dropped by 76% between 2022 and 2023 as found in the Wyoming SPM Dashboard.
3. The CoC’s HMIS/Data Committee and the Project Monitoring Committee of the Wyoming Board of Directors are responsible for overseeing this strategy. These committees are facilitated by the CoC’s Collaborative Applicant staff.

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The strategy is to move these individuals and families into the available housing as quickly as possible. Although the CoC has had some success with this strategy (reducing the median length of time by 4% from 2022 to 2023), the lack of affordable and/or subsidized units remains a significant challenge to support continued progress.
2. The WY-500 CoC prioritizes chronically homeless persons for housing as part of the prioritization standards for coordinated entry. If there are no chronically homeless persons, then those experiencing homelessness for the longest time, along with significant barriers and services needs are considered next. This is built into the coordinated entry scoring and prioritization across the state.
3. The CoC's HMIS/Data Committee and the Project Monitoring Committee of the Wyoming Board of Directors are responsible for overseeing this strategy. These committees are facilitated by the CoC's Collaborative Applicant staff.

2C-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention –CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The WY-500 CoC works to increase the rate of individuals and families exiting to a permanent setting by targeted coordination during coordinated entry (CE) case conferencing for these persons experiencing homelessness in the state. All providers participating in CE abide by the principals of housing first and careful individualized matching of clients to housing resources help to prevent a poor housing placement. Unfortunately as available units have declined and additional funds provided through pandemic assistance have steadily declined which worked against moving clients into PH. Among ES, TH, RRH exits to PH went down by 4% from 2022-2023 (as shown in our Wyoming SPM results). The CoC has included new projects in this application that we hope will increase available supply.
2. Permanent housing retention has and exits from PH to another permanent setting was much more successful which informs planning and a strategy to replicate the supportive practices of our providers in support of their clients. A portion of the case conferencing time during CE meetings includes check ins regarding clients who have been previously housed to identify any additional services the clients may need to retain their housing.
3. The CoC's HMIS/Data Committee and the Project Monitoring Committee of the Wyoming Board of Directors are responsible for overseeing this strategy. These committees are facilitated by the CoC's Collaborative Applicant staff.

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)

1. As mentioned in question 2C.3, the Coordinated Entry case conferencing meetings include time to update or report on those who have exited programs to identify persons who may need some kind of continued support as might be available, such as cash resources, health care services, and landlord mediation services, etc. This provides an opportunity for additional services to be provided to prevent a client and/or their family from returning to homelessness. Our HMIS also provides historic data collected from each record to provide additional data on those returning. The intentional work through CE case conferencing has produced measurable results. The number of individuals or families returning to homelessness was reduced by 1% from 2022 - 2023. Given that Wyoming experienced several years where we lost ground on this measure, we are pleased to see this measured success and look forward to our next review of this data point.
3. The CoC's HMIS/Data Committee and the Project Monitoring Committee of the Wyoming Board of Directors are responsible for overseeing this strategy. These committees are facilitated by the CoC's Collaborative Applicant staff.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The WY COC strategy to access employment income is twofold. First, regular training and monitoring of data entry to ensure accurate and timely income information is added into the HMIS system and actual income gains are reflected in the reporting out of HMIS. Secondly, WY COC partner agencies, work with clients reporting no/low income to get them connected to the workforce (if able and eligible).

2. Wyoming Workforce Services is an active member of the CoC and provides information on increasing access to employment through training during one of the CoC's quarterly meetings. Wyoming's Department of Family Services and the Department of Mental Health collaborate with the CoC to increase access to mainstream resources through the SOAR and PATH programs. Additionally, one of Wyoming's larger cities has held events similar to a Project Homeless Connect to engage clients and connect them with mainstream resources. Unfortunately, a review of our SPM data shows that cash income has not been increasing as was hoped. The approach on this measure will be evaluated for recommended strategy changes in the coming year.

3. The CoC's HMIS/Data Committee and the Project Monitoring Committee of the Wyoming Board of Directors are responsible for overseeing this strategy. These committees are facilitated by the CoC's Collaborative Applicant staff.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. SSDI is the most substantial non-employment cash income source that clients in the WY COC utilize. To that end, ensuring all eligible clients apply and eventually receive SSDI benefits is critical to increasing clients income and ability to retain housing. SOAR Training has been made available to all CoC member agencies and trained staff are completing SOAR applications on behalf of their clientele, increasing the number of applicants and expediting the reception of benefits. Additionally, numerous agencies screen to ensure clients are receiving eligible non-employment cash benefits.
2. While each agency within the CoC is responsible for ensuring clients are informed of eligible benefits and provided assistance with applications, the CoC's HMIS/Data Committee and the Project Monitoring Committee of the Wyoming Board of Directors are responsible for overseeing this strategy. These committees are facilitated by the CoC's Collaborative Applicant staff overseeing and ensuring that the CoC is working collaboratively to increase non-employment income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) 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

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

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

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

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

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

N/A

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

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- 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:	490
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	63
3.	Unmet Need:	427

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)

1. From HMIS client records (all providers), DVIMS aggregate records and program roster for Coordinated Entry - of 4866 total clients served in year to-date 2024, 490 report being a DV Victim/survivor. Of those, 258 report actively fleeing and seeking assistance. Of those records, 63 survivors currently show an active program entry.
2. Our calculations have been derived from data from the CoC's Coordinated Entry provider, and from all unduplicated records from HMIS. We have some systemic limitations due to confidentiality of DV client information, but we feel this is reasonably representative of the need in the CoC.
3. Wyoming's most significant barrier is almost always geography. Our frontier state has large service deserts and affordable housing for RRH-PH is difficult to find. To that end, this application includes an application for additional units of RRH and resources for additional services to support clients movement to existing safe and secure 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
Gillette Abuse Re...

