

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: GA-501 - Georgia Balance of State CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Georgia Department of Community Affairs

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Georgia Department of Community Affairs

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

17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	No	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	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	GA Dept of Community Supervision	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.	US. Dept of Veterans Affairs	Yes	Yes	Yes

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)

Our current three-phase racial equity improvement plan includes transformational equity work in which the long-term goal is to impact policy through data informed decisions. The Balance of State CoC has a full understanding that racial inequities within homelessness have institutional roots and the homelessness response system could protect policies and practices that perpetuate systems of such. As part of the three-phases, the CoC has begun the work of shifting the culture by developing and delivering presentations discussing the historical marginalization within housing for people of color and how structures created barriers defined by race. During the presentation, the CoC encouraged all providers to use the resources provided by HUD to implement processes with an equitable lens. The Balance of State CoC is committed to the transformational steps of investigating the scope of disparity and prioritize input and strategies from those with lived experiences and those identified as Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and people of color (BIPOC). Strategies include investigating the scope of disparity among all levels of leadership within the response system including within our leadership boards, within the policies and practices of agencies and within the community.

Promoting Racial Equity in the application review and scoring: The Collaborative Applicant (CA) met with Youth Action Board (YAB) to review project scoring and ranking criteria. During this meeting the CA solicited feedback and answered questions culminating with the approval of the review project scoring and ranking criteria and process by the YAB. The YAB is comprised of youth currently experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless individuals. The YAB and review team subcommittees are comprised of people of different races who represent those over-represented in the local homeless population. After the competition the CoC will do a thorough review with the Youth Action Board, to provide insight for next year's competition.

For racial and ethnic equity, in this year's local competition applicants were scored on the identification of barriers to participation in their project faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population. New and renewal applicants were asked to explain how those barriers were identified, and what steps they have taken, or will take, to eliminate the identified barriers. Applicants were scored on their

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 CoC's web site includes an open invitation process for becoming a member. In addition, the CoC sends out an email notice to interested parties located within or providing services to people experiencing homelessness in the Balance of State's jurisdiction to solicit membership (over 1,100 people) annually. The CoC also solicits new members through DCA's Coordinated Entry Coordinators in local planning sessions and at technical assistance/training sessions provided by the CoC. Finally, the CoC has targeted a number of providers who are based in other CoCs. Many of these agencies are directly recruited to join the Balance of State CoC and apply for funding in areas with unmet needs. This approach has been very successful in growing membership and coverage in the provision of services.

2. Every effort is made to assist individuals needing an accommodation due to a disability, including ensuring that capable staff are available to assist any such individuals, and creating effective communication formats that can be accessed by persons with disabilities. E-mails and PDF's can now readily be accessed by persons with visual impairments, as well as membership solicitations and other critical information is conveyed in electronic format. For membership and board meetings, DCA offers online invites and in person/virtual meeting access. DCA also consults with established existing partners including the Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia (Centers for Independent Living) on how to best communicate and work with the population they represent.

3. The CoC continues to work with youth who are homeless and/or formerly homeless on the Youth Action Board, and they participate regularly. The CoC continues to make associated outreach efforts to encourage those with lived experience of homelessness to participate in the CoC. CoC membership currently includes organizations that represent culturally Latino communities and persons with disabilities experiencing homelessness. The CoC will continue work to further expand representation. At our 2024 Housing Symposium we co-presented with one of our youth serving providers on Racial Equity Improvement.

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 Significant efforts are made to obtain stakeholder input and participation from experts in addressing homelessness. Input was solicited from BoS CoC membership on the CoC's funding priorities for the State ESG competition. The CoC continues to engage providers and local governments within nine coordinated entry (CE) implementation regions. The CA hosts quarterly membership meetings attended by a broad array of stakeholders. These meetings include both a public comment period and membership feedback time. The CoC regularly meets with homeless and formerly homeless youth serving on the Youth Action Board, who are voting members of the CoC.

2 Input is regularly solicited from meetings with the CoC Board, which includes representatives from nine agencies assisting homeless households statewide and those working regionally and locally. Entitlement jurisdictions and non-profits contributed to the development of written standards. The CoC regularly holds local homeless coalition meetings where information is communicated. Collaborative Applicant Staff, CoC members, interested parties, and people with lived experience attend and provide feedback and insight on addressing homelessness at a local level. At its annual Housing symposium the CoC hosts feedback sessions with attendees from across the geography, allowing attendees to engage with CoC leadership to share thoughts on homelessness in their local community, including goals, gaps, and challenges.

3 Public meetings are advertised by the CoC and partners in CE access point communities as applicable. The CoC sends public meeting notices and agendas to an extensive email list of interested parties in electronic format (PDF). Additionally, the CoC communicates regularly through email notices regarding membership meetings, which are held quarterly, where staff solicit information and input. E-mails and PDF's can now readily be accessed by persons with visual impairments, as well as membership solicitations and other critical information is conveyed in electronic format to accommodate persons with disabilities.

4 Information received from the public is considered by collaborative applicant staff overseeing homeless strategy implementation approved by the CoC Board. Input and feedback directly inform the technical assistance and training the CoC Staff provide to the community. Improvements and new approaches are integrated into strategy planning when feasible and allowable under HUD regulations.

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 8/28/24, advertisement seeking new proposals was posted on the CoC website (screenshot saved on 8/29/23). In addition, on 8/28/24, a notice seeking new proposals was emailed to over 1,020 persons representing nonprofits, faith-based organizations, coalitions, local governments, and other interested parties throughout the CoC.

The local competition was open to all interested applicants. This year, the CoC received twenty-one review applications for new projects. Three of the twenty-one new project applications submitted were from first-time applicants under the annual competition. Nineteen of the twenty-one project applications met threshold and are included in the final ranking.

2. On 8/30/24 and 9/3/24 the CoC held web-based new project applicant meetings to train all prospective applicants on eligibility related to new projects, activities, persons served, and match/leveraging. Prospective applicants were briefed on priorities, application scoring criteria, threshold factors, submission requirements/process, and other CoC and HUD requirements.

3. All new applicants that meet threshold requirements for organizational capacity and other eligibility requirements are scored with the same methodology and objective scoring criteria where the project application score will determine final ranking for the project listing. Organizational capacity is assessed by the CoC to determine if an applicant has the basic financial, administrative, and general organizational infrastructure necessary to successfully implement a HUD CoC project.

4. The CoC competition policy, which includes full details of the application process, webinar training materials, and all competition materials/documents were posted on the CoC website. The website also directed members of the public to registration details for new project applicant virtual meetings held. The CoC policy was released in electronic format (PDF). CoC policy included the following language: Any individual who needs an accommodation because of a disability or documents in accessible electronic formats (e.g. PDF) should contact Tina Moore at 404-327-6870 or email fairhousing@dca.ga.gov. Individuals who are hearing- or speech-impaired should use the Georgia Relay services at 1-800-255-0056 or by dialing 7-1-1 (Georgia Relay is free within the local calling area). More information on Georgia Relay can be found at <https://georgiarelay.org>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC governance charter mandates that one member of the CoC Board of Directors be appointed from the Georgia Department of Education. This ensures that the educational system's input is considered in CoC planning. CoC-wide policies adopted by the Board of Directors directly influence the local implementation of the homeless response system.

The CoC has also established a Youth Homelessness Advisory Group with members and input from education agencies serving youth within the CoC. Additionally, the CoC has convened the Georgia State Agency Collaborative (GSAC), which includes representatives from the Technical College System of Georgia, Division of Family and Children Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Department of Early Care and Learning. GSAC focuses on high-level state agency collaboration to create strategies for youth homelessness prevention and diversion.

Each coordinated entry implementation in the 152-county CoC is led by a local planning group. The CoC's planning guide requires these groups to collaborate with youth education providers, local education agencies, and school districts. The CoC's education policy mandates that all CoC and ESG-funded providers have a designated staff person to coordinate with the local McKinney-Vento Local Education Liaison.

CoC staff, partner agencies, and representatives from coordinated entry local planning groups regularly attend homeless coalition meetings throughout the CoC. These meetings facilitate collaboration with representatives from local education systems and McKinney-Vento Local Education Liaisons. McKinney-Vento Liaisons were actively involved in developing the coordinated community plan to address youth homelessness, completing qualitative questionnaires as part of this process. The coordinated community plan integrates education as a pathway to success.

Additionally, a cross-systems convening was held in collaboration with the Department of Education, connecting representatives from housing, education, workforce, child welfare, and juvenile justice systems to collaborate on providing holistic and supportive services for youth.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has had a formal education policy in place since 2015. This policy requires all CoC and ESG-funded providers to maintain regular contact with local school liaisons and other community education representatives. The aim is to ensure families receive immediate services and additional support from schools as needed. Each agency must designate specific staff to inform participants of their educational rights and ensure that children and youth have access to appropriate educational services. Agencies are also tasked with ensuring that families can exercise their right to choose educational opportunities.

Upon program intake, agencies must contact the local homeless liaison to access services for families with school-aged children. Given the significant variation in structure and processes set forth by homeless liaisons across the 152-county coverage area of the CoC, agencies are instructed to respect local procedures.

The YHDP CCP outlines the expectation to forge and expand partnerships with schools, technical colleges, and other educational institutions. This fosters an interconnectedness between service providers, education providers, and individuals experiencing homelessness. Funded agencies must build upon these relationships to create an environment with supportive educational and workforce opportunities.

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	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

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

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

	Organizations	
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	Yes
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	No
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	No
Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)		
4.	Victim Service Providers	Yes

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 CoC continues to work with the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV) and local victim service providers (VSP) to develop training for homeless service providers, victim service providers, and Coordinated Entry (CE) access point staff on best practices for serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. GCADV and VSP are key stakeholders who facilitated the creation of CoC-wide policies related to safety planning and our emergency transfer plan. These entities also provide feedback and insight into the development and updating of our written standards. A representative from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is a member of our Board of Directors, ensuring that the victim's perspective is included in the development and approval of CoC-wide policies. In the spring, we updated our written standards to operationalize the new, more expansive category 4 of HUD's homeless definition for domestic violence.

2. At our 2024 housing symposium, we held training sessions led by experts in the field, covering topics such as trauma-informed case management, coordinated entry best practices, and compliance with VAWA. Our symposium typically hosts more than 250 providers from various service delivery sectors.

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)

1. The Balance of State regional implementation sites collaborate with local Victim Service Providers (VSPs) to address the needs of individuals and families who self-identify as survivors. The procedure involves offering survivors the option for an immediate referral to a VSP or through the Coordinated Entry System (CES), which may include a voucher referral. In this system, a household can receive services through a VSP, complete an assessment, and receive a referral without going through the CES access point, streamlining the process for survivors to access resources while in crisis.

To enhance the responsiveness to the needs of domestic violence survivors, the CoC is proposing to expand Coordinated Entry through DV Bonus funding. This expansion will provide additional resources and support tailored specifically for survivors of domestic violence. By leveraging these funds, the CoC aims to create a more responsive and efficient system that addresses the unique challenges faced by DV survivors, ensuring they receive timely and appropriate assistance.

2. To protect client confidentiality, the VSPs are the only agencies that have access to the comparable database used for client information; clients will not be entered into HMIS. Implementation sites send client referrals to VSPs to be added to the supplemental prioritization list using a secure document approved by the agency. The Balance of State has a dedicated HMIS coordinator to monitor and train VSPs using the comparable database.

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?	No	No
	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 BoS CoC Coordinated Entry System (CES) is designed to support population-specific needs of survivors accessing services through both victim service providers (VSP) and other providers. Coordinated Entry (CE) Written Standards Policies and Procedures outline a process that ensures safety and confidentiality. It allows survivors to be prioritized for available resources without being entered into HMIS or sharing any identifying information with the lead or provider agency. Survivors can decide what, and with whom, information is shared. CE Written Standards incorporate an emergency transfer plan policy for the relocation of victims when safety is at risk.

2. The assessment and referral processes ensure survivors' choices regarding how and where they access CES. The emphasis is placed on meeting client needs and preferences through a client-centric approach. Regional CES implementations are task with collaborating with VSPs to establish appropriate policies and procedures when survivors self-identify.

3. The procedure includes providing survivors with the opportunity to receive an immediate direct referral to a VSP. Households receiving services through a VSP can be assessed for referral to all homeless resources without having to report to a CES access point. All staff at CES access points are trained on safety planning, trauma informed care, confidentiality, and the CE Written Standards. The Emergency Plan policy prioritizes VAWA clients for RRH CE beds, and these policies and procedures apply to CoC-funded RRH and PSH programs. ESG-funded programs are subject to VAWA policies issued by the administrator of ESG funds. The State of Georgia maintains a DV hotline as a single point of entry. The hotline routes callers to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) certified shelters, which are funded through the CoC, ESG, DOJ, and HHS programs. The CoC collaborates with these shelters to provide crisis housing to meet immediate safety/security needs.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA BoS CoC CES meets the needs of victims of violence accessing services through both victim service providers (VSP) and providers with services that are not specific to victims. The CES process to ensures both safety and confidentiality. Assessments conducted at a CES access point and/or during street outreach, explore any possibility of a participant attempting to flee domestic violence, concerned for their safety, victim of stalking and any related violence.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The GA BoS identifies barriers using data and provides training to ensure agencies provide immediate and permanent housing to survivors. This provides the opportunity for survivors to access voucher programs through our VSP network as well as through the CES. CES lead agencies ensure that participants are not denied access to the coordinated entry process on the basis that the participant is, or has been, a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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 updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback. We collaborate with a broad array of stakeholders to ensure that our policies are trauma-informed and reflect best practices in service delivery.
2. In the CoC's annual training on the Equal Access rule and anti-discrimination policy, we encourage providers to review their policies and procedures, their spaces, and the language they use. We strive for our providers to have inclusive language and safe spaces for all people to engage in service delivery. As part of our YHDP efforts, we are inspired by agencies that allow consumers to drive the conversation and lead efforts on training project staff. In this year's equal access training, we focused particularly on the unique challenges faced by our LGBTQ+ population, including specific examples related to LGBTQ+ participants, fair housing, and the equal access rule.
3. As part of our annual competition, we conduct a policy and procedure review and provide feedback to providers on areas of improvement and inclusivity.
4. In cases of non-compliance with our anti-discrimination policy, the CoC investigates the allegation and collaborates with our legal team to determine any violations. We then issue recommendations or required actions to bring the agency back into compliance. We also have a legal representative responsible for investigating any fair housing complaints.

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?
Georgia Housing Finance Authority	20%	Yes-HCV	Yes
Macon-Bibb County Housing Authority	28%	Yes-HCV	No

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 The two largest PHA's within the Balance of State CoC have preferences for those experiencing homelessness for admission to their programs. The Macon-Bibb County Housing Authority includes that group as one of the four categories of households who qualify for a general preference. The Georgia Housing Finance Authority also has a general preference for persons experiencing homelessness included in their Administrative Plan.

The Continuum of Care for the Balance of State (BoS) and the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program for the BoS are administered through the same agency, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The HCV program administers the Section 8 voucher program in 149 counties in Georgia. The co-location of these programs enhances our efforts to coordinate together and ensures access to vouchers for qualifying residents we serve, as demonstrated by our successful collaboration on many special programs.

During the August meeting for the DCA Board of Commissioners, the Board approved HCV's request to add a "moving on" preference to their administrative plan governing their program operations. This effort was in collaboration with the DCA CoC team and is one of many efforts where these teams work together to ensure program alignment and improved outcomes for residents experiencing homelessness. These teams are still working together to fully operationalize this preference, and together we continue to collaborate on other special voucher programs, including EHV, Stability Vouchers, and most recently, the Family Unification Program and Foster Youth to Independence Voucher programs, among others.

This moving on preference will allow for current PSH program participants that no longer need the intensive services provided by PSH to receive a Housing Choice Voucher. This will free up a unit of PSH and allow the participant to move on stably with a rental subsidy in support.

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

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

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	No
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	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)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	No
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	No
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	No
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
7.	Public Housing	No
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	
	Stability Vouchers	Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	69
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.	69
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 During the annual CoC competition, the CoC reviews each application to determine whether the project has committed to the Housing First approach. Projects must submit a certification verifying their use of the Housing First model and prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing. Additionally, projects must certify that they have no service participation requirements or preconditions. The CoC conducts an annual review of the policies and procedures of all CoC-funded projects. This year, the CoC implemented a Housing First Assessment tool to monitor compliance with the Housing First model.

2 During the annual review, projects are evaluated for documented fidelity to the Housing First model. Project policies and procedures must prioritize providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness, with client choice as a foundational concept and minimal barriers to project eligibility or program rules. Projects must explain what supports or connections to supports are provided to clients to promote stabilization. They must also demonstrate that project entry is accessible to participants regardless of low or no income, current or past substance use, criminal records (with exceptions for restrictions imposed by law), and history of domestic violence. Feedback is provided to agencies on why they failed to meet requirements and suggestions for improvement are offered. Projects are evaluated on acceptance rates of participants without income, serving those with special needs or high barriers to housing, and the percentages of exits and returns to homelessness.

3 Evaluation of CoC-funded projects occurs during the CoC competition and is part of the scoring criteria for renewal projects. With increased planning funds, the CoC plans to hire an evaluator to assess funded programs for compliance with Housing First principles and other criteria. This compliance staff member will perform site visits to ensure regular review of projects' adherence to CoC written standards.

4 In collaboration with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the CoC is piloting a more robust Housing First fidelity tool than the current assessment. This tool sets a statewide standard for fidelity to the Housing First model.

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)

Many street outreach teams consist of 2-3 members, with one person serving as the engager and one to two observers to ensure safety. These teams are trained on safety measures, dress code, and setting boundaries before going into the field. They continuously map the locations of known camps and contacted individuals to stay updated and direct outreach efforts where they are most needed. Outreach teams often operate daily, splitting shifts between mornings and afternoons. Efforts are made to diversify the teams, especially by age, to better meet the needs and comfort levels of those being engaged. This strategy, typical of agencies serving as PIT Count Leads, provides accurate data to inform homelessness statistics. Many of these outreach teams are staffed by people with lived expertise, focusing on meeting people where they are and building trusting relationships.