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	Gillette Abuse Refuge Foundation
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	91%
3.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	83%

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. Each survivor that enrolls in G.A.R.F.'s services receives resources and access to housing. When a survivor meets HUD eligibility and requests, housing staff assist with a housing search and secure a unit. In 2023, 33 households met HUD eligibility, and 30 were placed in housing units. The rate of housing placement was calculated at 30 placements divided by 33 eligible clients x 100% = 91%
2. All 30 housing placements, or 100%, account for exits to safe housing destinations.
3. In 2023, out of the 30 households placed in safe housing, 25 households remained there. The housing retention rate was calculated at 25 households remaining housed divided by 30 total placements x 100% = 83%.
4. Housing placements and retention data were collected in the electronic client management databases called Vela and CAP 60.

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. The project will focus on helping people obtain housing quickly, increase their self-sufficiency, and provide case management services to improve their well-being and ability to stay housed. These case management services will include housing search/counseling, obtaining employment, financial management, and life skills groups. Assistance with transportation and food will be provided as well. Rapid Re-Housing will be offered to any homeless survivor without preconditions. Survivors are more open to seeking help for mental health/substance abuse issues or embracing change/a new chapter in their lives when they have safety and housing stability.
2. G.A.R.F.'s mission and services are 100% committed to serving survivors. G.A.R.F. is committed to engaging in new partnerships such as Coordinated Entry for referrals and serving survivors. The agency's representative will engage in the Coordinated Entry process including the prioritization list and comply with the Wyoming CoC emergency transfer plan.
3. Immediately at intake, a needs assessment is conducted, and the Danger Assessment is self-administered by a survivor. Developing an individualized approach with each survivor is essential in meeting the unique needs of each individual and offering supportive services they require.
4. After the initial intake and assessment, survivors are connected to supportive services immediately. These services might include housing search/counseling, obtaining employment, financial management, and life skills groups. Services are linked with local health providers, social service agencies, and other community organizations to ensure that survivors can access medical services, mental health care, legal services, and other needed services.
5. Staff meet survivors where they are at, and work with them on identifying housing options that would meet their needs, and that they can sustain after the housing subsidy ends. Life skills in financial literacy and budgeting are offered continuously. Assistance with employment searches, resume writing, mock interviews, and work attire are offered to ensure that survivors have the means to remain in permanent housing. G.A.R.F. has found that ongoing peer-to-peer weekly support groups strengthen housing outcomes for the survivors and their dependents. The option of moving survivors from one assisted housing option to another (which might be more affordable) is offered.

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 confidentiality 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. G.A.R.F. has been serving survivors for 42 years. All staff are trained in privacy/confidentiality and compliance. The intake/interview process is conducted in a private office to minimize the potential coercion of survivors. The information obtained is stored electronically in a secure electronic database. Only trained staff have access to survivors' files.
2. During the initial interview, DV and HUD eligibility is determined. Then, a plan of safety is developed. Housing options are identified, and the survivor is empowered to choose a housing option that meets their individual/family needs. A case manager works with the survivor to go into the identified housing option immediately. If this option is not available, a temporary housing option is offered.
3. All survivors' files are kept electronically in an electronic database that is secured and meets HIPAA standards for confidentiality.
4. All staff are trained in safety and confidentiality when they are hired. These trainings are approved by the Wyoming Division of Victim Services. Annually, staff are required to complete refresher training on safety and confidentiality. G.A.R.F.'s policies and procedures on safety and confidentiality are strictly enforced and are stored on the group drive, which is available to staff 24/7.
5. The proposed RRH project will offer scattered-site housing options. Partnerships have been developed with landlords that understand and support survivors' physical safety and confidentiality. These units are secured by outside severance cameras, 24/7 availability of a housing manager, and on-call procedures. At any given time, a survivor can reach out to a housing manager or G.A.R.F.'s on-call staff if they have concerns.

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.

(limit 2,500 characters)

G.A.R.F. will utilize HUD's Housing Checklist to ensure that selected housing units meet safety standards. Case managers will continuously work and support survivors in their journey for safety and stability. Assessments for safety will be conducted when a case manager meets/calls a survivor. The project planning team has discussed the implementation of "the release" for a follow-up tool that will allow a case manager to stay in touch and support survivors throughout their journey.

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.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The project will focus on helping survivors obtain permanent housing quickly and on helping them to stabilize. The objective is to increase survivors' self-sufficiency and provide case management services to improve their well-being and ability to stay housed. Rapid Re-Housing will be offered to any homeless survivor without preconditions i.e. embrace the Housing First model. G.A.R.F. has been embracing the Housing First model and No Barriers to Entry. When there are no preconditions to entry, survivors begin focusing on what is next, developing goals and plans/actions for their realization. Survivors' preferences are always taken into consideration when housing stabilization options are discussed. Prioritization placement will be based on the results of the Danger Assessment and the Coordinated Entry process. The higher the score the higher this survivor will be on the priority list. Housing placement is consistent with the survivors' stated needs. Each survivor's case is unique, and they have a voice and choice on what option they want to pursue.

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.	

(limit 5,000 characters)

Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) is the foundation of G.A.R.F.’s victim services. It is founded on the approach of considering various physical and mental effects of trauma and offering survivors opportunities to rebuild the connections and trust that were fractured by abuse. Staff are trained in TIC and how to work with vulnerable populations to reduce their re-traumatization and protect their mental and emotional health. For example, an electronic data system is utilized to ensure that a survivor shares their story only once. Staff are trained to ask trauma-informed questions: “How has this experience affected you?”, “Where are you in your healing process?”. Staff empower survivors in their decision-making processes, plans for today and the future, and taking steps towards safety, stability, and well-being. Pointing out a person’s strengths and utilizing them in building resiliency and a supportive and healing life is essential. Developing an individualized approach with each survivor opens a door for building trust and quality relationships between them and staff. Providing space and a platform for peer support in group settings and one-on-one is another valuable component in trauma-informed care. Inclusiveness of all is embraced, including individuals from historically marginalized groups and people with disabilities. Staff are trained in cultural competency and responsiveness, language access, and equal access to enhance their skills and understanding. Staff are also trained in a victim-centered approach of engaging survivors and listening to their needs and concerns. Crisis workers embrace the voices of survivors and their choices. The purpose is to give back as much control to victims as feasible and ensure the empathetic delivery of services in a non-judgmental manner.

G.A.R.F.’s staff are trained in TCI and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Both models equip staff with tools for being effective in sharing information with survivors on the effects of trauma. Survivors are invited to attend any trauma-related training sessions at the agency. G.A.R.F. partners with a local nonprofit that offers trauma-informed parenting classes. The schedule of classes is shared with survivors. Staff also connect survivors to childcare and legal services resources when requested.

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.

(limit 5,000 characters)

Gillette Abuse Refuge Foundation, Inc. (G.A.R.F.) is the northeast Wyoming regional domestic violence shelter and the rape crisis response center. It is an agency that has been at the frontline of researching and implementing innovative, effective, and high-quality programs for the last 42 years. In 1982, G.A.R.F. opened its Crisis Shelter. When the needs of the community began to change, so did the agency. Throughout the years, G.A.R.F. has implemented additional programs such as a 24/7 on-call Crisis Line, Advocacy services, Education and Outreach, Volunteers in Services, etc. to address community gaps and meet the needs of domestic violence and sexual assault survivors. These programs (along with others) provide the needed service structure to move survivors into permanent housing and assure their safety

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:	
	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.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. G.A.R.F. is committed to Housing First and to that end, our primary efforts in support of survivors are to place them into safe and secure housing. Concurrently, survivors and staff determine a defined safety and service plan that assures a stable environment for the survivor. The implementation timeline for this grant will be to quickly determine a housing and safety plan, and move them into their permanent housing within 30 days with the full capacity of units leased out at 90 days. Full cooperation will be utilized with each client as they review their housing options with considerations of locations regarding school choice, support of work transportation and proximity to services and the client's supportive community. As mentioned within our project application and in earlier questions here, our assessment services are founded on the approach of considering various physical and mental effects of trauma and offering survivors opportunities to rebuild the connections and trust that were fractured by abuse. Staff are trained in TIC and how to work with vulnerable populations to reduce their re-traumatization and protect their mental and emotional health as they are placed into housing and stabilized in those settings

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.	

(limit 5,000 characters)