Five of these outreach teams are operated by mental health providers, and ten are connected to coordinated entry implementation sites. Regional coordinated entry systems often work with local, faith-based organizations to provide outreach in areas without ESG-funded services. The CoC also leverages outreach teams from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), ensuring 100% coverage (152 counties) for those with severe and persistent mental illness. This collaboration is formalized through an MOA.

These dedicated outreach teams consistently cover their assigned geography and provide transportation to housing and services. They coordinate their schedules locally to maintain frequent contact. Youth-focused outreach teams target areas where young people congregate, working to engage them in services. Mental health outreach teams focus on those least likely to request assistance.

All grantees receive training on working with ESL individuals. A call center provides assistance to those unable to travel to intake or service sites, offering translation services and TDD. An online housing portal with subsidized housing listings is available in multiple languages, further aiding accessibility.

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?	No	No
2.	Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	No	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?	No	No
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	1,194	1,391

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	No
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	No
4.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	No
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	No
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	
	Georgia Childcare Assistance Programs	Yes

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 The Collaborative Applicant (CA) convenes a group of state-level mainstream providers to address gaps in accessing mainstream resources and coordinate training for providers to connect participants to resources. Members include the Technical Schools and Workforce Division of GA, Dept of Family and Children Services (Child Welfare, TANF), Dept of Early Care and Learning, and the Dept of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). The CoC has engaged the Dept of Community Health, the State's Medicaid provider, to join this group and will continue to seek their participation to better utilize Medicaid and other benefits. The state maintains a website (<https://gateway.ga.gov/access/>) that allows a quick and updated assessment of benefits a household may qualify for, which project agencies and program staff are systematically encouraged to use. The CA provides a call center that offers updated referral information to assist with locating resources.

At the CoC's 2024 Housing Symposium, the GA Dept. of Human Services delivered a training to providers on connecting participants to mainstream benefits, focusing heavily on TANF and Food Stamps as well as Medicaid. The presentation also included training on assisting with benefits applications. Certified providers can track the progress of those applications and connect with individuals for additional documentation if needed. The CoC is developing a plan to connect CES regional leads to primary contacts for mainstream benefits in each local DFCS office within their CE region. The CoC is also developing a formal process with mainstream providers to frequently provide this information. DCA collaborates with DBHDD to offer cross-training opportunities, linking service providers with local Community Service Boards that offer Behavioral Health services, including mental health and substance use disorder treatment. All regional CE access points are connected to their local CSBs and can refer individuals for assistance.

2 DCA continues to award state funding for specialized case management for PSH programs. Funded agencies are expected to train staff on how to assist clients with access to mainstream benefits, including Medicaid and health insurance where applicable. The CA is working diligently with DBHDD and funded PSH agencies to utilize state/federal Medicaid funding to meet client needs. DBHDD oversees SOAR certification in Georgia, providing a resource for providers to receive certification.

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 Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Balance of State CoC had little interaction with the Department of Public Health (DPH). Likewise, DPH had little experience working with homeless populations. The collaboration that occurred during the pandemic, and continues, has changed that dynamic. DPH has kept the CoC informed of testing and vaccination efforts for the homeless, laying a foundation for future coordination. There is a data sharing agreement in place between DPH and DCA. Also, the CoC added a Board seat for DPH to integrate public health perspective and experience into the CoC decision making process.

The CoC works closely with Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) and its PATH Street Outreach Teams. The COVID pandemic brought out the importance of supporting outreach efforts to reach those who are unsheltered, to promote social distancing in camp settings, and provide necessary sanitation supplies. During the pandemic ESG-CV funds were used to promote street outreach efforts where they had not existed previously. Through this expanded network of providers the CoC is positioned well to mobilize on the ground level to assist those living in unsheltered situations. The pandemic has also highlighted the need for behavioral health supports during public health emergencies, and the CoC's connection with DBHDD has been strengthened as a result. Another result of the pandemic is a closer relationship between the CoC and the GA Emergency Management Agency (GEMA). GEMA was instrumental in standing up several temporary isolation/quarantine sites, and that experience will help facilitate responses to future public health emergencies that affect people experiencing homelessness.

2 Through these partnerships, safety measures were implemented to meet the needs of the unsheltered and those in congregate shelters. Transitional housing projects are rare in the CoC, but many of these protocols also applied to those in Permanent Supportive Housing. The safety-related actions taken included providing increased funding through ESG-CV for non- congregate hotel/motel vouchers, outreach, and PPE supplies; accepting proposals from shelters to enhance and modify their facilities to promote social distancing and prevent the spread of COVID; creating a HMIS COVID screening tool to assess the needs of vulnerable individuals due to age and/or underlying conditions; and training agencies in ways to provide services and case management remote

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. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Balance of State CoC had very little interaction with the Department of Public Health (DPH). Likewise, DPH had relatively little experience working specifically with homeless populations. The collaboration that occurred during the pandemic, and continues, has completely changed that dynamic. This is perhaps most evident in the way both entities regularly communicate. One key result from the pandemic is a data sharing agreement between the HMIS Lead and DPH. This allows the two entities to communicate the needs of the distinct populations served and to realize where those populations cross. DPH communicates with the CoC on latest health information and protocols. DPH and DCA have a data sharing agreement in place to facilitate communication. The CoC communicates to its membership and stakeholders in turn. In efforts to further this collaboration the CoC added a Board seat for DPH to integrate the public health perspective and experience into the CoC decision making process.

2. In this past year CoC staff has provided training to Community Health Workers as part of the Community Health initiative. These facilitated trainings connected Community Health Workers to Coordinated Entry implementations and the providers within those implementations. This is just the beginning of collaboration between homeless service providers and community health workers.

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)

1. The CoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) takes a regional approach, allowing regions to choose the model type that best fits available resources and community needs. There are seven regions in the CoC, and additional regions and counties will be added in 2024. with 1 being a super region that covers an additional six counties and more to be added in 2023. The BoS CE coverage area is 100% using two methods of implementation and non-implementation areas. The implementation areas have lead agencies to manage the prioritization list and to refer to providers in the implementation area. The non-implementation areas manage their own prioritization list and receive referrals from agencies in their area. There are multiple physical access points in all seven regions, with different physical access points in development. Households seeking services can call a toll-free number and connect with a local agency trained on the assessment, prioritization, and referral process. These access points constitute full CoC coverage designed to connect people to housing resources as quickly as possible.

2. The CoC uses the VI-SPDAT to assess, prioritize and match households experiencing homelessness with the appropriate resources. The VI-SPDAT assesses vulnerability, including physical/mental wellness, risk factors such as interaction with law enforcement or experiences of violence, and socialization and daily functioning. In addition to using the VI-SPDAT score to assist in prioritization, CoC standards ensure vulnerable populations are prioritized first for available resources, such as chronically homeless individuals and families, youth, and veterans.

3. Assessors are trained to interview individuals and families using a pre-assessment screening tool to reduce trauma and direct them to the most appropriate resources for their situation. This approach promotes trust and creates a safer, more effective pathway to housing stability for those in vulnerable situations.

4. The coordinated entry system program has used feedback from past evaluators to assess the flow of the implemented system. The evaluators spoke to internal and external customers to provide opportunities to improve the current system. This process will continue on an annual basis to correct any gaps of service in our system.

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 BoS CES reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach by marketing the Regional CESs. This includes informational flyers posted and made available at the locations servicing households that are at risk of or are literally homeless. Other forms of advertisement include newspaper ads, radio, websites, etc. as to ensure broad outreach via various advertising methods. Marketing focuses on people experiencing literal homelessness and clearly states eligibility requirements in an effort to reach the target population. Information about the CES is also available on the GA BoS CoC website. Efforts are made to affirmatively market housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, disability.

The CES coordinates with existing street outreach programs as well as private and public agencies, social service organizations, etc. for referrals, so that people sleeping on the streets are prioritized for assistance in the same manner as any other person assessed through the CES. CoC CES staff ensure that training on administering the CES process is available to outreach workers.

2. Outreach staff administers the CES process in conjunction with outreach activities when there is a reasonable expectation that they will locate unsheltered people. The CE process is housing first oriented so that people are housed quickly without preconditions or service participation requirements. The GA BoS CoC CES does not screen people out due to perceived or actual barriers related to housing or services.

3. Through the CE process individuals and households most in need are referred to housing resources that their situation qualifies for including a referral to a voucher program. This process ensure that clients can receive multiple referrals to limit the wait time to receive assistance.

4. The GA BoS uses the Prevention/Diversion screening tool and the VI-SPDAT as a uniform assessment. The process is designed to not screen people out due to perceived or actual barriers related to housing or services.

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry–Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies–Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC through its coordinated entry:	
1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC’s geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;	
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. Each CES implementation is required to create an advertising strategy that follows guidelines outlined in the lead agency’s Language Access Plan. Communities are instructed to use multiple methods to advertise their CES to reach as many people as possible. Each implementation is tasked with outreach and engagement of community partners such as CSBs, DCS, faith-based organizations, school systems, and other local stakeholders. This plan ensures that all people who need access to homeless resources are aware of the CE process and access points. The CoC is currently working on a state-wide CES marketing plan.

2. Recipients and subrecipients of CoC Program and ESG Program-funded projects as well as all participating projects must comply with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of Federal civil rights laws as specified at 24 C.F.R. 5.105(a). The GA BoS regional implementation planning groups create grievance policies that is compliant with the requirements. Coordinated entry participants must be informed of their right to file a nondiscrimination complaint. Access Points must provide participants with a copy of the CES grievance and nondiscrimination policy or clearly display the policy in the assessment area.

3. Allegations of conditions or actions that impede fair housing can be reported to the CoC by individuals, agencies, advocates, or anyone. The CoC investigates the allegation and collaborates with our legal team on reaching determination of any violation. We then issue a recommendation or required action to an agency to bring them back in compliance. We also have a legal representative responsible for investigating any general fair housing complaints.

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.	08/02/2023

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC conducts a project-level racial disparity assessment by comparing the latest county census data with HMIS enrollment data. This analysis helps us identify who accesses our services and who achieves positive outcomes. Given our extensive coverage across 152 counties, we prioritize local-level disparity analysis to ensure equitable access. We diligently examine the racial composition of those we serve and assess program accessibility for different racial groups.

For instance, for the year 2023, we took a close look at who is able to access CoC-funded programs and found some significant data. We saw that a large number, around 66% of our clients, are Black, African American, or African, compared to about 30% who are White. This information is crucial as it helps us understand who is benefiting from our services and allows us to make well-informed decisions on how to allocate resources and services to ensure fairness and equality.

Our findings show that households identified as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) are well represented among those seeking homeless services, which indicates that our efforts to make services accessible are working. Moreover, when it comes to accessing services and achieving positive results, we have found that BIPOC participants are experiencing fairness and equality in comparison to their White counterparts, demonstrating the effectiveness and equitable reach of our services.

2. Our studies show a detailed view of differences in race within our services. We see a lot of Black, African American, or African clients using our services, showing that there is a big need in these communities. This means we need to create special plans to help with their specific problems and situations. For example, our numbers show that almost 48% of people from this group are in Permanent Supportive Housing and 52% are in Rapid Re-Housing. Their White counterparts are using services differently with almost 80% in Permanent Supportive Housing and almost 20% in Rapid Re-Housing. When it comes to positive outcomes we do not see disparities; 75% of the people exiting CoC funded projects to permanent destinations identify as Black or African American while 20% identify as white.

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

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

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
4.	Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	Yes

5.	Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	Yes
6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	Yes
7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity?	Yes
9.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	No
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC is passionately working on planning and taking actions to address any disparities in our services. We study the racial diversity and accessibility of each program deeply, so we understand who is using our services and how.

For example, we have found that different programs serve different racial groups. One program in Southeast Georgia, mostly serves Black, African American, or African clients, while another, Northwest Georgia, mainly helps White clients. Each program has a unique mix of racial groups, showing our dedication to meeting the varied needs of all the different people we help based the coverage of our CoC and geographical need.

We are constantly striving for racial equity and are actively working to understand and meet the specific needs of each racial group we serve. By studying how each racial group accesses our services, we are identifying any inequities and strengthening our plans to make sure our services are fair, welcoming, and suited to the unique needs and preferences of every community we help.

Our goal is to make every program a shining example of diversity and openness, showing our firm commitment to racial fairness and our determination to make a big difference in the lives of everyone we serve.

We are putting in place a three-part plan to improve racial equity in our policies, informed by data and understanding of the long-standing unfairness in homelessness. We are committed to changing attitudes and removing race-based barriers, ensuring fair processes across all leadership levels and communities.

We are also setting up an advisory council focused on racial equity, made up of people who have experienced these issues firsthand. They will help us improve our policies and emphasize the importance of input and strategies from BIPOC individuals and those with lived experiences. This shows our dedication to making our services more inclusive and responsive to the needs of every community we serve.

Our CoC is working hard to use special strategies to meet the specific needs of each racial and ethnic group that has been historically underinvested. We want to make sure our services are fair and meet the different challenges each community faces.

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. Our CoC has embarked on important initiatives to monitor and eliminate disparities in homeless assistance, ensuring fairness and equity in our services. One significant step we've taken is the creation of a Racial Equity dashboard this year, reflecting our commitment to measuring and addressing any disparity. This dashboard includes data on race and ethnicity and is more than just a tracking tool; it's a tool that helps us visualize and understand where disparities exist within our programs. It shows enrollment information and permanent housing exits.

We continually improve this dashboard and plan to share it with everyone soon. Sharing it openly ensures transparency in our efforts and holds us accountable for the impact of our work. Moreover, we're actively considering how often to update the dashboard with new, meaningful information to maintain its trustworthiness and currency as a source for everyone involved.

In addition to tracking progress, we're also dedicated to implementing policies and resource allocation adjustments, fostering community partnerships, and conducting regular training and education to promote equity in homeless assistance. Our CoC is determined to make a positive difference in the lives of all individuals and families we serve, regardless of their racial background.

Our approach demonstrates our unwavering commitment to comprehensively understanding and effectively addressing racial disparities. These active measures are central to our goal of creating fairer and more inclusive services, aligning with principles of justice and equality.

2. The tools our CoC uses are listed below.

- We have a dedicated data dashboard to visualize and track disparities in service access and outcomes. Use different metrics to make data informed decisions.

- Data Integration from various sources including HMIS, census data, and client feedback surveys. Emphasize how these tools enable a holistic view of disparities.

- Stakeholder engagement to facilitate feedback collaboration among community members, service providers, and advocacy groups.

- Geographic level data visualization. These tools can be particularly effective in identifying disparities in service distribution across geographic regions.

- Regular assessments use statistical analysis.

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 Youth Action Board (YAB) is a formal committee of the BoS CoC. The committee consists of 8 members (with the ability to expand to a maximum of 12 members), aged 18 through 24 years old, of whom all are either currently experiencing or have formerly experienced homelessness or housing instability. This group was recruited through targeted outreach from our youth focused homeless providers. We hired a Youth Specialist with lived experience of homelessness who created youth friendly marketing materials and worked with current YAB members to develop a youth friendly social media presence, and enlisted YAB members to assist with peer-to-peer recruitment in their communities. Marketing contacts (calls, emails, mailing) occur on a weekly basis with community organizations that interact with youth. Outreach has been emphasized at Technical Colleges included participating in school activity fairs.

We have a YAB interest form that is available on our Website and promoted through Youth serving providers to encourage young people with lived experience to complete. This allows us to have new YAB members self-identify their interests and availability to collaborate on CoC initiatives. We then hold interviews and conversations to determine compatibility with the needs of the group before adding new members. The Youth Specialist ensures YAB membership will mirror the demographic make-up of youth experiencing homelessness in the GA BoS by actively reviewing data and seeking out racial and gender diversity in the YAB. In addition, outreach efforts seek representation from each of the five CoC super regions across the state.

We are working to do similar targeted outreach with our service providers to create a Homeless Advisory Council comprised of persons with lived expertise. This group will be sourced locally and tasked with providing valuable insight into homeless service delivery and housing provision. In the advertisement and recruitment of Board members we encourage persons with lived experience to apply and participate.

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.	7	3
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	7	5
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	7	0
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	6	0

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC provider agencies make efforts to hire individuals with lived experiences of homelessness to be more culturally competent when working with this vulnerable population. PATH team hiring represents a strong example of this, as they seek employees with similar lived experience as those to whom they are providing outreach and connection to community providers. Youth-serving agencies have taken a similar approach to elevate the lived experiences of their staff. The collaborative applicant operates an AmeriCorps Vista program and advertises opportunities to providers encouraging persons of lived experience to participate and apply.

The CoC provided training at a quarterly membership meeting. This session is focused on authentic equitable partnership with persons of lived experience and was lead by a funded provider that has great focus on hiring staff with lived expertise. The goal was to inform providers of effective ways to partner with persons of lived experience and ways to offer compensation accordingly. It was very helpful for providers to hear from a peer on the benefits of hiring people with lived expertise and see how a program that has this as a core value is successful.

Our 19 funded YHDP projects are strongly encouraged to hire staff with lived experience as a part of the implementation plan. For our YAB members we continue to work to connect them with professional development opportunities offered through the Technical College System of GA, Embark, and conferences. The overall strategy is to create mentorship opportunities for YAB members leveraging CoC Board members and state agency collaborative members.

1D-10c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC convened a series of listening sessions with providers in 4 of the 5 super regions. CoC members, interested parties, and people with lived experience attended and provided feedback and insight for addressing homelessness. A needs assessment was distributed to providers to share with participants so they could provide vital feedback to the CoC. A three day workshop was held and attended by persons with lived experience. The purpose of the workshop was to gather feedback to inform the CCP including project design and implementation strategy

2. The CoC convened a series of listening sessions with providers in 4 of the 5 super regions. ESG and CoC funded agencies and their participants attended and provided feedback and insight for addressing homelessness. A needs assessment was distributed to providers to share with participants so they could provide vital feedback to the CoC. A three day workshop was held and attended by ESG and CoC funded providers and their participants. The purpose of the workshop was to gather feedback to inform the CCP including project design and implementation strategy

3. Information received from the public is considered by collaborative applicant staff as it oversees homeless strategy implementation approved by the CoC Board. Input and feedback directly informed the CCP development and final implementation strategy. Improvements and new approaches are integrated into strategy planning when they are feasible and allowable under HUD regulation and guidance.