Gillette Abuse Refuge Foundation, Inc. (G.A.R.F.) is the northeast Wyoming regional domestic violence shelter and the rape crisis response center. It is an agency that has been at the frontline of researching and implementing innovative, effective, and high-quality programs for the last 42 years. G.A.R.F. service provision practices are client driven and support equality of every staff and survivor interaction. Staff are trained in TIC and how to work with vulnerable populations to reduce their re-traumatization and protect their mental and emotional health. For example, an electronic data system is utilized to ensure that a survivor shares their story only once. Staff are trained to ask trauma-informed questions: “How has this experience affected you?”, “Where are you in your healing process?”. Staff empower survivors in their decision-making processes, plans for today and the future, and taking steps towards safety, stability, and well-being. Pointing out a person’s strengths and utilizing them in building resiliency and a supportive and healing life is essential. Developing an individualized approach with each survivor opens a door for building trust and quality relationships between them and staff. Providing space and a platform for peer support in group settings and one-on-one is another valuable component in trauma-informed care. Inclusiveness of all is embraced, including individuals from historically marginalized groups and people with disabilities. Staff are trained in cultural competency and responsiveness, language access, and equal access to enhance their skills and understanding. Staff are also trained in a victim-centered approach of engaging survivors and listening to their needs and concerns. Crisis workers embrace the voices of survivors and their choices. The purpose is to give back as much control to victims as feasible and ensure the empathetic delivery of services in a non-judgmental manner. As mentioned in earlier responses, comprehensive services are offered to all survivors including but not limited to a full array of parenting supports and of course, connections to legal services for all client.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The organization is governed by a volunteer board that is diverse and represented by more than 30% of persons with lived experience. The Executive Director has worked with and advocated for under-represented individuals throughout her career in social services. Domestic violence and sexual assault survivors serve on the G.A.R.F.'s board, and work for the agency. Leadership embraces and stands by the Voice and Choice philosophy. Survivors have an active voice and provide feedback on services, improvements, strategic planning, innovation, etc. through suggestion boxes in each of G.A.R.F.'s facilities. They are invited to focus groups, are encouraged to participate in an annual agency needs assessment survey, and are welcome to email their suggestions as well. Pre and post-assessment tools and evaluations are utilized when facilitating support groups, life skills sessions, and enrichment opportunities. Feedback is incorporated into improving services, making programmatic changes, and pursuing new opportunities that benefit survivors. The program's outcomes are reviewed quarterly to ensure progress and assess if outcomes are equitable across all participants. If there is a concern, it is addressed, and a quality improvement plan is implemented. When the proposed RRH project is funded, survivors will continue to be invited to the discussion table to provide their feedback on policy and program development. Their voice is essential in developing policies and structures that meet the needs of the survivors.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1. You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
2. You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.
3. We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
4. Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
5. Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
6. If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
 - . We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).
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Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	WY-500 Lived Expe...	10/22/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	10/23/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	WY-500 Project Sc...	10/23/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	WY-500 Scored Pro...	10/23/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Memo Regarding Re...	10/23/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Ranking Notificat...	10/23/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Web Posting of NO...	10/23/2024
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	WY-500 HDX Compet...	10/21/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No	Housing First Eva...	10/23/2024

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Document Description: Memo Regarding Reduced Rejected Projects
WY-500

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Document Description: Ranking Notification for Project Applicants

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Submission Summary

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

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1E. Project Review/Ranking	10/25/2024
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2B. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count	10/25/2024
2C. System Performance	10/25/2024
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3C. Serving Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes	10/20/2024

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4B. Attachments Screen	Please Complete
Submission Summary	No Input Required

October 11, 2024

To the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Our Lived Experience.

Without going into the details of our combined lived experience, it is safe to say that between us we have experienced events that led to homelessness. The stigma can stick with an individual for years, often becomes a way of life - living in survival mode, a well-kept secret even years after resolving our homeless status.

We all agree that it does give us a unique perspective on the topic. We have each come to the WY CoC board and/or membership via invitation from a member that recognized our uniqueness and found value in our experiences.

The WY CoC Board and members have truly been Amazing in helping educate us on what a COC does, and how the fight to end homelessness is a National Effort that involves various agencies on a Federal, State and Local Level – so rather than live with the stigma of having been homeless and the things that led to that, we now have a voice advocating for others in our State, offering insights that maybe someone whom has never experienced homelessness would not have or understand.

The WY CoC has truly given us a chance for collaboration with a Team of individuals that affect the Agencies we serve and directly impact how services are provided, impacts policies adapted and educational opportunities to have a positive impact for those at risk or are homeless, facing housing barriers, fleeing Domestic Violence, Sex Trafficking and /or youth at risk, disabled, economic challenges in marginalized communities, the list goes on.

It is very humbling to be introduced as “One with Lived Experience” given value for those experiences knowing that in many other environments that alone closes the door to opportunity, verses being respected for those very experiences. WY CoC continues to offer mentoring, coaching, training, development and has a great passion to be inclusive and make an impact in our State.

Collectively we are actively involved with the Executive Team, and serving on a variety of committees to bring our lived experience into every aspect of our service to the WY CoC Board. The WY CoC Board continues to work with us on training and education of HUD Standards, how a CoC Governs, and how to implement People with Lived Experience and Expertise (PLEE) in all aspects of The Wyoming Continuum of Care.

Tracy Obert

Wanda Keffler

Anika Kelly

Micki Jaramillo

Hope White

**Wyoming Homeless Collaborative
2024 CoC Competition Rating Tool
NEW PROJECT**

Project Name:	Applicant Agency:
Reviewer:	Maximum Points Possible:
Project Component: <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Supportive Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Re-Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-Housing	Section A. = 30 Section B. = 45 Section C. = 40 Section D. = 35 Section E. = 60 Total = 210 points

THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS	CORRECT	INCORRECT
Applicant has Active SAM registration with current information		
Applicant has Valid DUNS number in application		
Applicant has no Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts Exceptions: A) A negotiated repayment schedule is established and repayment schedule is not delinquent B) Other arrangements satisfactory to HUD are made before the award of funds by HUD		
Applicant has no Debarments and/or Suspensions		
Applicant has disclosed any violations of Federal criminal law (involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award)		
Applicant has demonstrated the population served meets HUD's definition of homeless		
Applicant has secured 25% minimum match		

A. Project Capacity	Points Possible	Points Awarded
(1) Applicant describes experience with utilizing a Housing First approach. Include eligibility criteria; process for accepting new clients; process and criteria for existing clients. Must demonstrate there are no preconditions to entry, and has a process to address situations that may jeopardize housing or project assistance to ensure that project participation is terminated in only the most severe cases .https://endhomelessness.org/resource/housing-first/	10	
(2) Project demonstrated commitment to participate in/comply with the Coordinated Entry System. Agency fills project vacancies through referrals from Coordinated Entry. https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coordinated-entry/#coordinated-entry-notice	5	
(3) Applicant has experience in working with the proposed population and in providing housing similar to that proposed in the application	15	

Total (Max. 30)		
B. Population Served & Supportive Services	Points Possible	Points Awarded
(1) Project targets individuals/families categorized as Chronically Homeless, Permanent Supportive Housing, or Victims of Domestic Violence. https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/definition-of-chronic-homelessness/ https://www.hudexchange.info/faqs/3284/what-is-a-dedicatedplus-project/	5	
(2) Project ensures participants are not screened out based on the items stated in application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too little income • Active or history of substance use • Criminal record • History of victimization 	4	
(3) Applicant demonstrates understanding of the needs of the clients to be served; demonstrates that type, scale, and location of the housing fit the needs of the clients to be served; demonstrates that type and scale of all supportive services, regardless of funding source, meets the needs of clients to be served; demonstrates how clients will be assisted in obtaining mainstream benefits; establishes performance measures for housing and income that are objective, measurable, trackable and meet or exceed any established HUD or CoC benchmarks.	15	
(4) Applicant (or partner agency) provides supportive services listed in the application	6	
(5) Applicant leverages housing resources with housing subsidies or units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs	5	
(6) Project leverages health resources, including a partnership commitment with a healthcare organization	5	
(7) Applicant's description of the program matches the program type selected (RRH, PH, Joint TH-RRH)	5	
Total (Max. 45)		
C. System & Project Performance	Points Possible	Points Awarded
(1) Applicant has a clear description of how program participants will rapidly obtain and remain in permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible, and acceptable to their needs	10	
(2) Applicant has a clear description of how project coordinates and integrates with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which project participants may be eligible	10	
(3) Applicant (or partner agency) provides supportive services listed in the application	5	
(4) Applicant clearly describes how clients will be assisted to increase employment and/or income and to maximize their ability to live independently	5	
(5) Applicant describes a plan for rapid implementation of the program, documenting how the project will be ready to begin housing the first program participant. Applicant provides a detailed schedule of proposed activities for 60 days, 120 days, and 180 days after grant award	10	

Total (Max. 40)		
D. Fiscal Responsibility	Points Possible	Points Awarded
(1) Budget is clearly articulated, with no unexplained or ineligible items. Program and staff expenses are cost effective in comparison to the numbers being served.	15	
(2) Applicant has experience in effectively utilizing federal funds and performing the activities proposed in the application, given funding and time limitations. This includes satisfactory drawdowns and performance for existing grants as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if applicable), regular drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, and timely submission of required reporting on existing grants.	10	
(3) Applicant has an adequate financial accounting system, as well as a basic organization and management structure	10	
Total (Max. 35)		
E. Equity Factors	Points Possible	Points Awarded
(1) Project has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions	10	
(2) Project's organizational board of directors include representation from more than one person with lived experience	10	
(3) Project has relational process for receiving and incorporating feedback from persons with lived experience or a plan to create one	10	
(4) Applicant has reviewed its internal policies and procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for developing and implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers that exacerbate disparities and outcomes.	10	
(5) Applicant describes a plan for reviewing program participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age. If already implementing a plan, the findings from outcomes review are described.	10	
(6) Applicant describes plan to review whether programmatic changes are needed to make program participant outcomes more equitable and developed a plan to make those changes. If already implementing a plan, the findings from review are described.	10	
Total (Max. 60)		

Comments:

FINAL SCORE (MAX. 210)
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PERCENTAGE SCORE
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**Wyoming Homeless Collaborative
2024 CoC Competition Rating Tool
RENEWAL/EXPANSION PROJECT**

Project Name: Lifesteps PSH FY24	Applicant Agency: Community Action Partnership of Natrona County
Grant # (as reported on GIW) WY0020	Reviewer: Daniel Cubbedge
Project Component: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent Supportive Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Re-Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-Housing	Maximum Points Possible: Section A. = 15 Section B. = 40 Section C. = 100 Section D. = 70 Section E. = 60 Total = 285 points

THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS	CORRECT	INCORRECT
Applicant has Active SAM registration with current information	X	
Applicant has Valid DUNS number in application	X	
Applicant has no Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts Exceptions: A) A negotiated repayment schedule is established and repayment schedule is not delinquent B) Other arrangements satisfactory to HUD are made before the award of funds by HUD	X	
Applicant has no Debarments and/or Suspensions	X	
Applicant has disclosed any violations of Federal criminal law (involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award)	X	
Applicant has demonstrated the population served meets HUD's definition of homeless	X	
Applicant participates in HMIS	X	