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)

1. The CoC has collaborated with the team administering DCA’s HOME-ARP program to grow the number of new permanent housing units. The HOME-ARP allocation plan concentrates development of new units in rural areas to provide greater access to housing and emergency shelter where both resources have been lacking historically. HOME-ARP funds create an opportunity for long-lasting impact, through development of new and rehabilitation of existing housing stock, with eligible projects funded through September 2030.

2. Most HOME-ARP funds (73.5%) are slated for rural affordable rental housing development, thereby increasing the available stock across the state. With a total of \$64,424,131, funds will be dispersed over five years (from 2023 to 2027) to develop 50 units of affordable housing each year for the stated five-year period. HOME-ARP funds can pay up to 100% of the cost of construction and provide an operating reserve for the fifteen-year affordability period. Initial discussions have also begun to add a homeless preference to the next round of LIHTC applications.

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- 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.	08/28/2024
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.	08/28/2024

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)?	365
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	73
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)

1. The CoC as part of the review process collects and analyzes APR data for renewal applicants. This data is reviewed and scored across a myriad of criteria including permanent housing placements and retention. Returns to homelessness for those that exited to permanent destinations are also included in this analysis leveraging the system performance measures data.

2. The CoC analyzed data from project start date to move in date for renewal projects. Projects that demonstrated participants moved into housing in 30 days or less were able to receive the full 15 points, 60 days or less 7 points, 90 days or less 3 points, and 91 or more days zero points.

3. The CoC factors in the severity of needs and vulnerabilities of participants that a project serves through scoring criteria used to review and rank projects. Through points/bonus points awarded in the scoring process, the CoC gives projects who serve vulnerable populations additional consideration during review and ranking. Projects that serve people experiencing chronic homelessness and that do not require income receive additional points, because their participants may face additional challenges accessing or maintaining housing.

4. In addition to rating projects that serve people experiencing chronic homelessness, related scoring criteria used to review renewal projects that serve the hardest to serve were the following: program targets/serves Veterans; targets/serves youth-headed households; program serves persons who have special needs or high barriers to housing (disabling condition, current or past substance use, victim of domestic violence, and youth-headed household); provides PSH to people with disabilities; program doesn't screen out based on criminal history or having little/no income; program doesn't terminate based on loss/failure to improve income, failure to participate in services, make progress on service plan, domestic violence, or other activity not covered under lease); and serving people with the highest barriers to housing stability. In addition, projects were scored on coordinated entry participation (participants are assessed using the VI-SPDAT and acceptance of referrals from the Lead Agencies based on CoC standards), acceptance of participants without income, and variance in length of stay (to assess alignment with written standards stating that projects must be responsive to client needs and not provide housing based on a predetermined length of stay).

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 Collaborative Applicant (CA) met with Youth Action Board (YAB) to review project scoring and ranking criteria for the YHDP local application process. During this meeting the CA solicited feedback and answered questions culminating with the approval of the review project scoring and ranking criteria and process by the YAB. The YAB is comprised of youth currently experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless individuals. The YAB and review team subcommittees are comprised of people of different races who represent those over-represented in the local homeless population. Input from the YDHP process was incorporated into the annual competition process.

2. Each year the CoC seeks volunteers to participate as third-party application reviewers for new and renewal projects submitted. In addition to seeking geographical diversity, the CoC also seeks to include persons of different races and ethnicities as reviewers. On the 2024 application review subcommittee, 50% of the CoC's volunteer reviewers were persons of color, and 39% of the approving committee and CoC Board were persons of color.

3. For racial and ethnic equity, in this year's local competition applicants were scored on the identification of barriers to participation in their project faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population. New and renewal applicants were asked to explain how those barriers were identified, and what steps they have taken, or will take, to eliminate the identified barriers. Applicants were scored on their plan to identify barriers to participation and steps taken (or that will be taken for new projects) to eliminate identified barriers. Renewal projects were also scored on how they will track progress and evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to advance racial equity. For renewal projects, racial equity points are heavily weighted in the overall score.

In addition, renewal applicants were asked to provide census data of the racial and ethnic composition of the general population in the county where most of the participants were receiving housing. The CoC provided aggregate data of the racial and ethnic composition of both their project participants served and of project participants who exited to a permanent destination for comparison. This baseline data will continue to be evaluated in future competitions.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The BoS CoC Board approved the written process for reallocation in the 2024 BoS CoC Competition Policy on August 28, 2024. Through this approved process, the four lowest scoring renewal projects determined to be significantly underperforming, operating under capacity, or found to be operating significantly out of compliance were subject to partial reallocation or replacement by new permanent projects, provided new applications passed threshold review and scored highly enough. Project level performance was further assessed to determine impact on CoC System Performance as part of decisions to reallocate. Reallocation of underperforming projects was contingent on appropriate high-scoring new project applications. If there were not adequate new project applications to include in the final ranking, the CoC reserved the right to include the lower scoring renewal project(s) at the bottom of Tier 2. Projects with more than \$10,000 at the end of the grant deemed to be underperforming or operating under capacity as defined in policy, were also in jeopardy of having the grant amount reduced.

During the review process, APR and HMIS data was reviewed for renewal projects, and projects with lower performance scores were further assessed for grant utilization (unit utilization and grant utilization), housing stability, variance in length of stay, and returns to homelessness to determine their impact on CoC system performance and reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness.

2. During the review process, two projects were determined to be underperforming in the area of project utilization. It was determined that the first project was serving clients and it was a data quality issue. This project was placed in a lower ranking in accordance with our competition policy. The second project was determined to be underutilizing the grant, and they were subject to reallocation.

3. The CoC reallocated three projects during the competition, resulting in \$1,044,153 available through reallocation. One project was reallocated due to poor project utilization, and two projects were reallocated because they did not come on for renewal.

4. This question is not applicable.

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

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

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/15/2024

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.	11/08/2024
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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.	11/08/2024
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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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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	05/10/2024
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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)

1. In 2018 the Collaborative applicant worked with the Statewide ESG Non-Entitlement recipient to procure a comparable database for funded Victim Service Providers. This comparable database is on a HUD Compliant platform that is maintained and updated regularly. Eccovia Solutions provides the HUD compliant software and maintains its HUD compliance.

The Collaborative Applicant employs a system administrator that provides ongoing training to Victim Service Providers to ensure accurate use of the system. The system administrator has only has access to aggregate level data and all data entered in this system is locked down to the agency that is entering the data.

2. This comparable database is required for ESG funded providers and strongly encouraged for CoC funded providers. The comparable database procured in 2018 was updated in 2019 to be meet the 2020 HMIS Data Standards, updated again in 2021 to meet the 2022 HMIS Data Standards, and then updated most recently in 2023 to meet the 2024 HMIS Data Standards. The comparable database is capable of providing all the HUD compliance reports that are outlined in the HMIS Standard Reporting Terminology Glossary. While initially the comparable database was intended for use by only funded providers, since its procurement it has been available and marketed to Victim Service Providers operating within the continuum. The CoC does not charge any fees of VSP for using the system.

3. The CoCs HMIS system provided by Eccovia Solutions is compliant with the FY 2024 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	1,293	779	1,311	63.27%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	90	412	340	25.91%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	965	346	1,179	89.93%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	3,278	29	2,422	73.24%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	10	0	10	100.00%

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our team will work diligently to promote the benefits of our regional HMIS system to providers. We will also continue to market the availability of our comparable database to victim service providers. Our improved data visibility in the form of dashboards and reporting will be a great resource for communities to leverage in telling their story.

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.	01/22/2024
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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.	05/10/2024
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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 most recent unsheltered Point in Time (PIT) count was in 2022. In the 2022 PIT Count we encouraged our strong outreach providers to serve as count coordinators for their counties. One of our key youth providers in the coastal region of Georgia served as a count coordinator. They covered 5 counties in the coastal region and provided feedback on best practices in conducting youth outreach. This feedback and these strategies were incorporated into the training materials provided to count coordinators. Count coordinators in turn trained volunteers on best practices in conducting a point in time count.

2. We worked with Youth providers and their participants in planning the count. The mobile technology that we utilized allowed the participants to log known locations and map these to be included in counting patterns. Teams were then able to canvas these known locations on the night of the count. We were able to physically cover the counties where our youth providers are located in this years count.

3. In the coastal region youth with lived experience worked with count coordinators to participate in the count. Youth action board members in other areas were encouraged to participate in the count but the weather conditions and pandemic concerns prevented them from volunteering in the 2022 count.

We were able to physically cover the counties where our youth providers are located in this years count. As we plan the upcoming 2024 count Youth Providers and Youth Action Board members will be invited to participate on the planning committee and in the execution of the count.

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)

1 Not Applicable

2 In this year's count we implemented a vehicle and makeshift shelter tool which empowered volunteers to better quantify individuals and families living in vehicles and makeshift shelters. This new feature really allowed for a more thorough and comprehensive count. It is also very beneficial when counting rural areas as often times vehicles and makeshift shelters are where people experiencing rural homelessness can be found.

3 not applicable

4 The impact on the count was a more accurate understanding of people living in vehicles and makeshift shelters. This allowed for additional people to be included in the final numbers submitted to HUD. It was also incorporated into the extrapolation tool ultimately giving us a more accurate count than in previous year's.

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 Our CoC determines the risk factors by conducting comprehensive research, utilizing data from various sources such as shelters, outreach teams, and local providers. We also collaborate with experts in homelessness and social services to identify the most common and impactful factors leading to first-time homelessness. Through analysis of this data and expert input, we identified job loss or reduced income, lack of affordable housing, medical or health crisis, substance abuse and mental health issues, and domestic violence as risk factors.

We also combine insights from national literature with feedback from local stakeholders, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the issue. Our specialized diversion and prevention screening tool as part of CE, integrated with HMIS, plays a crucial role in collecting accurate and relevant data on at-risk individuals and households. By leveraging data and collaborative insights, we optimize our approach to addressing unique needs and challenges of those experiencing homelessness for the first time.

2 We employ a versatile approach to support individuals and families at imminent risk of homelessness, focusing on prevention, rapid resolution, and empowerment. Here are the key components of our strategy:

We conduct regular training, focusing on rapid resolution and crisis management, for CoC members, assessment staff, and partner agencies. BoS staff, certified in rapid resolution and train the trainer, lead these sessions to empower individuals and families and assist them in finding quick housing solutions and resolving conflicts.

We actively collaborate with statewide ESG program and other locally funded homeless prevention projects. This coordination enables us to work efficiently and target our resources to reduce the number of households experiencing homelessness for the first time.

We utilize data from our diversion and prevention screening tool in HMIS to continuously evaluate and improve our strategies, making informed changes to assessment tools, processes, and marketing strategies based on the ongoing evaluation of why people experience homelessness for the first time.

Our strategy places emphasis on empowering at-risk individuals and families, providing them with the resources, support, and knowledge needed to navigate their situations and avoid homelessness.

3 The Georgia Department of Community Affairs, as the Collaborative Applicant, is responsible for overseeing this strategy.

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	
	Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:	

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

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

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 The CoC employs a comprehensive strategy to reduce the duration of homelessness, centering on a housing-first approach, the coordinated entry system, and rapid re-housing. We believe in providing everyone with a stable place to live, without requiring them to meet any preconditions like sobriety or treatment, income, etc.

The coordinated entry system is a low-barrier, housing-focused initiative designed to connect individuals and families to appropriate permanent housing options and supportive services, prioritizing those with the longest lengths of homelessness and disabilities. This system, coupled with our rapid re-housing efforts, ensures quick and immediate access to resources, reducing the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

In addition to housing, we offer supportive services to aid individuals in maintaining their housing and achieving long-term stability. These services encompass mental health and treatment, employment assistance, life skills training, and other supportive services.

Additionally, we are implementing several initiatives, including expanding the availability of affordable housing, improving the efficiency of our coordinated entry system, and providing an extended range of supportive services to combat homelessness effectively. We are also working with the HOME-ARP team to develop 250 new permanent housing units over the next five years, leveraging the existing CES and enhancing staffing capacity to implement this initiative.

2 Individuals and families with the longest lengths of homelessness are identified through our coordinated entry system. During entry, needs are assessed, and individuals are prioritized for housing and services. Rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, and other housing programs are utilized to house identified individuals as quickly as possible.

Moreover, we employ a diversion strategy to encourage rapid resolution and prevent homelessness for those at risk. This identification and prioritization process are supported by HMIS data and the CoC assessment tool, ensuring that those with prolonged experiences of homelessness are rapidly and adequately addressed.

3 The Georgia Department of Community Affairs, as the Collaborative Applicant, is responsible for overseeing this strategy.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 Our CoC is committed to increasing the rate at which individuals and families residing in emergency shelters, transitional housing, and rapid re-housing exit to permanent housing destinations. This strategy is rooted in the Housing First approach and is integrated into various aspects of our CoC's operations.

We prioritize the Housing First approach, ensuring that clients are not unreasonably terminated from projects. This approach is communicated through training and technical assistance to service providers and is embedded in the local coordinated entry planning process. We have implemented a Coordinated Entry System to prioritize and streamline access to permanent housing, reducing barriers such as income, medical conditions, etc. In 2021, our CoC, in collaboration with two housing authorities, introduced the EHV program. By incorporating these vouchers into our Coordinated Entry System (CES), we provide greater opportunities for individuals and families in homeless interventions to transition to permanent housing destinations.

The Collaborative Applicant continues technical assistance to providers on eligibility, referral, and housing search and placement, ensuring smooth transitions to permanent housing. Offering comprehensive case management, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and employment services to support housing retention and address the root causes of homelessness, such as poverty and domestic violence.

2 We continue to emphasize the Housing First approach to prevent unreasonable exits of PH projects. This approach, combined with appropriate services and case management, ensures that households are not discharged into destinations that are not permanent. Our CoC focuses more on management, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and employment services to support residents in maintaining their permanent housing.

In 2020, we launched a CoC preference Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program in partnership with the state housing authority. This program aligns with our "moving on" strategy, assisting residents of Permanent Housing (PH) projects in maintaining their permanent housing status. We encourage robust follow-up procedures for clients exiting projects to ensure their ability to maintain housing after discharge.

3. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs, serving as the Collaborative Applicant, is responsible for overseeing these strategies.

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. Our CoC uses a variety of methods, including data-driven approaches, to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness. We utilize the SPMs and the insights derived from the Stella Performance Module to proactively analyze the percentage of households that returned to the homeless system bi-annually. This includes tracking and analyzing data to identify trends and patterns in returns to homelessness bi-annually. Additionally, the CoC's strategy includes the continued development of a system wide performance plan based on SPMs, incorporating the returns to homelessness population. This will allow the CoC to utilize multiple data sources to identify projects struggling with this measure, investigate common risk factors, and provide targeted technical assistance.

Through partnerships with community organizations, we conduct outreach to people experiencing homelessness and those at risk of returning to homelessness, using data-driven insights to guide our efforts. CoC staff members use HMIS and SPM data strategically to assess programmatic areas requiring training and additional resources related to client housing stability, financial stability, and more. These trainings and resources, developed as a result of data analysis, are instrumental in reducing the rate of additional returns to homelessness.

2. Our CoC's strategy is center on Housing First principles and appropriate supportive services to minimize the likelihood of households returning to homelessness. We prioritize Housing First approaches by providing permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing programs, accompanied by necessary supportive services to promote housing stability. We emphasize the importance of follow-up case management to monitor households even after they exit projects. This approach allows us to identify households at risk of returning to homelessness and provide the necessary support. The CoC is actively working to create opportunities for individuals to increase their income through employment and gain access to mainstream benefits. Additionally, we are working to make appropriate subsidized housing more widely available. The collaborative applicant's PHA Administrative Plan (149 counties) has a supply of HCV for persons who are homeless and referred by the CoC.

3 The Georgia Department of Community Affairs, as the Collaborative Applicant, oversees this strategy.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC continues to collaborate with the statewide ESG entitlement, which distributes state funding for employment support and child care to move clients to work. CoC grant recipients work with participants to connect them with appropriate employment supports. Through the CoC NOFO competition policy, the CoC requires applicants to provide a written narrative detailing how they work with local employment agencies and employers to prioritize training and employment opportunities for participants, or how project will do so going forward.

Specifically for youth, the CoC is developing a strategy to engage workforce development through the CoC's Youth Homelessness Advisory Committee to increase employment opportunities. Local coordinated entry planning brings appropriate employment related agencies into the planning process whenever possible.

2. The CoC works with the Department of Labor and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) on the CoC Board. Each of these agencies holds a seat on the Board as defined in the CoC Governance Charter. This ensures that the overall CoC strategy is informed by these agencies. DBHDD contracts with providers to operate supportive employment services, which offers counseling, helps participants identify vocational skills and interests, and facilitates job searches to obtain employment in an integrated community setting. The Technical College System of Georgia is a member of the GA State Agency Collaborative and provides the opportunity to connect program participants to workforce development programs at the local technical colleges.

3. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs, as the Collaborative Applicant, oversees this strategy.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income is to increase outreach and information sharing through the Coordinated Entry System. Additionally, the CoC works with a collaborative group of agencies that includes the Dept of Family and Children Services, Technical Schools and Workforce Division of Georgia, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Youth Action board along with representation from grant recipients. This collaboration is currently developing a sustainable process that creates access to non-employment cash income for participants when appropriate.

Through Coordinated Entry and development of the collaborative group of state agencies and grant recipients, the CoC can identify participants in need of non-employment cash resources. The CoC is developing a regional structure that supports prompt identification of participants to connect them rapidly to the non-employment cash resources. CoC will work with our agency partners to identify internal programs focus areas to ensure participants needing these resources are being directed to the correct interventions whether it is Diversion, Prevention or Homeless services.

At the 2023 DCA Housing Symposium we trained providers on applying for mainstream benefits including TANF. These annual cross training opportunities are part of the strategy to equip providers to increase the non-employment cash income of participants.

2. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs, as the Collaborative Applicant, oversees this strategy.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

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

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
Support to Home	Joint TH-RRH	62	Housing
Avita S+CR_C_expa...	PH-PSH	60	Both
Georgia Mountain ...	PH-PSH	57	Healthcare
Viewpoint Health ...	PH-PSH	56	Healthcare

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Support to Home
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): J6HCBMJY2K56
3. Select the new project type: Joint TH-RRH
4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 62
5. Select the type of leverage: Housing

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Avita S+CR_C_expansion
2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): M8QMBTLRKDL1
3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH
4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 60
5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR Expansion

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): M8QMBTLRKDL1

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 57

5. Select the type of leverage: Healthcare

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Viewpoint Health S+CR_C Expansion

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): M8QMBTLRKDL1

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 56

5. Select the type of leverage: Healthcare

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and
2.	HUD’s implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	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	Yes
2.	PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH-RRH Component	Yes

4A-2.	Information About the Project Applicant for the New Support Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) DV Bonus Project.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(3)	

Enter in the chart below information about the project applicant that applied for the new SSO-CE DV Bonus project:

1.	Applicant Name	Georgia Housing Finance Authority
2.	Project Name	Balance of State DV CE Project

4A-2a.	Addressing Coordinated Entry Inadequacies through the New SSO-CE DV Bonus Project.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(3)(c)	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. the inadequacies of your CoC's current Coordinated Entry that limits its ability to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and	
	2. how the proposed project addresses inadequacies identified in element 1 of this question.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 When a person experiencing homelessness presents at an access point in the Balance of State, they are asked during intake if they have a domestic violence history. If they answer in the affirmative, the interview is stopped immediately due to privacy and safety concerns. Depending on where the access point is located, the local DV agency might allow the staff member to provide the survivor's contact information to the agency and the survivor can wait to be contacted; alternatively, the local DV agency might require that that survivor contact the agency with no assistance. Each of these rules has to do with the agency's protocol in ensuring the privacy, security, and safety of each survivor. It does leave DV survivors in a precarious position. If the DV agency allows the homeless service provider to make contact, there is a warm hand off to the provider. If the DV agency requires the survivor to make the first contact, they might feel more exposed and vulnerable and resist or refuse to make contact.

2 The proposed program will create a very different experience for DV Survivors. When a DV Survivor presents at an access point in the Balance of State and reports a DV history, the intake coordinator will have the comfort of knowing they can refer this client directly to the DV Coordinated Entry program where a trauma- informed care trained DV Coordinated Entry Assessor will accompany them until they find an acceptable housing opportunity. At no point is the DV Survivor required to seek help independently. At each point in their journey to find a permanent housing opportunity their safety, security, and comfort will be the first concern.

4A-2b.	Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New SSO-CE DV Bonus Project.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(3)(d)	
	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)

In 2023, a new member joined the PADV Board of Directors. As a child, this director was homeless due to domestic violence and lived in domestic violence shelters with their family. This individual brings their lived experience to policy-making and governance of the agency and its programs to ensure that survivors' perspectives and needs are at the fore of what we do.

Due to confidentiality requirements, we are unable to bring our clients together in a focus group or advisory council. To abide by these confidentiality requirements, we will survey clients at program exit. They will be asked specific questions to determine which aspects of the program worked well for them and things that could be improved. These comments are submitted to the DVCE manager and discussed with the team. Each suggestion for improvement is evaluated by the DVCE team. Changes are made when feasible and appropriate.

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:	382
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	18
3.	Unmet Need:	364

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. Local DV Service Providers' Reports: We work closely with DV service providers in the community who maintain records of individuals seeking shelter, emergency assistance, or long-term housing due to domestic violence. They provide us with data on the number of survivors they serve annually and the number they were unable to accommodate due to limited resources.

- Victim Service Providers (VSPs): Data is gathered from VSPs that maintain comparable databases to track clients who access housing and services, including those who may not enter into traditional HMIS due to confidentiality concerns.
- Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point-in-Time (PIT) Count: We utilize the annual HIC and PIT Count data for both sheltered and unsheltered victims to estimate the unmet need for survivors of domestic violence in our community.
- Waitlists for DV Housing Programs: The CoC reviews the waitlists from DV shelters and housing programs to understand the current demand and gaps in services for long-term and emergency housing.
- Law Enforcement and Legal Aid Data: We collect aggregated data from local law enforcement and legal aid organizations, including calls for assistance, restraining orders, and court services, as indirect indicators of potential housing needs due to domestic violence situations.

2. Comparable Databases (outside HMIS): VSPs utilize separate, secure systems for tracking DV survivors, which are compliant with all HUD regulations and necessary privacy protections.

- Non-DV Projects in HMIS: We also analyze data from non-DV projects in HMIS, to ensure we do not overlap with services that are outside the DV scope but may still be accessed by survivors.
- State and National DV Reports: External data from the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) and state-level DV coalitions also help us determine the need.

3. Lack of Affordable Housing: A critical shortage of affordable housing units poses significant challenges.

- Limited Funding for Specialized Services: While we have some DV-specific housing programs, available funding is insufficient to fully meet the needs of all survivors. The lack of specialized DV housing models (e.g., trauma-informed, low-barrier housing) further limits the options for survivors.
- Geographic Coverage Gaps: In rural areas within our CoC, DV survivors may have fewer housing and service options, leading to difficulty in accessing the necessary support.

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
Douglas County CSB

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	Douglas County CSB
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	5%
3.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	100%

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

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

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

(limit 1,500 characters)

1. The housing placement rate percentage is calculated by dividing the number of DV survivors who successfully exited into permanent housing or other safe housing destinations by the total number of DV survivors who exited the program. This includes exits to rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, or other stable housing environments.
2. The housing placement rate also accounts for exits to safe housing destinations. This includes DV survivors who move into permanent housing, as well as those exiting to family or friends' homes, other transitional housing programs, or DV shelters.
3. The housing retention rate is calculated by determining the percentage of DV survivors who remained in permanent housing after six or twelve months of placement. The applicant tracks the number of participants still housed at these intervals and divides it by the total number of participants placed in permanent housing. This retention data provides insight into the long-term stability of the housing solutions offered to survivors.
4. Data sources used include:
 - a. Comparable Databases used by VSPs to maintain confidentiality and track client outcomes.
 - b. External Data Sources including information from follow-up surveys or partner agencies that offer post-placement support.
 - c. HMIS (for non-DV projects): Where applicable, data from non-DV projects within HMIS is also reviewed to assess broader housing retention and placement trends.

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. Rapid placement into safe, affordable housing is prioritized by maintaining close partnerships with local Victim Service Providers (VSPs), emergency shelters, and housing agencies. Survivors are immediately connected to emergency shelters or transitional housing upon identification, followed by swift assessments for permanent housing. Using a Housing First approach will assist with quick placements.

2. The project applicant uses the CoC Coordinated Entry System to prioritize DV survivors for housing and services. Survivors are assessed through trauma-informed, survivor-centered tools, ensuring their unique needs and vulnerabilities are understood and addressed. Survivors are given priority on housing waitlists based on risk factors such as imminent danger, length of homelessness, and safety concerns. The CoC’s Emergency Transfer Plan is also utilized, enabling survivors to relocate to other housing units quickly if their safety is threatened.

3. Individualized assessments are conducted in a trauma-informed manner to determine survivors’ supportive service needs. These assessments are survivor-led and conducted in a confidential, non-judgmental space. Areas assessed include legal aid, mental health support, childcare, job training, financial literacy, and medical care.

4. Once needs are assessed, the applicant connects survivors to a range of supportive services through established partnerships with local agencies and service providers. This includes direct referrals to legal services for protection orders, job training programs, mental health counseling, and childcare providers. The project also works with community-based organizations to provide culturally responsive services, such as language interpretation or specialized care for immigrant and LGBTQ+ survivors.

5. To support long-term housing stability, the focus is on building survivors’ financial independence and life skills during their time in assisted housing. They are provided with financial literacy training, employment support, and tenant education programs to enhance their ability to sustain housing once subsidies end. Survivors are also connected to income-based rental assistance programs, such as HCV, to ensure they can transition from subsidized units to stable, affordable housing. Ongoing case management services are also made available to survivors even after they exit the program, providing continued support to maintain housing stability over time.

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.	
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1. A trauma-informed, survivor-centered approach is used for intake and interviews. All interviews are held in secure, private settings, whether in-person or virtual. Staff are trained to explain survivors' rights, including their right to confidentiality and the option to withhold certain information. Survivors are never pressured to disclose details about their abuse or abuser unless it is essential for their safety or service provision. All intake forms are carefully worded to minimize re-traumatization or coercion, and sensitive information is only shared on a need-to-know basis.

2. The project prioritizes placing survivors in housing that is affordable, safe, and secure. Survivor input is sought to determine the most suitable housing option based on their specific safety needs, including geographic preferences to avoid proximity to their abuser. Housing placements are made in collaboration with local VSPs and DV shelters to ensure the survivor's safety is prioritized. Additionally, safety plans are developed with each survivor, detailing strategies for staying safe in the new housing environment.

3. Strict confidentiality policies are in place to protect survivors' personal information and housing locations. No identifying information about survivors or their children is entered into the HMIS. Instead, VSPs use secure, comparable databases to track housing placements and services while ensuring data security. Housing addresses are never publicly disclosed, and all communications with landlords or service providers are carefully managed to maintain anonymity and prevent the risk of exposure to abusers.

4. Ongoing staff training is held on confidentiality, safety protocols, and trauma-informed care. Staff are trained to handle sensitive information, recognize signs of coercion or trauma, and respect survivors' right to privacy. Training includes clear guidelines on information sharing and HIPAA compliance. Staff also undergo scenario-based training on responding to safety threats or confidentiality breaches, ensuring they are prepared to act quickly in a crisis.

5. In scattered-site units, physical safety is ensured through multiple security measures. These are selected in low-risk areas and landlords are vetted to ensure they understand the safety needs of the DV survivor. In addition, all housing staff and contractors, including maintenance personnel, are trained on confidentiality protocols.

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)

Obtaining feedback directly from the survivors served is crucial. They are asked to provide confidential feedback through exit interviews, anonymous surveys, and focus groups regarding their perspectives on their safety during intake, housing placement, and throughout their time in the program. They also provide feedback regarding their experiences with confidentiality practices, housing placement safety, and their overall sense of physical and emotional security while receiving services.

Key safety outcomes are tracked including the number of successful housing placements without incidents of re-victimization, retention rates, and safety plan effectiveness. Cases with additional threats or security breaches are analyzed to identify any vulnerabilities in the system. This data is used to evaluate the efficacy of the project’s safety protocols and determine where adjustments are needed.

The project conducts regular internal audits of safety protocols, staff training, and confidentiality practices. This includes reviewing case files to ensure compliance with confidentiality requirements, auditing housing placements for alignment with survivor safety needs, and testing the security measures in housing units. Internal reviews also assess the staff’s adherence to trauma-informed and survivor-centered care practices. Any deficiencies identified during these audits are addressed immediately with corrective actions.

Through ongoing evaluations, the project has identified several areas for improvement. There is a need for more comprehensive safety training for staff, particularly around recognizing early signs of re-traumatization and improving de-escalation techniques during crisis situations. Another area is the enhancement of partnerships with law enforcement and legal aid organizations to provide survivors with faster access to restraining orders and legal protections. Additionally, the project recognized a need to expand security measures for scattered-site units, including the use of surveillance cameras and educating landlords about emergency protocols.

Based on these evaluations, the project has implemented several improvements. These include increasing the frequency of staff training on safety protocols, developing stronger safety planning tools for survivors, and upgrading physical security measures in congregate housing. Periodic “safety check-ins” with survivors are also held to reassess their needs as their housing situations evolve.

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)

1. The applicant prioritizes DV survivors for housing placement through the Coordinated Entry System, using a trauma-informed prioritization process. Survivors are assessed based on their safety needs, housing instability, and level of danger from their abuser. The applicant works closely with VSPs to ensure that those in immediate danger or experiencing chronic homelessness are given the highest priority for housing. Stabilization efforts are initiated early, with case management services focusing on addressing trauma, financial barriers, and safety concerns to support long-term stability in housing.
2. The applicant operates a Housing First model that prioritizes placing survivors directly into permanent housing, rather than requiring them to move through transitional housing. Survivors are offered permanent housing as quickly as possible without any preconditions. By bypassing transitional housing, the applicant reduces the potential for further destabilization and trauma.
3. The applicant uses a survivor-centered approach to determine housing placements, where survivors’ choices regarding location, type of housing, and proximity to support networks are prioritized. Survivors are actively involved in selecting their housing options, and their autonomy is respected throughout the process. For example, survivors may express a preference to be housed in a different neighborhood or city to avoid contact with their abuser, and the applicant works diligently to accommodate these requests. Survivors' preferences around housing configurations including scattered-site housing or a congregate living environment are also taken into account.
4. The applicant conducts thorough needs assessments with survivors in a trauma-informed manner, ensuring that housing placements address not only safety but also any specific physical, emotional, or financial needs. Survivors who require accessible housing due to disabilities or who need proximity to medical care are placed in units that meet these needs. Additionally, stabilization efforts include connecting survivors to supportive services such as counseling, legal aid, employment assistance, and childcare, ensuring that their housing stability is supported by a comprehensive safety net. Survivors are provided with ongoing case management, which focuses on building life skills and accessing long-term financial assistance, such as housing vouchers, to sustain their tenancy after program involvement ends.

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)

1. The project applicant fosters an environment where survivors are treated with dignity and respect, and power differentials between staff and survivors are minimized. Staff receive training on non-punitive, trauma-informed practices, ensuring that all interactions with survivors are based on mutual respect and equality. As an example, the project avoids punitive measures such as eviction threats or restrictive rules as a consequence for survivor behavior. Staff instead use positive reinforcement and support survivors in overcoming challenges like missed appointments or rent issues without judgment. Survivors are also encouraged to make decisions about their housing, services, and recovery pathways. Staff engage in active listening, ensuring that survivors feel heard and empowered in all decisions about their care. Survivor feedback is incorporated into program design and improvement.

2. The project applicant ensures that survivors have access to comprehensive information about the effects of trauma and how it can impact their healing journey. This includes training staff on the neurobiology of trauma and its emotional, psychological, and physical effects. This training allows them to explain these effects to survivors in a compassionate, understandable manner. Survivors are given resources on trauma, including written materials and workshops, so they can better understand how trauma may affect their responses and choices. Information is shared with survivors at their own pace so they never feel overwhelmed. Staff also ensure that survivors understand their rights and have access to legal and mental health resources as needed.

3. The project adopts a strengths-based approach, focusing on survivors' resilience and capabilities, rather than their trauma alone. Examples include strength-based coaching where survivors work with case managers to identify personal strengths and use them to build future goals in areas including employment, education, and securing stable housing. Staff regularly reflect back to survivors their strengths, helping them regain a sense of self-worth. Every survivor's case plan is customized based on their aspirations and needs, not based on program-defined metrics. Staff use strength-based assessment tools to highlight positive attributes and guide survivors in setting and achieving their own goals, which empowers them to take control of their recovery.

4. The project is deeply committed to creating a culturally responsive and inclusive environment, ensuring that all survivors feel welcomed and supported. This includes providing staff with regular training on cultural competence, nondiscrimination, and implicit bias and ensuring they provide equitable services to survivors from diverse racial, ethnic, and gender backgrounds. This includes learning about the specific needs of LGBTQ+ survivors, refugees, and immigrants. Translation services and bilingual staff are available to ensure that language is never a barrier for survivors. Documents are translated and interpreters are available to help survivors fully engage with their services. The project also continually works to improve services to be culturally relevant, understanding that trauma manifests differently in different cultural contexts. Staff are encouraged to be flexible and adaptive to survivors' cultural preferences around healing, spirituality, and family dynamics.

5. Understanding the importance of connection in recovery, the project incorporates this in several ways. These include peer-led support groups where they can share experiences, gain advice, and build a sense of solidarity with other survivors. The project also offers mentorship programs where survivors who have been in the program for a longer period mentor those who are newer,

helping to build a supportive community where survivors can learn from each other. The project recognizes the importance of spirituality for many survivors and offers access to spiritual counseling or connections to faith-based support if desired.

6. Recognizing the dual challenges of recovering from trauma and parenting, the project provides multiple support for survivors who are also parents. Trauma-informed parenting classes are offered to help survivors understand the impact of trauma on their parenting and children. These classes provide them with tools to support their children's emotional and psychological well-being while managing their own recovery. To help survivors attend appointments, job interviews, or court dates, the project provides access to free or low-cost childcare services. Additionally, the project connects survivors to family law legal services to help with issues like custody and protection orders. Survivors and their children also have access to trauma-informed family therapy to address the emotional impact of domestic violence on family dynamics, ensuring that both survivors and their children are supported in their healing journey

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)

Housing Search and Safety Planning: Upon entering the program, survivors are assigned a case manager who works with them to develop a personalized housing plan that prioritizes rapid placement. This plan incorporates a comprehensive safety planning process, which includes assessing the immediate and long-term safety risks posed by their abuser, identifying safe housing options that are geographically removed from the abuser or located in secure buildings with controlled access, coordinating with law enforcement or legal advocates to secure protection orders if necessary, and ensuring that all communication with landlords or housing providers is done in a way that protects the survivor’s confidentiality and avoids revealing their location.

Case Management and Advocacy: Survivors are provided with intensive case management services throughout their participation in the project. Case managers act as advocates, working closely with survivors to ensure all of their needs—housing, safety, emotional, and practical—are met. Services include safety advocacy where survivors are assisted in navigating the criminal justice system, securing protective orders, and accessing legal services to handle issues related to child custody, divorce, or immigration status (if applicable). The project works with legal service providers and victim advocacy organizations to ensure survivors receive comprehensive legal protection. Survivors continue to receive case management services even after they have secured permanent housing to address any ongoing safety concerns, connect them to employment and financial resources, and ensure that their housing situation remains stable.

Financial Advocacy: Many survivors face financial barriers to achieving independence from their abusers. Case managers help survivors access public benefits, apply for housing subsidies or rental assistance programs, and develop financial empowerment plans that include budgeting, saving, and rebuilding credit. Survivors are also connected to employment services to help them secure stable, well-paying jobs.