A. Project Capacity	Points Possible	Points Awarded
(1) Project aligns with Housing First Approach https://endhomelessness.org/resource/housing-first/	10	10
(2) Project demonstrated commitment to participate in/comply with the Coordinated Entry System. Agency fills project vacancies through referrals from Coordinated Entry (or alternative system for DV projects). https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coordinated-entry/#coordinated-entry-notice	3	3
(3) Project has submitted timely Annual Performance Reports (APR) to HUD (KM Provide)	2	2
Total (Max. 15)		
B. Population Served & Supportive Services	Points Possible	Points Awarded

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(1) Project targets individuals/families categorized as Chronically Homeless, Permanent Supportive Housing, or Victims of Domestic Violence. https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/definition-of-chronic-homelessness/ https://www.hudexchange.info/faqs/3284/what-is-a-dedicatedplus-project/	10	10
(2) Project ensures participants are not screened out based on the items stated in application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too little income • Active or history of substance use • Criminal record • History of victimization 	5	5
(3) Project ensures participants are not terminated from the program based on the items stated in application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to participate in services • Failure to make progress on service plan • Loss of income or failure to improve income • Any other activity not covered in lease 	5	5
(4) Applicant (or partner agency) provides supportive services listed in the application	5	5
(5) Applicant’s description of the program matches the program type selected (RRH, PH, Joint TH-RRH)	15	15
Total (Max. 40)		
C. System & Project Performance	Points Possible	Points Awarded
(1) 85% bed utilization rate as reported on the Housing Inventory Count	15	15
(2) 80% of program participants exit to (or retain) permanent Housing	25	16.25
(3) On average, participants spend (30 days RRH, 45 days PSH, 180 TH-RRH) days from project entry to residential move-in	20	20
(4) 8% adult participants (stayers) with new or increased earned income in project year	5	0
(5) 10% adult participants (stayers) with increased non-employment cash income in project year	5	5
(6) 15% adult participants (leavers) with new or increased earned income in project year	5	0
(7) 25% adult participants (leavers) with increased non-employment cash income in project year	5	5
Total (Max. 100)		
D. Fiscal Responsibility	Points Possible	Points Awarded
(1) Project has a secured and documented match of at least 25% of program budget	15	15
(3) Budget is clearly articulated, with no unexplained or ineligible items. Program and staff expenses are cost effective in comparison to the numbers being served.	15	15
(4) Applicant <u>HAS NOT</u> had any funds recaptured by HUD	10	10
(5) Applicant has maintained consistent Quarterly Drawdowns for the most recent grant term related to the project.	10	10

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Total (Max. 70)		
E. Equity Factors	Points Possible	Points Awarded
(1) Applicant has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions	10	
(2) Applicant's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived experience	10	10
(3) Applicant has relational process for receiving and incorporating feedback from persons with lived experience	10	10
(4) Applicant has reviewed its internal policies and procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for developing and implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers	10	5
(5) Applicant has reviewed program participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age	10	3
(6) Applicant has identified programmatic changes needed to make program participant outcomes more equitable and developed a plan to make those changes	10	5
Total (Max. 60)		

Comments:

<p>FINAL SCORE (MAX. 285)</p> <p>_____ /285</p> <p>PERCENTAGE SCORE</p> <p>_____ %</p>
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To the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

This memo confirms that the WY-500 Continuum of Care did not reject or reduce any project applications during the FY24 NOFO competition. To that end, we cannot provide documentation of “notification”, as none was needed for this year.

This memo is consistent with the information provided in question 1E-5 of our Consolidated Application.

Julie Eberbach, on behalf of the Wyoming Continuum of Care (WY-500)

Collaborative Applicant

Julie Eberbach

From: Karla McClaren <karla.mcclaren@wyo.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2024 9:49 AM
To: Julie Eberbach
Subject: Fwd: FY 2024 WY-500 CoC Funding Award Amounts

FYI

"Kindness is being someone who makes everyone feel like somebody."

Karla McClaren
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From: **Karla McClaren** <karla.mcclaren@wyo.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 3:01 PM
Subject: FY 2024 WY-500 CoC Funding Award Amounts
To: Kelly Wessels <kwessels@capnc.org>

Good afternoon,

This email serves as official notification of the WyCoC funding awards CAPNC will receive.

Congratulations!

Your project, CAPNC Life Steps PSH was placed in Tier 1. Below you will see your project rank and funding allocation.

- Project rank - #1 out of 5 applications
- Project funding allocation- \$62,947.00

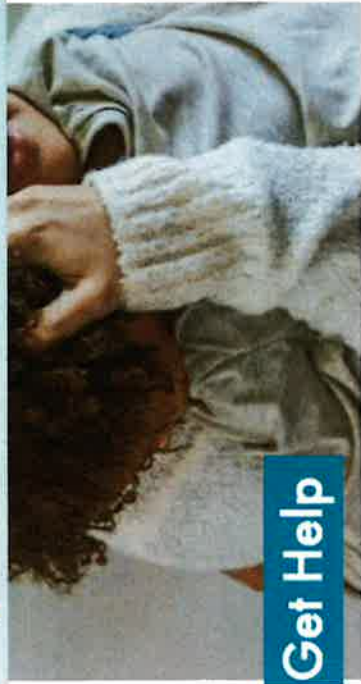
Your project, CAPNC STAR PSH was placed in Tier 2. Below you will see your project rank and funding allocation.

- Project rank - #4 out of 4 applications
- Project funding allocation- \$ \$130,617.00

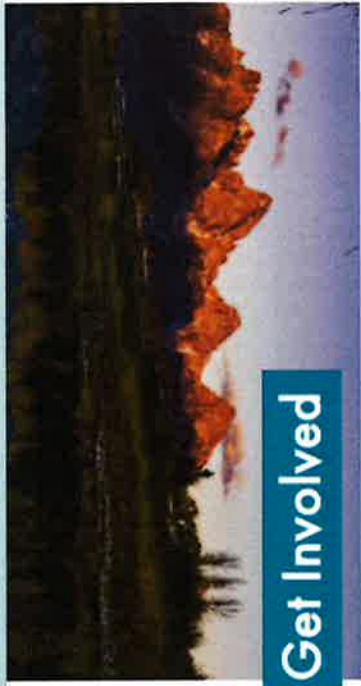
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WYOMING CONTINUUM of CARE

HUD ANNOUNCES FY 2024 – FY 2025 CONTINUUM OF CARE AND YHDP NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

FY 2024 – FY 2025 Continuum of Care and YHDP Notice of Funding Opportunity Full FY2024/2025 CoC NOFO PDF The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's

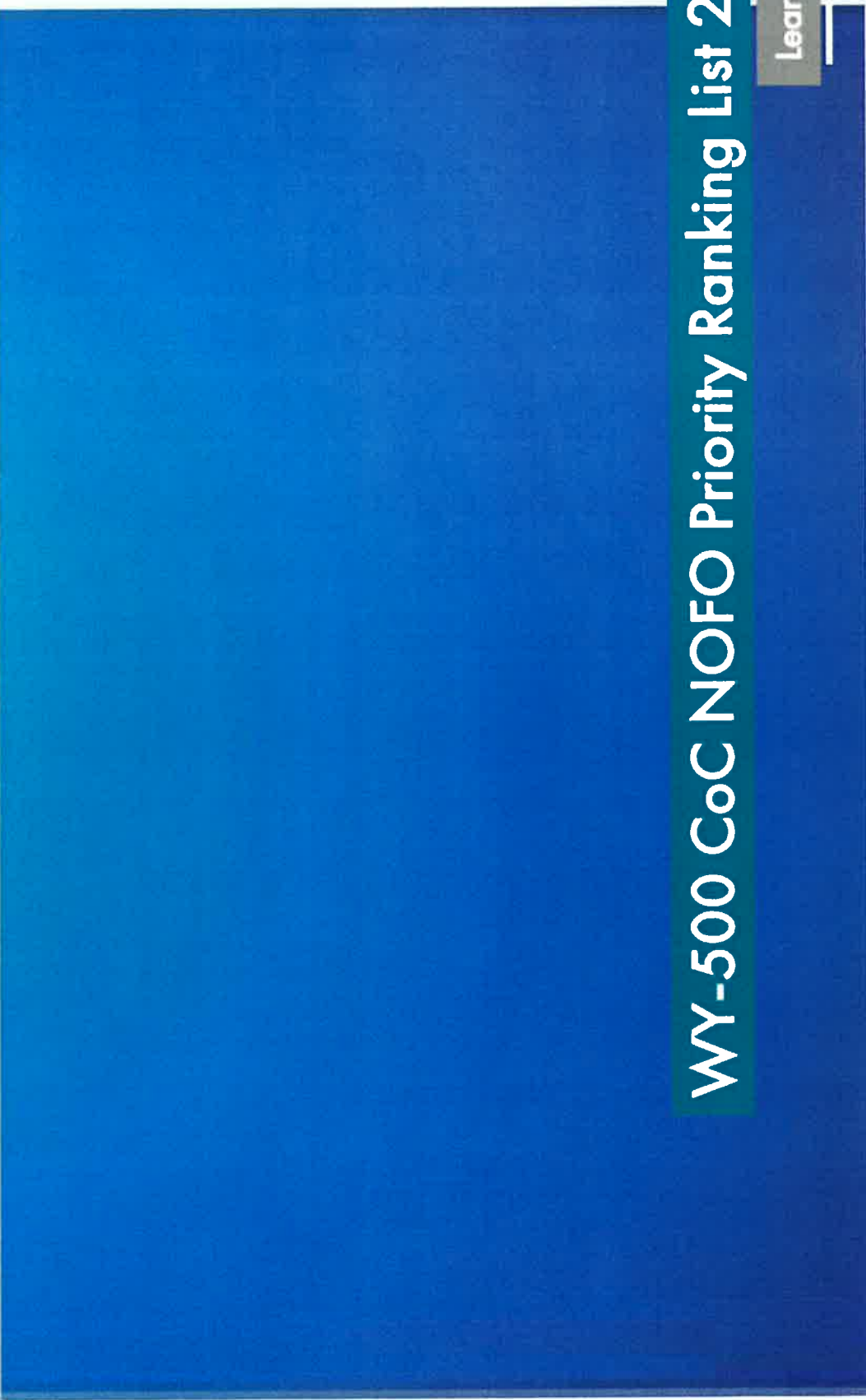
2024 WYCOG NOFO PRIORITY RANKING LIST

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

The WYCoC Rank and Review Committee has submitted the results of the 2024 Rank and Review Process. These results were approved by the WYCoC Board of Directors on Oct. 11, 2024. 2024 WY CoC Priority Ranking You can view the PDF of the final ...