Legal Services and Advocacy: The project works with local legal aid organizations and VSPs to ensure that survivors have access to free or low-cost legal representation. Examples of legal services include assistance with filing for protective orders to prevent the abuser from contacting or approaching the survivor, family law services to help survivors navigate child custody arrangements and divorce proceedings, immigration services for survivors who may need assistance obtaining U-Visas, T-Visas, or asylum due to their experiences of domestic violence, and legal advocacy to help survivors challenge evictions or housing discrimination if they face barriers to securing permanent housing due to their history of abuse.

Emotional Counseling and Mental Health Services: The project offers trauma-informed counseling and mental health support tailored to the unique needs of domestic violence survivors. Survivors have access to individual therapy, group therapy, and support groups designed to help them process their trauma and regain their emotional strength.

Parenting Support: Survivors who are parents receive specialized support through trauma-informed parenting classes that help them address the effects of domestic violence on their children and improve their parenting skills. The project also connects families to childcare services, school enrollment assistance, and child mental health programs to support the well-being of both

survivors and their children.

Substance Abuse Treatment: Survivors with co-occurring issues, such as substance use disorders, are connected to substance abuse treatment programs that are trauma-informed and designed specifically for domestic violence survivors. These programs provide holistic care, ensuring that survivors can address their substance use issues while also healing from the trauma of abuse.

Job Training and Placement: Survivors are connected to job training programs, resume-building workshops, and employment placement services to help them secure stable employment. The project partners with local employers and vocational training programs to offer survivors employment opportunities that match their skills and interests.

Financial Counseling: Survivors receive individualized financial counseling that includes budgeting, credit repair, and saving strategies. Survivors are also connected to resources that help them access public benefits such as SNAP, TANF, or childcare subsidies to stabilize their financial situation.

Housing Stabilization Services: After survivors are placed in permanent housing, the project ensures that they remain stably housed by providing ongoing support, including assistance in securing long-term rental assistance or housing vouchers, such as through HUD's CoC PSH Program or local housing authorities. This financial support ensures survivors can maintain their housing beyond the in

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. A Coordinated Entry System tailored specifically for DV victims will be employed. Those in immediate danger or with urgent housing needs will be fast-tracked for placement. The applicant will work with local DV shelters, emergency responders, and other service providers to identify and assess survivors for rapid rehousing. They will be prioritized based on factors such as their current risk level, homelessness duration, and safety concerns. Stabilization will begin immediately with survivors being connected to emergency resources including safety assessments, mental health support, and access to public benefits.

2. The project will follow a Housing First model. Upon program entry, survivors will be assigned a housing navigator who will work with local landlords and housing providers to secure appropriate, safe housing as quickly as possible. Housing navigators will use flexible financial assistance (such as security deposits, rent assistance, and moving costs) to help eliminate barriers to housing. The project will prioritize scattered-site permanent housing for maximum privacy and security, but congregate or community-based housing will be sought if they prefer.

3. Survivor autonomy and choice are central to this project. All housing decisions will be guided by the survivor’s preferences in areas including safety, proximity to support networks, and cultural considerations. Survivors will decide whether they want to be housed near family, employment, schools, churches, or other supportive networks and staff will work to accommodate them. Relocation to a different area for safety reasons will also be supported if needed.

4. Individualized needs assessments will be conducted for each survivor which includes evaluating their physical, emotional, financial, and legal needs. Case managers will work with participants to create personalized support plans addressing any barriers to housing stability. This could include linking survivors to employment services, mental health counseling, or childcare. Survivors with disabilities will be placed in accessible units, and families with children will be given housing that meets their family size and child care needs. Survivors will continue to receive case management services after being placed in housing. This support will include help with accessing public benefits, legal assistance (e.g., for protection orders or custody issues), and financial counseling to support long-term housing stability.

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)

1. The project will cultivate an environment that prioritizes mutual respect, equality, and the autonomy of survivors. To achieve this, punitive interventions will not be used to address challenges including substance use, missed appointments, or difficulties adhering to program rules. Instead, the staff will use supportive and non-judgmental approaches to address any issues. Staff will be trained to approach all interactions from a position of equality, emphasizing survivor autonomy and ensuring that there are no power differentials between staff and participants. Survivors will be fully involved in decisions related to their housing and services, setting their goals, and in the development of their housing and safety plans.

2. The project will ensure that participants have access to resources and education on the impact of trauma to help them better understand their own experiences and make informed decisions about their healing process. Staff will engage with participants in a trauma-informed manner and will receive ongoing training on the effects of trauma, including how it affects survivors' emotional, physical, and behavioral health. Survivors will be provided with educational materials and workshops on trauma and its effects to enable them to better understand their responses and triggers and this education will be integrated into case management sessions. Staff will also ensure that survivors are fully informed about all available services and resources as well as their rights to promote transparency and trust between participants and staff.

3. The project will prioritize strength-based approaches, focusing on the resilience and strengths of survivors rather than their past experiences or challenges. Case managers will use strength-based questionnaires and assessment tools that focus on survivors' capabilities, achievements, and personal goals. These tools will help survivors identify their strengths, including problem-solving abilities, resourcefulness, and resilience, as they work to develop their plans. Survivors will work collaboratively with staff to set survivor-defined goals, ensuring that case plans are driven by the survivors' ambitions rather than staff priorities. Staff will employ coaching techniques that reinforce survivors' autonomy throughout this process.

4. The project will ensure that its services are culturally responsive, inclusive, and accessible to all survivors. All staff will undergo mandatory training in cultural responsiveness, nondiscrimination, and implicit bias. This training will include addressing issues such as race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, language, immigration status, and disability, ensuring that survivors feel understood and supported. The project will ensure that survivors with limited English proficiency or disabilities have equal access to services by providing language interpretation services, translating materials into multiple languages, and ensuring physical and sensory accessibility. Staff will work with community organizations and cultural groups to tailor services to survivors from diverse backgrounds, ensuring that their cultural, religious, and personal preferences are respected throughout their participation in the program.

5. The project recognizes that survivors benefit from supportive relationships and social connections. Peer-led support groups and mentorship opportunities will be offered, where survivors can connect with others who have experienced similar challenges. This provides a sense of community, reduces isolation, and allows survivors to support one another in their healing journeys. Group activities will be offered such as trauma-informed yoga, art therapy, and communal meals, creating safe spaces for survivors to bond and developing

social connections in a non-judgmental setting. The project will also offer spiritual and religious connections to those who are interested by partnering with local faith-based organizations or facilitating access to spiritual counselors to assist in their healing and support.

6. For those who are parents, the project will offer services that support trauma-informed parenting and help survivors build healthy relationships with their children. Parenting classes will be offered specifically designed for survivors of domestic violence, addressing the impact of trauma on both parents and children. These classes will help survivors develop positive parenting strategies, improve communication with their children, and break cycles of abuse. To support survivors in attending appointments, job interviews, or counseling sessions, the project will provide access to childcare services. Survivors will also be connected to legal services for child custody issues, protection orders, and other legal matters that affect their role as parents. Legal advocates will help survivors navigate the family court system and ensure that their rights as parents are upheld.

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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.	

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1. The project will actively recruit survivors from various backgrounds, including different ages, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic statuses, ensuring a broad range of lived experiences is represented. An Advisory Council composed of survivors will be established to provide input on project policies, practices, and program design. This council will meet regularly to discuss issues affecting the survivor community and will have direct access to project leadership. The project will conduct focus groups to gather feedback from survivors on specific topics, such as program services, housing preferences, and safety concerns. These sessions will encourage open dialogue and allow survivors to share their insights and suggestions for improvement. Survivors will be invited to participate in periodic town hall meetings or forums, creating additional opportunities for input and ensuring that all voices are heard throughout the project's duration.

2. Survivors will play an integral role in the co-design of program policies and procedures. This will involve workshops and brainstorming sessions where survivors can collaborate with staff to develop guidelines that reflect their needs and preferences. Their feedback will be used to shape everything from intake processes to service delivery models. Survivors will be offered training on advocacy, leadership skills, and program evaluation methods, empowering them to actively participate in decision-making processes and enhancing their confidence in advocating for themselves and their peers. The project will implement regular evaluation mechanisms, including surveys and interviews, to assess program effectiveness from the survivors' perspective. Feedback gathered will directly inform policy revisions and program adjustments, ensuring continuous improvement based on survivor experiences. The project will establish transparent reporting mechanisms that allow survivors to share their experiences and suggestions for improvement anonymously. This will create a safe space for input and encourage honest feedback on project operations. The contributions of survivors involved in policy and program development will be recognized and celebrated, fostering a sense of ownership and commitment to the project. This acknowledgment can include certificates, public recognition, or even stipends for their time and expertise.

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Chapter 4

APPLICATIONS WAIT LIST AND TENANT SELECTION

INTRODUCTION

When a family wishes to receive assistance under the HCV program, the family must submit an application that provides the PHA with the information needed to determine the family's eligibility. HUD requires the PHA to place all families that apply for assistance on a wait list. When HCV assistance becomes available, the PHA must select families from the wait list in accordance with HUD requirements and PHA policies as stated in the administrative plan and the annual plan.

The PHA is required to adopt clear policies and procedures for accepting applications, placing families on the wait list, and selecting families from the wait list, and must follow these policies and procedures consistently. The actual order in which families are selected from the wait list can be affected if a family has certain characteristics designated by HUD or the PHA that justify their selection. Examples of this are the selection of families for income targeting and the selection of families that qualify for targeted funding.

HUD regulations require that all families have an equal opportunity to apply for and receive housing assistance, and that the PHA affirmatively further fair housing goals in the administration of the program [24 CFR 982.53, HCV GB p. 4-1]. Adherence to the selection policies described in this chapter ensures that the PHA will be in compliance with all relevant fair housing requirements, as described in Chapter 2.

This chapter describes HUD and PHA policies for taking applications, managing the wait list and selecting families for HCV assistance. The policies outlined in this chapter are organized into three sections, as follows:

Part I: The Application Process. This part provides an overview of the application process, and discusses how applicants can obtain and submit applications. It also specifies how the PHA will handle the applications it receives.

Part II: Managing the Wait list. This part presents the policies that govern how the PHA's wait list is structured, when it is opened and closed, and how the public is notified of the opportunity to apply for assistance. It also discusses the process the PHA will use to keep the wait list current.

Part III: Selection for HCV Assistance. This part describes the policies that guide the PHA in selecting families for HCV assistance as such assistance becomes available. It also specifies how in-person interviews will be used to ensure that the PHA has the information needed to make a final eligibility determination.

business days from the date of DCA's letter.

If the family fails to respond within 15 business days, the family will be removed from the wait list without further notice.

If the notice is returned by the post office with no forwarding address, the applicant will be removed from the wait list without further notice.

If the notice is returned by the post office with a forwarding address, the notice will be re-sent to the address indicated. The family will have 15 business days to respond from the date the letter was re-sent.

If a family is removed from the wait list for failure to respond, DCA may reinstate the family if it is determined that the lack of response was due to DCA error, or to circumstances beyond the family's control.

Removal from the Wait list

DCA Policy

If at any time an applicant family is on the wait list, DCA determines that the family is not eligible for assistance (see Chapter 3), the family will be removed from the wait list.

If a family is removed from the wait list because DCA has determined the family is not eligible for assistance, a notice will be sent to the family's address of record as well as to any alternate address provided on the initial application. The notice will state the reasons the family was removed from the wait list and will inform the family how to request an informal review regarding DCA's decision (see Chapter 16) [24 CFR 982.201(f)].

PART III: SELECTION FOR HCV ASSISTANCE

4-III.A. OVERVIEW

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

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

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

4-III.B. SELECTION AND HCV FUNDING SOURCES

Special Admissions [24 CFR 982.203]

HUD may award funding for specifically-named families living in specified types of units (e.g., a family that is displaced by demolition of public housing; a non-purchasing family residing in a HOPE 1 or 2 projects). In these cases, the PHA may admit such families whether or not they are on the wait list, and, if they are on the wait list, without considering the family's position on the

wait list. These families are considered non-wait list selections. The PHA must maintain records showing that such families were admitted with special program funding.

Targeted Funding [24 CFR 982.204(e)]

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

DCA Policy

DCA administers the following types of targeted funding:

Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)

5-Year Mainstream Vouchers

Section 811 Mainstream Vouchers

Emergency Housing Voucher

Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing

HUD may award a PHA funding for a specified category of families on the wait list. The PHA The 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act (the Act) (Public Law 110-161) enacted December 26, 2007, provided \$75 million dollars of funding for the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) voucher program as authorized under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937. The HUD-VASH program combines HUD HCV rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Veterans Affairs at its medical centers and in the community.

Generally, the HUD-VASH HCV program will be administered in accordance with regular HCV program requirements. However, the Act allows HUD to waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of any statute or regulation that HUD administers in connection with this program in order to effectively deliver and administer HUD-VASH voucher assistance.

DCA Policy

As a condition of the Housing Choice Voucher program, a HUD-VASH eligible family must receive the case management services from the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC). If VAMC determines the participant family no longer requires case management, the family will be offered one of the next available HCV vouchers in order to free up the HUD-VASH voucher for another eligible family referred by the VAMC.

5-Year Mainstream Vouchers

Vouchers used to assist in providing rental assistance to very low-income families where the head, spouse, or co-head is non-elderly or elderly persons with a disability.

Section 811 Mainstream Vouchers

Vouchers used to assist in providing rental assistance to assist non-elderly persons (head of household or any family member) with disabilities who are:

- Transitioning out of institutional or other segregated setting,
- At serious risk of institutionalization,
- Homeless, or
- At risk of becoming homeless

This program encourages partnerships with health and human services agencies with a demonstrated capacity to coordinate voluntary services and supports to enable individuals to live independently in the community.

Emergency Housing Vouchers

Vouchers used to assist individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness; at risk of experiencing homelessness; fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; or were recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

Regular HCV Funding

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

4-III.C. SELECTION METHOD

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

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

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

DCA Policy

RESIDENCY PREFERENCE

At the time of application, the head of household and spouse or co-head live, work, or have been notified that they are hired to work in one of the counties listed in the waiting list for which they are applying for.

Up to 25% of the households placed on the waiting list will be households who qualify for the Housing Choice Voucher program's local lease-in-place or residency preference. The remaining vouchers will be awarded to any other applicant. To qualify for these preferences, households must meet one of the following definitions:

- Local lease-in-place preference means the applicant has resided in the DCA Jurisdiction for at least 3 months, and the property owner/manager is willing to

- participate in the program.
- Residency preference means the applicant household contains a head of household, co-head or spouse who either lives or works within the DCA jurisdiction.

Priority Preference – Special Programs and Other Referrals

Families who are referred to and qualify for the Special Programs listed below receive a Priority preference. This preference entitles the eligible applicant to be serviced and admitted to the Special Program for which it qualifies ahead of all other eligible applicants on the waiting list.

In determining the order of service among applicants who qualify for a Priority preference, the following ranking criteria is used. The ranking criteria follows the hierarchy noted and is based on the applicant having applied for admission under one of the programs listed. Referrals Due to Special Programs have met any additional programmatic requirements, including, in some cases, certification by an agency to participate in the special programs:

1. VASH Referral to Housing Choice Voucher
2. DBHDD Referral to Housing Choice Voucher
3. The Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program Referral to Housing Choice Voucher Program.
4. Homeless Referral to Housing Choice Voucher Program

Priority Local Preference

Certain families may be assisted without being placed on the DCA's waiting list.

HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program

The HUD-VASH program is a joint national initiative of HUD and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) The program combines HUD Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) at its medical centers and in the community in an attempt to return the veteran to mainstream society. HUD allocated a specific number of HUD-VASH vouchers to the DCA. The local VA hospitals or clinics refers HUD-VASH eligible families to the DCA for the issuance of a HUD-VASH voucher. DCA issues a voucher to eligible referrals on the condition that the participant will continue to receive case management services from the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC). Although HUD-VASH vouchers are administered in accordance with the Housing Choice Voucher regulations at 24 CFR part 982, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Pub. L. 110-161) authorized the HUD Secretary to waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation deemed necessary for effective delivery and administration of the HUD-VASH program. (Certain exceptions apply.)

The State of Georgia Settlement Agreement Housing Program

DCA will offer a preference for persons meeting the criteria under the Americans with Disabilities Act Settlement Agreement between the U. S. Department of

Justice and the State of Georgia in order to assist the Georgia Department of

Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities (DBHDD) to carry out the housing remedy of the Settlement Agreement.

Consistent with the expansion of DBHDD funded community based services, required by the Settlement Agreement to qualify for this preference, an applicant must have written third party DBHDD verification. DBHDD will make continuous highly targeted and voluntary supportive services readily available to the applicant. The preference will cover persons specified in the Settlement Agreement. In particular, the preference extends to persons with developmental disabilities and persons with severe and persistent mental illness who are currently institutionalized or at risk of institutionalization. For people with mental illness, factors that indicate risk of institutionalization include people who are frequently readmitted to State hospitals, who are frequently seen in emergency rooms, who are chronically homeless, and/or who are being released from jails or prisons. The preference will also cover persons specified in the Settlement Agreement who are currently receiving temporary housing assistance through Georgia's Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) voucher program.

Beginning in 2012, DCA will allocate one out of every two available vouchers through attrition to members of the Settlement Class annually as funding allows. The vouchers will be available for use in all of the 149 counties under DCA's jurisdiction.

An Applicant or participant of this program must meet these basic program eligibility criteria:

- Referred to DCA by DBHDD with written verification that DBHDD will make continuous highly targeted and voluntary supportive services readily available.
- The applicant must meet all HUD prescribed eligibility criteria as for the HCV program as outlined in Chapter 3.

Additionally, DCA may extend the family's voucher to provide additional search time for participants of this program beyond 120 days to ensure that persons are given adequate time to find suitable housing.

The detailed Operational Plan for The State Of Georgia Settlement Agreement Housing Program is attached as an Addendum 4-1 to this Chapter.

The Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program

The Department of Community Health (DCH) is an awardee of a 2007 Money Follows the Person (MFP) grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The Georgia MFP program supplements and expands upon other Georgia Olmstead-related initiatives and waiver programs that offer alternatives to institutional placement for individuals with disabilities. The program is designed to assist in the transition of qualified elders, people with significant physical disabilities and acquired brain injury, and people with serious developmental disabilities from nursing facilities, hospitals and intermediate care facilities to "qualified community residences."

Federal requirements define a "qualified residence" as a home owned by participant

individual or a family member; an apartment under a lease with its own entrance, and areas for living, sleeping, cooking and bathing over which the occupant has exclusive control; or a community-based residential setting with no more than four unrelated occupants. DCA based on the availability of funding, will allot 25 vouchers for persons referred from DCH under the MFP Demonstration Program. The vouchers will be available for use in all of the 149 counties under DCA's jurisdiction.

Homeless Referral

Homeless Definition

1. Individuals and families who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and includes a subset of an individual who resided in an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation and who is exiting an institution where the individual or family temporarily resided.
2. Individuals and families who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence.
3. Individuals and families who are fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member. Third party documentation is required.

For purposes of this policy, a homeless family lacks a fixed and regular and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- a. Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private shelter not meant for human habitation;
- b. Is living in a publicly or privately-operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or
- c. Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Memorandum of Understanding

All individuals or families who claim a homeless preference must present proof of Georgia residency and a letter from an agency that has a memorandum of understanding with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to certify that the particular individuals or families are homeless with respect to the above definition. Memoranda of understanding are to be developed with various entities and will be available on the DCA website when agreements are established.

DCA reserves the right to add or remove agencies from this list at any time. DCA retains the sole right to determine whether an applicant meets the criteria for the homeless preference and may consider any other available information in making this determination.

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

HUD requires that extremely low-income (ELI) families make up at least 75 percent of the

**Chapter 4 - ESTABLISHING PREFERENCES AND MAINTAINING
MHA's WAITING LIST**

[24 CFR Part 5, Subpart D; 982.54(d)(1); 982.204, 982.205, 982.206]

INTRODUCTION

It is MHA's objective to ensure that families are placed in the proper order on the waiting list and selected from the waiting list for admissions in accordance with the policies in this Administrative Plan.

This chapter explains the three local preferences which MHA has adopted to meet local housing needs, defines the eligibility criteria for the preferences and explains MHA's system of applying them. Placement on the waiting list in no way guarantees acceptance to the Section 8 program. MHA reserves the right to remove any individual or family from the waiting list for supplying false information, or not supplying MHA with requested information.

By maintaining an accurate waiting list, MHA will be able to perform the activities which ensure that an adequate pool of qualified applicants will be available so that program funds are used in a timely manner.

A. WAITING LIST [24 CFR 982.204]

MHA uses a single waiting list for admission to its Section 8 tenant-based assistance program.

Except for special admissions, applicants will be selected from the MHA waiting list in accordance with policies and preferences and income targeting requirements defined in this chapter.

The waiting list contains the following information for each applicant listed as listed on each pre-application:

1. Applicant name
2. Family unit size (number of bedrooms family qualifies for under MHA subsidy standards)
3. Date and time of application
4. Qualification for any local preference
5. Racial or ethnic designation of the head of household, for demographic research purposes only
6. Annual (gross) family income
7. Number of persons in family
8. Any other information which MHA or HUD may require from time to time

MHA reserves the right to stop application-taking at any time. The existence of a waiting list does not guarantee placement on the list. Placement on the waiting list only occurs when MHA opens the waiting list for application-taking. MHA opens the list at its discretion when it is estimated

that additional applications can be processed in a timely manner, generally within the next eighteen months to two years.

B. SPECIAL ADMISSIONS [24 CFR 982.203]

Special admissions families will be admitted outside of the regular waiting list process. They do not have to qualify for any preferences, nor are they required to be on the program waiting list. MHA maintains separate records of these admissions.

These types of admissions only occur when HUD awards MHA special funding that is targeted to specific families for specific reasons. Additionally meeting the following criteria for special admissions does not guarantee admission to the Section 8 program. Special admission applicants must otherwise qualify for admission to the program. Some examples of special admissions include:

1. A family displaced because of demolition or disposition of a public or Indian housing project as outlined in the Displacement Preference Policy;
2. A family residing in a multifamily rental housing project when HUD sells, forecloses or demolishes the project as outlined in the Displacement Preference Policy;
3. For housing covered by the Low Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990;
4. A family residing in a project covered by a project-based Section 8 HAP contract at or near the end of the HAP contract term; and
5. A non-purchasing family residing in a HOPE 1 or HOPE 2 project.

Additionally, the HUD Office of the Inspector General and/or the U.S. Attorney's Office from time to time, contacts MHA wanting to house families or individuals under the Witness Protection Program. In these types of situations, MHA will at its discretion enter into an agreement with the Inspector General's Office or the U.S. Attorney's Office to house individuals who must otherwise qualify for Section 8. The HUD Inspector General may waive other provisions under this and HUD policy as it deems necessary to accomplish its purposes.

C. LOCAL PREFERENCES [24 CFR 982.207]

MHA has four local (not to be confused with any Federal definitions) preferences:

1. Homeless Preference
2. Displacement Preference
3. Disabled Preference
4. Veterans Preference

D. HOMELESS PREFERENCE

1. For purposes of this policy, a homeless family lacks a fixed, regular and adequate night time residence; AND
2. Has a primary night time residence that is a supervised public or private shelter providing temporary accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters and transitional housing), or an institution providing temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a public or private place not ordinarily used as a sleeping accommodation for human beings.

Memoranda of Understanding:

All individuals or families who claim a homeless preference must present a letter from an agency that has a memorandum of understanding with MHA to certify that the particular individuals or families are homeless with respect to the above definition. Memoranda of understanding are currently on file with the following agencies:

1. Salvation Army
2. Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.
3. Macon Rescue Mission
4. Brookdale Warming Center
5. Crisis Line and Safe House of Central Georgia
6. Disability Connections
7. Loaves and Fishes
8. United Way/Central Georgia Mission United

MHA reserves the right to add or remove agencies from this list at any time. MHA retains the sole right to determine whether an applicant meets the criteria for the homeless preference and may consider any other available information in making this determination.

E. DISPLACEMENT PREFERENCE:

From time to time, there is a need for low-income families to obtain a Section 8 voucher because their current place of residence (either a unit rented or owned by a low-income individual or family), is being considered for purchase to be demolished by an agency of the United States or by any state or local governmental body or agency, including the Macon Housing Authority (MHA), for the purpose of developing a public improvement program. When this occurs, MHA may offer assistance through the Section 8 rental assistance program in accordance with this policy.

POLICY:

1. At its sole discretion, MHA may enter into a memorandum of understanding, contract, or other type of agreement with Federal, state or local governments or agencies who are in the process of purchasing and disposing of homes or rental units for the purpose of developing public improvement programs.

When an agreement is reached between MHA and an appropriate agency, MHA will give preference to those families or individuals who are or will be affected by displacement action

imposed by that Federal, state or local government or agency.

- a) "Displacement" means that a low-income individual or family will not have a suitable place of residence to reside in if action is taken to acquire and/or demolish their home or rental unit.
 - b) "Preference" means that an individual or a family, who is or will be affected by displacement action, will be given the opportunity to apply for a Section 8 voucher without having to be placed on the regular Section 8 waiting list and will receive a higher ranking than others on the waiting list, regardless of date of application. Among families equally qualified under this preference, those with the earliest date and time of application will normally be selected first, but MHA reserves the right to coordinate the actual issuance of vouchers to meet the scheduling needs of the cooperating agency, or for other business reasons.
2. If the individual or family is determined to be eligible, and has provided proper certification that displacement will occur, the individual or family will be issued a voucher to find Section 8 housing. The family or individual may also be issued a voucher to find Section 8 housing because of MHA initiated displacement.
- a) "Eligible" means that an individual or family meets all the requirements found at CFR 982.201, Subpart E, and any other requirements as specified in the MHA Administrative Plan and memorandum of understanding, contract or agreement between MHA and the entity engaging in action which will displace a low-income family. Also, to be eligible, a low-income individual or family must provide proper certification that they will be displaced. MHA retains the sole right to determine eligibility.
 - b) "Proper Certification" means that the low income individual or family must obtain a letter, with such supporting documentation as MHA may require, from the agency with which MHA has entered into a signed agreement. The letter must include a statement that the low-income individual or family will be displaced because of the actions undertaken by the agency. The letter must also include a recommendation that the individual or family receive the displacement preference. MHA retains the sole right to determine the adequacy of the certification.
 - c) "MHA Initiated Displacement" means that MHA may cause displacement of Section 8 eligible families as a result of its own housing or redevelopment programs. In such cases, MHA shall document the displacement and determine eligibility at the outset of the project on an individual basis in the same manner as with an outside agency.
3. If a low income individual or family is approved for Section 8 rental assistance, the individual or family will be required to adhere to all Federal regulations and MHA policy pertaining to Section 8 continued occupancy.

Nothing in this policy creates a property right for any individual or family to receive the displacement preference. Additionally, this policy does not create a right for any governmental body or agency to enter into a memorandum of understanding, agreement or contract with MHA to provide the displacement preference.

4. When a need has been identified, MHA will develop an agreement which will include specific time limits, eligibility requirements, and any other lawful requirements which must be met before MHA will allow a low-income individual or family who is being displaced to apply for Section 8 assistance and receive a displacement preference.

F. DISABLED PREFERENCE

1. For the purposes of this policy, a person or family must meet the following definition for disabled to be considered for admission to the Section 8 program under this preference [24 CFR 5.403]:
 - (a) Has a disability, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 423;
 - (b) Is determined, pursuant to HUD regulations, to have a physical, mental, or emotional impairment that:
 - (i) Is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration;
 - (ii) Substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently, and
 - (iii) Is of such a nature that the ability to live independently could be improved by more suitable housing conditions; or
 - (iv) Has a developmental disability as defined in 42 U.S.C. 6001.
 - (v) Does not exclude persons who have the disease of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or any conditions arising from the etiologic agent for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome;
 - (vi) For purposes of qualifying for low-income housing, does not include a person whose disability is based solely on any drug or alcohol dependence; and
 - (vii) Means “individual with handicaps”, as defined in §8.3 of this title, for purposes of reasonable accommodation and program accessibility for persons with disabilities.
 - (viii) Includes individuals meeting the definitions as cited in the Settlement Agreement entered into and between the United States and the state of Georgia known as Civil No. 1:10-CV-249-CAP, dated October 2010, which resolves the Civil Rights Division’s complaint against the state of Georgia regarding the state’s failure to serve individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness in the most integrated setting appropriate to those individuals’ needs.
2. Any person or family claiming this preference must obtain a letter from an agency that has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MHA to certify that the particular individual or family has a disability with respect to the above definitions in (1) above. Currently, MHA has a MOU with Disability Connections, Inc. and River Edge Behavioral Health Center, but may from time to time enter into MOUs with other agencies as circumstances warrant. MOUs of this nature may include more than one other entity in addition to MHA and at MHA’s sole discretion, when a community need has been identified.

3. To the greatest extent possible, MOUs of this nature will place the absolute burden of determining the above definitions in (1) above on the referring agency. MHA will only be responsible to determine Section 8 eligibility as defined in this Administrative Plan, 24 CFR 982, HUD Notices, etc. Further, once Section 8 eligibility has been determined, landlords are always responsible to enforce the provisions of their lease. MHA incurs no liability for actions or inactions of participants or landlords which are deemed to be lease or Section 8 program violations.

Nothing in this policy creates a right, implied or otherwise, by landlords, investors, developers, agencies, etc. to enter into a MOU with MHA. MHA enters into MOUs at its sole discretion when a community need has been identified.

G. VETERANS PREFERENCE

The Macon Housing Authority will provide a priority for otherwise eligible low-income families who are certified by Mission United as being a veteran of any of the five branches of the U.S. military as evidenced by a valid Department of Defense form DD-214.

The Macon Housing Authority will also work with the Dublin Veterans Affairs Medical Center for the issuance of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers as available through a referral basis. These clients will be screened prior to referral from Dublin VAMC for eligibility of the VASH Voucher.

H. LOCAL PREFERENCE SUMMARY

Individuals or families who claim any of the local preferences as defined by this policy do not assume an automatic right of acceptance to the MHA Section 8 program. All local preference claims will be verified by MHA staff. Once a local preference has been verified, the applicant must meet all other MHA and HUD prescribed eligibility criteria as defined in this policy. MHA reserves the right to reject any applicant who provides false information or fails to cooperate in obtaining information.

In the event that MHA receives applicants who claim one of MHA's established local preferences (homeless, displaced, disabled) at the same time, MHA will process the applications on a first come, first-serve basis, by date and time. Also, in the event that a natural disaster strikes creating too many applicants needing assistance through the local preference system as defined herein, to be processed timely, MHA reserves the right to freeze all applications and make ordinal decisions or modification to this policy as needed.

I. TREATMENT OF SINGLE APPLICANTS

Single applicants will be treated as any other eligible family on the waiting list.

J. INCOME TARGETING

In accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, each fiscal year MHA will reserve a minimum of seventy-five percent of its Section 8 new admissions for families whose income does not exceed 30 percent of the area median income. HUD refers to these families as "extremely low-income families." MHA will admit families who qualify under the Extremely

Low-Income limit to meet the income-targeting requirement, regardless of preference.

MHA's income targeting requirement does not apply to low-income families continuously assisted as provided for under the 1937 Housing Act.

MHA is also exempted from this requirement where MHA is providing assistance to low income or moderate-income families entitled to preservation assistance under the tenant-based program as a result of a mortgage prepayment or opt-out, as directed by HUD.

K. CROSS-LISTING OF DIFFERENT HOUSING PROGRAMS AND SECTION 8

MHA will not merge its waiting lists. However, if the Section 8 waiting list is open and the applicant has been placed on the public housing waiting list, or any project-based, or any moderate rehabilitation program waiting list, MHA will offer to place the family on its tenant-based assistance list.

L. OTHER HOUSING ASSISTANCE [24 CFR 982.205(b)]

Other housing assistance means a federal, state or local housing subsidy, as determined by HUD, including public housing. MHA will not take any of the following actions because an applicant has applied for, received, or refused other housing [24 CFR 982.205(b)]:

1. Refuse to list the applicant on the MHA waiting list for tenant-based assistance;
2. Deny any admission preference for which the applicant is currently qualified;
3. Change the applicant's place on the waiting list based on preference, date and time of application, or other factors affecting selection under the MHA selection policy; or
4. Remove the applicant from the waiting list.

However, MHA may remove the applicant from the waiting list for tenant-based assistance if MHA has offered the applicant assistance under the voucher program.

M. ORDER OF SELECTION [24 CFR 982.207(e)]

MHA's method for selecting applicants from a preference category is designed to have a clear audit trail that can be used to verify that each applicant has been selected in accordance with the method specified in this Administrative Plan. Selection from the waiting list will be made without regard to race, color, sex, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, familial status, ancestry, place of birth, handicap, disability or source of income.

Applications are filed using a computer-generated lottery system. Applications are filed and selected as follows:

1. Applicants otherwise eligible who claim one of the four MHA local preferences are assigned the designation of "P2" (elderly/disabled, homeless, displaced and veterans).
2. Applicants otherwise eligible who do not claim any preference are assigned the designation of "P3".

M. REMOVAL FROM WAITING LIST AND PURGING [24 CFR 982.204(c)]

The waiting list may be purged approximately every two to three years by mailing a “still interested” letter to all applicants to ensure that the waiting list is current and accurate. The mailing will ask for confirmation of continued interest. Any mailings to the applicant which require a response will state that failure to respond within ten days will result in the applicant's name being removed from the waiting list.

An extension of thirty days to respond will be granted, if requested and needed as a reasonable accommodation for a person with a disability. However, an applicant who claims a disability bears the full burden of providing all requested information by MHA regarding the said disability.

If a letter is returned by the U.S. Post Office without a forwarding address, the applicant will be removed without further notice and the envelope and letter will be maintained in the file.

If a letter is returned with a forwarding address, it will be re-mailed to the address indicated.

If an applicant is removed from the waiting list for failure to respond, they will not be entitled to reinstatement unless the CEO or the Housing Assistance Director determines there were circumstances beyond the person's control, such as severe life threatening situations of the applicant as documented by a physician.

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PHA Moving On Preference

1. DCA/Georgia Residential Finance Housing Authority – HCV Administrative Plan Changes Summary Log Approved August 2024

HCV Administrative Plan Changes.

Board Approved August 2024

Chapter	Change	Purpose
2	Increase written response time from 10 days to 15 days for complaints regarding discrimination complaints, alerting all parties.	Gives a grace period in the event of an increase in complaints. Target response time will remain 10 days.
2	Update phone number to reflect customer service call center's number. Change "will" to "may" with optional housing information signage.	Gives autonomy on where to post signage while removing fault if signage is destroyed or missing.
3	Add VASH referrals to be accepted at the low-income rate (rather than restricted to very and extremely low).	Allows us to serve more veterans. Does not count against income targeting requirements.
3	Add verbiage requiring all applicants to be screened properly for existing and former tenant searches at eligibility. This is already a HUD requirement, just not stated in Admin Plan.	Policy stated clearly for operations staff to avoid multiple subsidies and avoid admitting ineligible applicants.
5	Allowing virtual briefings at eligibility	Accessibility
5	Updated verbiage to the subsidy standard (bedroom size determination) to be more concise and easier to understand. Removed bedroom allowance for domestic partner.	Reduces HAP spending to lower cost per unit. Eliminates room for errors in bedroom size determination/voucher issuance.
6	Changed lumpsum child support payments to be counted as an asset instead of recurring income.	Reduces the financial hardship on custodial parents for funds that they went without and are now collecting. Reduces the administrative burden of processing unnecessary interim changes.
7	Clarify the condition and form of verification that will be accepted.	Provides clarity to staff and supports our expectations to recipients
7	Clarify the amount of child support payments needed to annualize the income.	Give a more holistic look into the expected income based on past income.
7	Add verbiage on expectation of income verification age, to match other parts of Admin Plan.	Create consistency and avoid conflicting information throughout plan.
8	Add language to support the rent increase process and offer an extended time frame for submissions.	Increases landlord retention and gives grace to landlords who may miss submission period.
11	Spelling correction	

11	Adding restrictions on who can be added to Household after admission.	Reduce HAP and lower cost per unit.
11	Adding restrictions on who can be added to Household after admission. Restricts to Live-in-aides, Reasonable Accommodation, birth, adoption, marriage, foster, court awarded custody.	Reduce HAP and lower cost per unit. Avoids additional changes while decreasing administrative burden. Makes income tracking possible to avoid IVT alerts from HUD.
11	Prevent people from moving out of the assisted unit (being removed) to avoid income being counted, by not allowing them to be re-added.	IVT alert reduction, HAP reduction, and Cost per unit decreases.
11	Remove Earned Income Disallowance	Benefit ended under HOTMA 12/31/2023
17	Remove Newspaper publishing of PBV RFPs	Cost associated with publishing is not manageable now that we intend to publish RFPs yearly and/or biannually.
17	Streamline notification of award process for PBVs	Digital notifications will replace paper notification.
17	Acceptance of Certificate of Occupancy for new construction	Aligns with regulation
17	Introduction of site-based waitlist	HUD guidance to allow sites to manage their own waitlist and avoid DCAs obligation to vacancy payments.
19	Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act	Adopt and expand a referral based program, in partnership with DFCS, to house youth aging out of foster care-contingent on HUDs award of additional vouchers.
19	Moving on from PSH limited preference referral program	Adopting MOU and referencing in admin plan the intent of partnership with OSHN. HCV will accept a limited number of referrals from BOS to transition families from temporary housing to the permanent housing solution- HCV.

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Lived Experience Support Letter

- Lived Experience Support Letter

October 21, 2024

The Honorable Adrienne Todman
Acting Secretary of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street S.W.,
Washington, DC 20410

Re: Youth Action Board Letter of Support

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Youth Action Board (YAB) of the Georgia Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care (CoC) is providing this letter of support for the Georgia BoS CoC's application for the FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program Competition. The CoC factors in the severity of needs and vulnerabilities of participants that a project serves through scoring criteria used to review and rank projects. We support the Georgia BoS CoC's commitment to prioritize serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs within the CoC's 152 county geographic area.

We are passionate about ending homelessness because we have all experienced or are experiencing homelessness as youth. We commit to providing insight to guide the work of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program including Continuous Quality Improvement and to provide input on other ongoing policy making decisions related to preventing and ending homelessness.

We look forward to working with you to prevent and end homelessness in the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

Youth Action Board
Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care
60 Executive Park South, NE
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Housing First Evaluation

- Housing First Evaluation – one project assessment



Provider Information

Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

Provider Information	
Provider's Legal Name	Advantage Behavioral Health System
Acronym (If Applicable)	
Year Incorporated	
EIN	58-2112427
Street Address	250 North Ave. Athens, GA
Zip Code	30601

Project Information	
Project Name	Advantage BHS BoS S+CR_C2
Project Budget	
Grant Number	GA0164L4B012314
Name of Project Director	Evan Mills
Project Director Email Address	evan.mills@advantagebhs.org
Project Director Phone Number	706-247-5270
Which best describes the project *	Permanent Supportive Housing
<i>If project is a Safe Haven, please choose project type that it most operates like, e.g. shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing</i>	
Are your services targeted to any of the following populations specifically? Please select one if so, as this impacts your assessment questions.	None of the above

*Please note that when you select a project type, particular standards may not be relevant.

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Date of Assessment	Oct 25 2024



Housing First Standards

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No.	Standard	Access Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Access 1	Projects are low-barrier	<p>Admission to projects is not contingent on pre-requisites such as abstinence of substances, minimum income requirements, health or mental health history, medication adherence, age, criminal justice history, financial history, completion of treatment, participation in services, "housing readiness," history or occurrence of victimization, survivor of sexual assault or an affiliated person of such a survivor or other unnecessary conditions unless required by law or funding source.</p> <p><i>All interviewed staff were able to verbally describe how the project meets low-barrier standard. Occupancy agreement requires participation in supportive services and monthly meetings with a case manager. In the program policies and procedures, it does not explicitly state that there is a low barrier approach.</i></p>	Always	Somewhat	Somewhat
Access 2	Projects do not deny assistance for unnecessary reasons	<p>Procedures and oversight demonstrate that staff do everything possible to avoid denying assistance or rejecting an individual or family for the reasons listed in Access Standard #1.</p> <p><i>All interviewed staff were able to verbally describe how project meets the standard of not denying access to project for unnecessary reasons. However, compliance with this standard is not fully documented in the policies and procedures. According to the project's Eviction Prevention Policy, "If a potential resident states he/she cannot maintain rules and/or occupancy agreement as outlined, the person will be denied housing and services through the Shelter Plus Care Program."</i></p>	Always	Somewhat	Somewhat
Access 3	Access regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status	<p>Equal access is provided in accordance with the 2012 and 2016 Equal Access Rules, meaning that any project funded by HUD must ensure equal access for persons regardless of one's sexual orientation or marital status, and in accordance with one's gender identity. Adult only households, regardless of marital status, should have equal access to projects (if these project types are not available within a CoC, the CoC should conduct an assessment to determine if these project types are needed and work with providers to accommodate the need). Please see Equal Access Rules here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1991/equal-access-to-housing-final-rule/</p> <p><i>All interviewed staff were able to verbally describe how project meets the standard for equal access. A policy of fair housing is documented in project policies.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Access 4	Admission process is expedited with speed and efficiency	<p>Projects have expedited admission processes, to the greatest extent possible, including helping participants obtain documentation required by funding sources, as well as processes to admit participants regardless of the status of their eligibility documentation whenever applicable.</p> <p><i>The admissions process is not specified on how it is expedient or how it really works. Staff reported that ID is required for admission, but agency staff assist participants in obtaining ID. One staff stated on average it takes 60 days to get someone in, while another staff member reported they did not know because they don't handle admissions. Another staff member reported that after units become available, applicants on the waiting list are moved into a unit within 2-3 days.</i></p>	Always	Somewhat	Somewhat
Access 5	Intake processes are person-centered and flexible	<p>Intake and assessment procedures are focused on the individual's or family's strengths, needs, and preferences. Projects do not require specific appointment times, but have flexible intake schedules that ensure access to all households. Assessments are focused on identifying household strengths, resources, as well as identifying barriers to housing that can inform the basis of a housing plan as soon as a person is enrolled in the project.</p>	Always	Somewhat	Somewhat

<p><i>All staff state it is person centered and flexible but no service plans were presented to show that this was really the case. Assessments do not identify household strengths or preferences, but the assessments do identify applicant resources and barriers. Staff report there is flexibility in scheduling intake.</i></p>					
Access 6	The provider/project accepts and makes referrals directly through Coordinated Entry	<p>Projects actively participate in the CoC-designated Coordinated Entry processes as part of streamlined community-wide system access and triage. If these processes are not yet implemented, projects follow communities' existing referral processes. Referrals from Coordinated Entry are rarely rejected, and only if there is a history of violence, the participant does not want to be in the project, there are legally valid grounds (such as restrictions regarding sex offenders) or some other exceptional circumstance that is well documented.</p> <p><i>The project takes referrals from the Athens CoC CE as well as referrals through the agency Homeless Day Center in Athens, GA. There does not appear to be a process in place for linking households experiencing homelessness in the BoS CoC counties to services. Agency keeps a waiting list for project that is primarily based on first come first served. Fleeing DV and overall age and health concerns of a client were stated as reasons an applicant may be prioritized. Applicants must be "a client of Advantage" in order to enroll in the program. VI-SPDAT assessments must be completed by agency staff.</i></p>	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat
Access 7	Exits to homelessness are avoided	<p>Projects that can no longer serve particular households utilize the coordinated entry process, or the communities' existing referral processes if coordinated entry processes are not yet implemented, to ensure that those individuals and families have access to other housing and services as desired, and do not become disconnected from services and housing. Households encounter these exits under certain circumstances, such as if they demonstrate violent or harassing behaviors, which are described within agencies' regulation-adherent policies.</p> <p><i>Staff reported that exits to homelessness are avoided. However, there were no documented policies and procedures for this standard.</i></p>	Always	Somewhat	Somewhat
Name		Participant Input Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Participant Input 1	Participant education is ongoing	<p>Project participants receive ongoing education on Housing First principles as well as other service models employed in the project. In the beginning of and throughout tenancy, participants are informed about their full rights and responsibilities as lease holders, including the potential causes for eviction.</p> <p><i>Participants do not receive ongoing specific education on housing first principles. Participants receive education regarding program services offered, rules and regulations of the program, and eviction prevention upon entry to the program. Further education regarding eviction prevention is offered when a participant violates a rule/regulation.</i></p>	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat
Participant Input 2	Projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to offer input	<p>Input is welcomed regarding the project's policies, processes, procedures, and practices. Opportunities include involvement in: quality assurance and evaluation processes, a participant leadership/advisory board, processes to formally communicate with landlords, the design of and participation in surveys and focus groups, planning social gatherings, integrating peer specialists and peer-facilitated support groups to compliment professional services.</p> <p><i>Project administers a participant feedback survey 1-2x/year. Project has a peer on staff. Agency policy states that a Board sub-committee has a seat reserved for an individual with lived experience of homelessness.</i></p>	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat



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	Standard	Lease and Occupancy Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Leases 1	Housing is considered permanent (not applicable for Transitional Housing)	Housing is not time-limited (though rent assistance may be) and leases are automatically renewable upon expiration, except with prior notice by either party. <i>Project meets this standard.</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 2	Participant choice is fundamental	A participant has, at minimum, choices in deciding the location and type of housing based on preferences from a range of housing types and among multiple units, as available and as practical. In project-based settings, participants should be offered choice of units within a particular building, or within the portfolio of single site properties. In projects that use shared housing, i.e. housing with unrelated roommates, participants should be offered choice of roommates, as available and as practical. Additionally, as applicable, participants are able to choose their roommates when sharing a room or unit. <i>Project tries to provide choice in geographic location, but the number of apartment communities the agency is partnered with is limited. Project staff state that if a participant wants to move to a different housing community due to concerns about relapsing on substances, they will be moved as soon as possible to a new community.</i>	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat
Leases 3	Leases are the same for participants as for other tenants	Leases do not have any provisions that would not be found in leases held by any other tenant in the property or building and is renewable per the participants' and owner's choice. People experiencing homelessness who receive help moving into permanent housing should have leases that confer the full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections under Federal, state, and local housing laws. For transitional housing, there may be limitations on length of stay, but a lease/occupancy agreement should look like a lease that a person would have in the normal rental market. <i>Project participants have occupancy agreements that are different from leases provided to other tenants. Occupancy agreements are tied to program specific requirements.</i>	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat
Leases 4	Participants receive education about their lease or occupancy agreement terms	Participants are also given access to legal assistance and encouraged to exercise their full legal rights and responsibilities. Landlords and providers abide by their legally-defined roles and responsibilities. <i>Participants receive education about the terms of their occupancy agreement upon entry into the program. Staff reported having partnerships with area legal aid organizations and stated the agency has an attorney on retainer.</i>	Always	Somewhat	Somewhat
Leases 5	Measures are used to prevent eviction	Property or building management, with services support, incorporates a culture of eviction avoidance, reinforced through practices and policies that prevent lease violations and evictions among participants, and evict participants only when they are a threat to self or others. Clear eviction appeal processes and due process is provided for all participants. Lease bifurcation is allowed so that a tenant or lawful occupant who is a victim of a criminal act of physical violence committed against them by another tenant or lawful occupant is not evicted, removed or penalized if the other is evicted.	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat

		<i>There is an eviction prevention program to assist participants. According to agency policies, participants must abide by all rules and regulations of the project and can be evicted for not following the rules. Project staff state that most evictions are due to non payment of rent even though the participant has income, and for damaging the unit.</i>			
Leases 6	Providing stable housing is a priority	Providers engage in a continued effort to hold housing for participants, even if they leave their housing for short periods due to treatment, illness, or any other temporary stay outside of the unit. <i>Providers are able to hold units for participants for 90 days.</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 7	Rent payment policies respond to tenants' needs (as applicable)	While tenants are accountable to the rental agreement, adjustments may be needed on a case by case basis. As necessary, participants are given special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements. <i>Participants are provided with an eviction prevention plan due to non payment of rent. Participants are given reasonable time to pay arrears.</i>	Always	Always	Always



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	Standard	Services Definition / Evidence	Say it	Document it	Do it
Services 1	Projects promote participant choice in services	<p>Participants are able to choose from an array of services. Services offered are housing focused and include the following areas of support: employment and income, childhood and education, community connection, and stabilization to maintain housing. These should be provided by linking to community-based services.</p> <p><i>Project participants are offered an array of services from the agency. Project staff reported that participants cannot keep a clinical team (therapist/psychiatrist) from outside the agency and must utilize agency clinical services. It is unclear if linkages to community-based services are consistently offered to participants (case notes do not provide enough description regarding interventions provided during participant meetings).</i></p>	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat
Services 2	Person Centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process	<p>Person-centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process</p> <p><i>Person-centered planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process according to agency policy. Project staff report that service planning is driven by the participants. Service plans were not provided for review.</i></p>	Always	Always	Somewhat
Services 3	Service support is as permanent as the housing	<p>Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing.</p> <p><i>Project staff report that services offered by the project are permanently available and accessible.</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Services 4	Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement	<p>Wherever possible, participants continue to be offered services even if they lose their housing unit or bed (for congregate projects), or if they are placed in a short-term inpatient treatment. Ideally, the service relationship should continue, despite a service hiatus during some institutional stays.</p> <p><i>One staff member stated services will continue service up to 90 days if the participant leaves the program. Another staff member stated it is ongoing no matter what program they are in though he does state they do not provide services when the participant is in an inpatient facility.</i></p>	Somewhat	Always	Somewhat
Services 5	Participant engagement is a core component of service delivery	<p>Staff provide effective services by developing relationships with participants that provide immediate needs and safety, develop trust and common ground, making warm hand-offs to other mainstream service providers, and clearly explain staff roles. Engagement is regular and relationships are developed over time.</p>	Always	Always	Somewhat

		<p><i>Peer staff are available. Project staff state that they take time to build relationships with participants upon intake. Staff stated that the goal is for staff to have four interactions with participants per month, two contacts in person and two contacts via phone. Now due to staff shortages they are probably down to one in person contact per month. Participants can switch case workers. The case notes did not fully reflect engagement as a core component of service delivery.</i></p>			
Services 6	Services are culturally appropriate with translation services available, as needed	<p>Project staff are sensitive to and support the cultural aspects of diverse households. Wherever possible, staff demographics reflect the participant population they serve in order to provide appropriate, culturally-specific services. Translation services are provided when needed to ensure full comprehension of the project. Projects that serve families with children should have family-friendly rules that allow for different schedules based on work and school hours and have services that allow parents to participate in activities without having to constantly supervise their children themselves (i.e. can use the bathroom or take a shower without their children being in the bathroom with them).</p> <p><i>Project staff stated that some agency staff could use more cultural competency training. Staff reported that staff demographics represent the target population.</i></p>	Always	Always	Somewhat
Services 7	Staff are trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies (including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed approaches, strength-based)	<p>Services support a participant's ability to obtain and retain housing regardless of changes in behavior. Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy, such as recognizing that substance use and addiction are a part of some participants' lives. Participants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding their behavior and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices.</p> <p><i>Training on evidenced based practices are not offered on an annual basis, but some project staff report having had some training in the past. Harm reduction and trauma informed care are listed in agency policy manual as embedded in agency "philosophy." Likewise, project staff reported that housing first is embedded into project "philosophy" although there is no formal staff training on housing first.</i></p>	Somewhat	Always	Somewhat
	Standard	Housing Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Housing 1	Housing is not dependent on participation in services	<p>Participation in permanent and temporary housing settings, as well as crisis settings such as emergency shelter, is not contingent on participating in supportive services or demonstration of progress made on a service plan. Services must be offered by staff, but are voluntary for participants.</p> <p><i>Occupancy agreement requires participation in supportive services and monthly meetings with a case manager.</i></p>	Somewhat	Not at all	Somewhat
Housing 2	Substance use is not a reason for termination	<p>Participants are only terminated from the project for violations in the lease or occupancy agreements, as applicable. Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or participation in services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from drugs or alcohol (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer of treatment may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing brief here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/</p> <p><i>Project policies do not list substance use as a reason for termination from the project. Agency policies and procedures state that the project follows a harm reduction model. Project staff report that issues related to substance use has led to evictions.</i></p>	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat
Housing 3	The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights	<p>Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe and stable communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the project at all hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets.</p>	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat

Participants are provided a written copy of their rights, including a complaint process. Taken as a whole, the project occupancy agreement/addendums, eviction prevention policy, and rules/regulations leverage the potential for eviction as a means to encourage participant behavioral compliance within the program. Occupancy agreement terms are for only one month and can be terminated with 30 days notice.

Housing 4

Participants have the option to transfer to another project

Transfers should be accommodated for tenants who reasonably believe that they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains in the same unit. Whenever possible, transfers occur before a participant experiences homelessness.

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Always

Always

Project has a VAWA addendum to the occupancy agreement. Staff report that a participant can transfer units one time due to threats of gender based violence; however, if the participant discloses the location once they are moved, they will not be allowed to move units again.