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WY-500 CoC NOFO Priority Ranking List 2022

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2024 WYCoC NOFO Priority Ranking List

The WYCoC Rank and Review Committee has submitted the results of the 2024 Rank and Review Process. These results were approved by the WYCoC Board of Directors on Oct. 11, 2024. You can view the PDF of the final VVY-500 Priority Ranking List [here](#).

2024 NOFO Renewal Projects Ranking		
Agency	Project	Amount
1 Council of Community Services	Life Steps PSH FY24	\$62,947.00
2 Institute for Community Alliances	PSH Renewal	\$53,672.00
3 Council of Community Services	Wyoming HMIS FY2024	\$130,332.00
4 Institute for Community Alliances	WY Coordinated Entry Technical Support	\$110,440.00
5 Council of Community Services	DV Rental Assistance Project	\$93,867.00

2024 NOFO New Project Ranking- If Bonus Funds are Awarded		
Agency	Project	Amount
1 Council of Community Services	DV Rental Assistance Project	\$50,140
2 Gillette Abuse Refuge Foundation	NE Wyoming RRH Project	\$254,695
3 Council of Community Services	PSH for Chronically Homeless	\$73,139
4 Community Action Partnership of Natrona County	STAR PH Project	\$130,617

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FY 2024 WY-500 CoC Priority Ranking List					
Tier 1					
Rank	Organization Name	Project	Category	Funding Amount	Accepted or Rejected
1	Community Action Partnership of Dickinson Co	Job Steps PHH FY24	Business PHH	562,042	Accepted
2	County of Community Services	PHH Renewal	Business PHH	513,012	Accepted
3	Healthcare Community Services	Working Together FY24	Business PHH	412,532	Accepted
4	Healthcare Community Services	WV Coalitional Ldy 2 Continual Support	Business LK	412,486	Accepted
5	County of Community Services	PHH Renewal	Business LK	402,402	Accepted
Total Tier 1 Requested				2,002,256	
Total Tier 1 Available				1,971,256	
Tier 2					
Rank	Organization Name	Project	Category	Funding Amount	Accepted or Rejected
6	County of Community Services	PHH Renewal	Business PHH	311,142	Accepted
7	Healthcare Community Services	WV Coalitional Ldy 2 Continual Support	Business LK	262,142	Accepted
8	Community Action Partnership of Dickinson Co	PHH Renewal	Business LK	171,138	Accepted
9	Community Action Partnership of Dickinson Co	PHH Renewal	Business LK	170,831	Accepted
Total Tier 2 Requested				915,253	
Total Tier 2 Available				915,253	
Tier 3					
Rank	Organization Name	Project	Category	Funding Amount	Accepted or Rejected
10	County of Community Services	PHH Renewal	Business PHH	500,000	Accepted
11	County of Community Services	PHH Renewal	Business PHH	480,000	Accepted
12	County of Community Services	PHH Renewal	Business PHH	480,000	Accepted
13	County of Community Services	PHH Renewal	Business PHH	480,000	Accepted
14	County of Community Services	PHH Renewal	Business PHH	480,000	Accepted
15	County of Community Services	PHH Renewal	Business PHH	480,000	Accepted
16	County of Community Services	PHH Renewal	Business PHH	480,000	Accepted
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100	County of Community Services	PHH Renewal	Business PHH	480,000	Accepted

Year 1 Available: 1,971,256
 Year 2 Available: 915,253
 Total Available: 2,886,509

Year 1 Requested: 2,002,256
 Year 2 Requested: 915,253
 Total Requested: 2,917,509

Non-Competitive Grant Projects
 WY-500 Board Approval of this request is pending on 10/11/24
 Non-Competitive Grant Projects listed in Tier 2 are pending funding through either CoC
 (Health, PHH) or through WY-500 ARD (Public Safety) pending on the final work of the CoC's voluntary
 application.



October 23, 2024

To the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,

The Wyoming Continuum of Care has attached along with this memo, the tool that will be used for evaluation of projects for Housing First fidelity outside of the NOFO competition.

We understand that you requested a completed form.

At this time, we are unable to provide a completed form for your review. As the new Collaborative Applicant, our planning grant for services was finally transferred to our agency (Institute for Community Alliances) in July of this year. As a result, we were unable to execute any project housing first evaluation prior to this NOFO submission.

As we are able to fully commence services to the CoC, we will conduct an evaluation of Housing First Fidelity with all funded projects during the course of the next year.

We hope that these circumstances, which were beyond our control, will be considered in the scoring decision for this part of the application.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide this additional information.

Julie Eberbach

Representing the Collaborative Applicant