Housing First Standards

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

Standard	Project -Specific Standards	Say It	Document it	Do it
Project 1	<p>Quick access to PSH assistance</p> <p>A permanent supportive housing project ensures quick linkage to a unit and wrap around services, based on participant needs, preferences, and resource availability.</p> <p><i>Participants are placed on a waiting list after intake. Unit availability is faster for one bedrooms versus 2-4 bedrooms. Project staff report that the number of partnerships with landlords has declined over time due to landlords having problems with tentants in other agency rapid rehousing programs.</i></p>	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat
Project 2	<p>PSH is focused on ending homelessness for those with the most severe barriers to maintaining housing</p> <p>Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of permanent supportive housing is to end homelessness for people with the most severe service needs and help participants stay housed, regardless of other perceived barriers.</p> <p><i>Project policy states that participants must be homeless and have a disability in order to be eligible for the program. Some units are reserved for individuals who are chronically homeless. Agency keeps a waiting list for project that is primarily based on first come first served. Fleeing DV and overall age and health concerns of a client were stated as reasons an applicant may be prioritized.</i></p>	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat
Project 3	<p>Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management</p> <p>In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communications and meetings regarding Participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy.</p> <p><i>Leases for the units are held between the agency and the property. Occupancy agreements are between the agency and the participant. Project staff will advocate with landlords on behalf of participants.</i></p>	Always	Somewhat	Somewhat
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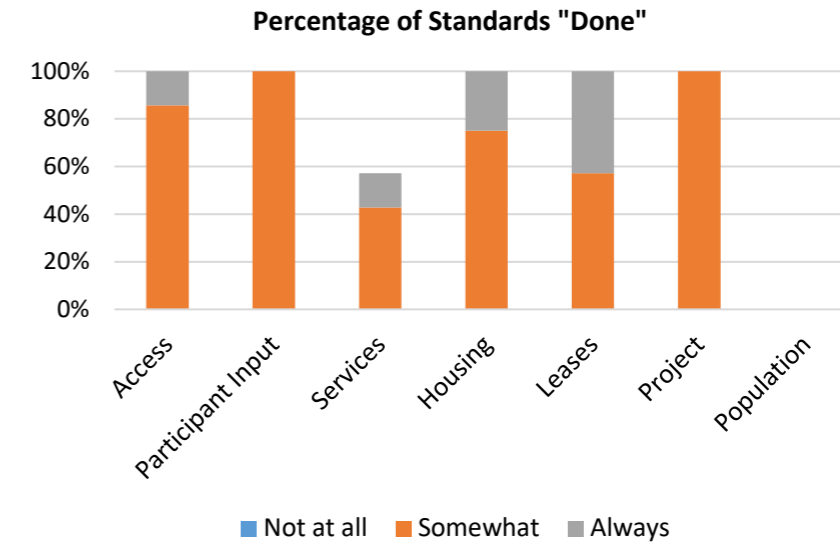
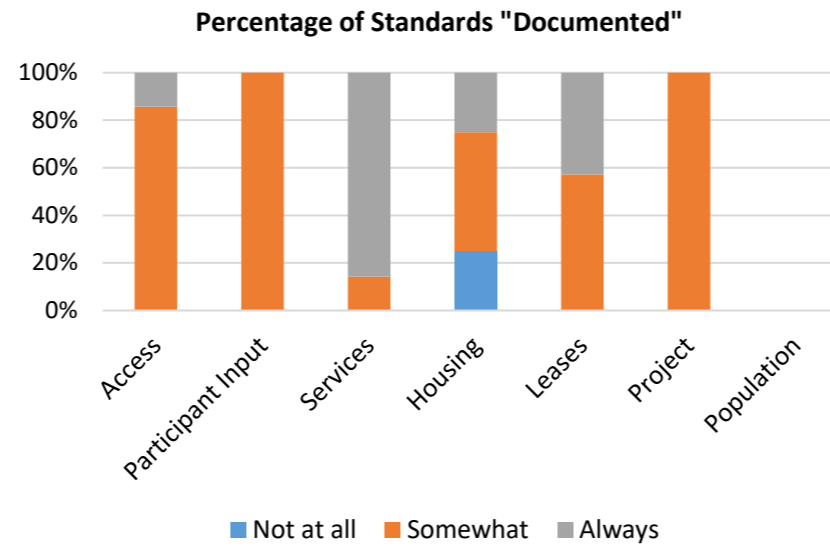
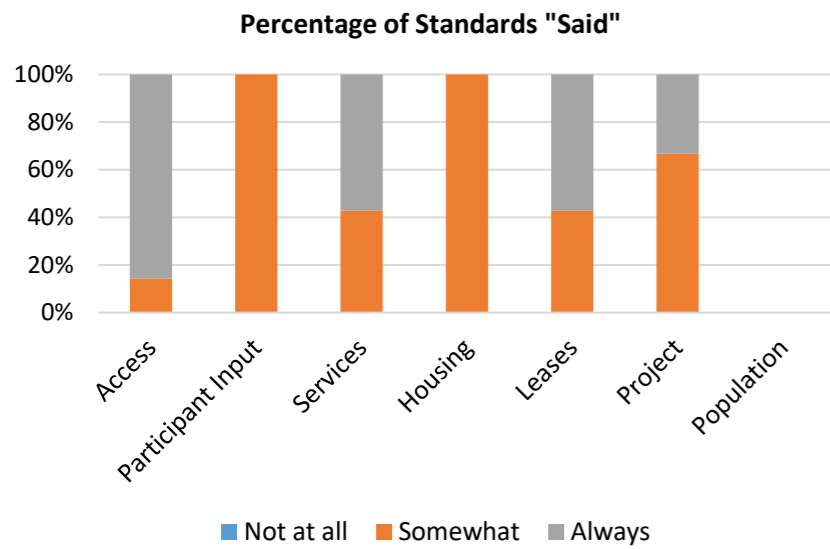
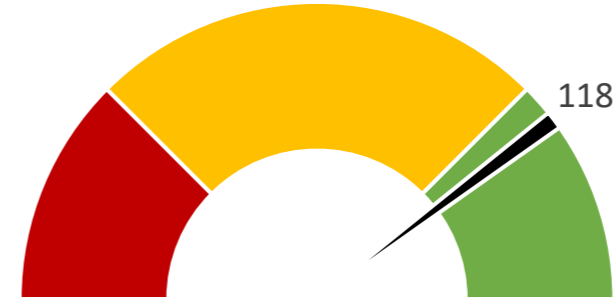


Housing First Standards: Assessment Summary

Advantage Behavioral Health System
25-Oct-24

Your score: 118
Max potential score: 180

Score is calculated by awarding 1 point for standards answered 'sometimes' and 2 points for standards answered 'always'. Categories that are not applicable for your project are not included in the maximum potential score.



Non-Compliant Standards ("Not at all" to Whether Standard is Said)

Category No. Name Standard

Non-Documented Standards ("Not at All" to Whether Standard is Documented)

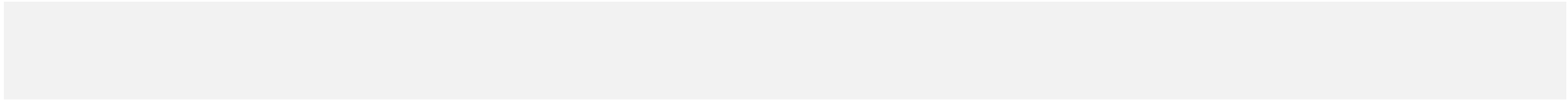
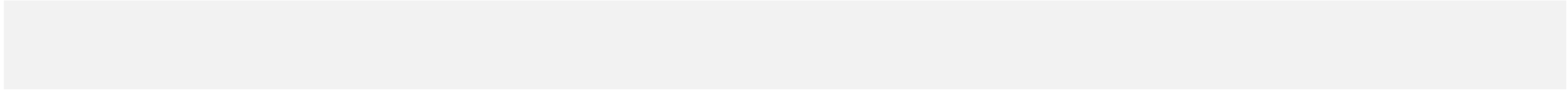
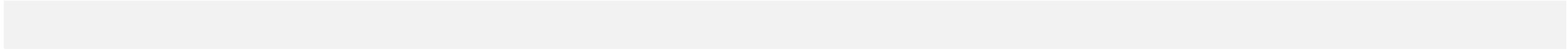
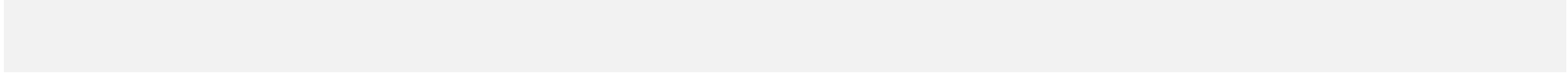
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Housing	1	Housing is not dependent on participation in services	Participation in permanent and temporary housing settings, as well as crisis settings such as emergency shelter, is not contingent on participating in supportive services or demonstration of progress made on a service plan. Services must be offered by staff, but are voluntary for participants.
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Occupancy agreement requires participation in supportive services and monthly meetings with a case manager.



	0	0	0	0	Participants receive education about the terms of their occupancy agreement upon entry into the program. Staff reported having partnerships with area legal aid organizations and stated the agency has an attorney on retainer.	Leases	0
Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat	1	0	Property or building management, with services support, incorporates a culture of eviction avoidance, codified through practices and policies that prevent lease violations and evictions among participants, and evict participants only when they are a threat to self or others. Clear eviction appeal processes and the process is provided for all participants. Lease forfeiture is allowed so that a tenant or lawful occupant who is a victim of criminal act of physical violence, committed against them by another tenant or lawful occupant is not evicted, removed or penalized if the other is evicted.	Leases	There is an eviction prevention program to assist participants. According to agency policies, participants must abide by all rules and regulations of the project and can be evicted for not following the rules. Project staff state that most evictions are due to non-payment of rent even though the participant has income, and for damaging the unit.
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Always	Always	Always	0	0	Providing stable housing is a priority	Leases	Providers are able to hold units for participants for 90 days.
	0	0	0	0	Providers are able to hold units for participants for 90 days.	Leases	0
Always	Always	Always	0	0	Rent payment policies respond to tenants' needs (as applicable)	Leases	Participants are provided with an eviction prevention plan due to non-payment of rent. Participants are given reasonable time to pay arrears.
	0	0	0	0	Participants are provided with an eviction prevention plan due to non-payment of rent. Participants are given reasonable time to pay arrears.	Leases	0
Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat	1	0	Quick access to PSH assistance	Project-specific	Participants are placed on a waiting list after intake. Unit availability is faster for one bedroom versus 2-4 bedrooms. Project staff report that the number of partnerships with landlords has declined over time due to landlord having problems with tenants in other agency rapid rehousing programs.
	0	0	0	0	Participants are placed on a waiting list after intake. Unit availability is faster for one bedroom versus 2-4 bedrooms. Project staff report that the number of partnerships with landlords has declined over time due to landlord having problems with tenants in other agency rapid rehousing programs.	Project-specific	0
Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat	2	0	PSH is focused on ending homelessness for those with the most severe barriers to maintaining housing	Project-specific	Project policy states that participants must be homeless and have a disability in order to be eligible for the program. Some units are reserved for individuals who are chronically homeless. Agency keeps a waiting list for project that is primarily based on first come first served. Housing DV and overall age and health concerns of a client were stated as reasons an applicant may be prioritized.
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Always	Somewhat	Somewhat	0	0	Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services case management	Project-specific	Leases for the units are held between the agency and the property. Occupancy agreements are between the agency and the participant. Project staff will advocate with landlords on behalf of participants.
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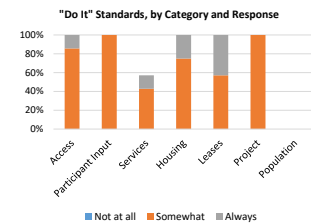
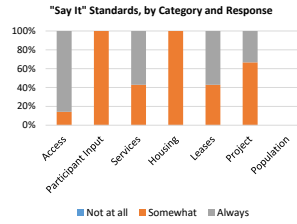


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Supportive Housing Standards Rating		Pointer	
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End	25		
Max	100		

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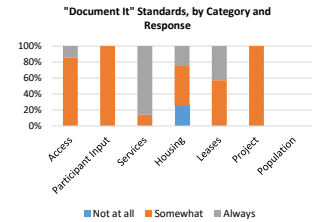
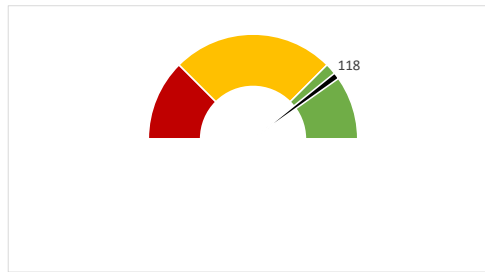
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Coordinated entry	16	12	16	12
Street outreach	16	12	16	12
Emergency shelter	27	23	27	23
Transitional housing	34	30	34	30
Rapid rehousing	34	30	34	30
Permanent supportive housing	34	30	34	30

Max answer score (for 'always') 6 3 categories (say, document, do) x 2 max points for 'always'

Answer Numbers	With special pop		Without special pop	
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Coordinated entry	96	72	96	72
Street outreach	96	72	96	72
Emergency shelter	162	138	162	138
Transitional housing	204	180	204	180
Rapid rehousing	204	180	204	180
Permanent supportive housing	204	180	204	180

Project type	Permanent Supportive Housing	3
Special population	None of the above	0

Evaluation max score 180





Assumptions for the standards

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Project standards								
Standards	Coordinated Entry	Street Outreach	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Rapid Rehousing	Permanent Supportive Housing	Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Rehousing	
Title	Coordinated Entry does not screen people out for perceived barriers	Projects screen for health and safety needs	Focus of emergency shelter is on safe and responsive temporary shelter	Quick access to TH assistance	Quick access to RRH assistance	Quick access to PSH assistance	Quick access to RRH assistance	
Project 1	Coordinated Entry does not screen people out for assistance due to perceived barriers related to housing or services, including but not limited to, too little or no income, active or a history of substance use, domestic violence history, criminal linkage to other services, the type or extent of disability-related services or supports that are needed, or criminal justice history.	Outreach projects screen people, but not limited to, as soon as possible for critical health and safety needs, providing immediate response to people with the most severe needs.	Participants and staff understand that the primary goal of an emergency shelter is to provide temporary accommodation that is safe, respectful, and responsive to individual needs and that participants are offered permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.	A transitional housing project ensures quick linkage to a unit and services based on participant choice.	A Rapid Rehousing project ensures quick linkage to rapid rehousing assistance, based on participant choice.	A permanent supportive housing project ensures quick linkage to a unit and wrap-around services based on participant needs, preferences, and resource availability.	A Rapid Rehousing project ensures quick linkage to rapid rehousing assistance, based on participant choice.	PSH is focused on ending homelessness for those with the most severe barriers to maintaining housing
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Title	Process to assess project-level policies and alert CoC	Street outreach projects are focused on providing access to housing and services	Housing comes first	Transitional housing is focused on safe and quick transition to permanent housing	RRH services support people in maintaining their housing	PSH is focused on ending homelessness for those with the most severe barriers to maintaining housing	RRH services support people in maintaining their housing	
Project 2	Written policies and procedures exist to determine which projects have project-level policies that screen out "high barrier" households, and the steps that the coordinated entry provider will take to alert the CoC of these projects, thereby enabling the CoC to take steps to assist these projects in adopting Housing First principles.	Participants and staff understand that the primary goal of street outreach is to provide access to temporary housing and services and to re-housing participants in permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers. Street outreach projects reflect the low barrier orientation of the Coordinated Entry process.	If a temporary shelter placement is made, assessment and planning for permanent housing placement begins as quickly as possible. People who are unsheltered are not required to first enter an emergency shelter in order to access permanent housing placement assistance and enter permanent housing.	Participants and staff understand that the primary goal of transitional housing are to provide temporary accommodations that are safe, respectful, and responsive to individual needs, address the service needs of participants, and re-house participants in permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of other personal issues or concerns, and as desired by the participant. Participation in transitional housing services does not inhibit participants from moving to permanent housing when they choose to. Assessment and planning for permanent housing placement begins as soon as the individual or family expresses a desire to transition to permanent housing.	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of rapid rehousing is to end homelessness and move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of permanent supportive housing is to end homelessness for people with the most severe service needs and help participants stay housed, regardless of perceived barriers.	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of rapid rehousing is to end homelessness and move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of rapid rehousing is to end homelessness and move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.
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Title	RRH as a bridge to permanent supportive housing	Street outreach is linked to Coordinated Entry	TH projects provide appropriate services	TH projects provide appropriate services	Provides continuously assess a participant's need for assistance	Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management	Providers continuously assess a participant's need for assistance	
Project 3	Rapid Re-Housing is made available to serve as a bridge to other permanent housing options as that person with high service needs or vulnerabilities can be housed more quickly. (See HHD's Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Brief here: https://www.hackensacknj.gov/resources/documents/Rapid-Re-Housing-Brief.pdf)	Written policy and procedures detail a process by which street outreach staff ensure that persons encountered on the streets are offered the same standardized process as persons assessed through street-based access points. Outreach teams are coordinated, trained, and have the ability to engage and quickly connect people experiencing homelessness to the local coordinated entry process in order to apply for and obtain permanent housing. Based on the CoC's decision about how street outreach is incorporated into the assessment process, street outreach projects must comply with the CoC's decision.	No additional standards	TH projects provide appropriate services to meet the participant's health and safety needs (e.g., persons in early recovery, domestic violence survivors); those who need special accommodations when there are no permanent housing solutions available (with or without supportive services) or when the participant chooses transitional housing. Services are not required in order to participate in housing.	On an ongoing basis, providers assess a participant's needs for continued assistance and provide tailored assistance based on those assessments.	In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communication and meetings regarding participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy.	On an ongoing basis, providers assess a participant's needs for continued assistance and provide tailored assistance based on those assessments.	On an ongoing basis, providers assess a participant's needs for continued assistance and provide tailored assistance based on those assessments.
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Title	Street outreach continuously engages those experiencing homelessness and on the street	Street outreach continuously engages those experiencing homelessness and on the street	Housing comes first	Housing comes first			Transitional housing is focused on safe and quick transition to permanent housing	
Project 4	No additional standards	Through continuous engagement strategies, a street outreach project provides quick linkage to housing and services when a person is ready to engage.	No additional standards	No individuals or families, including those who are unsheltered, are required to enter a transitional housing project in order to access permanent housing placement assistance and enter permanent housing.	No additional standards	No additional standards	Participants and staff understand that the primary goal of transitional housing are to provide temporary accommodations that are safe, respectful, and responsive to individual needs, address the services needs of participants, and re-house participants in permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of other personal issues or concerns, and as desired by the participant. Participation in transitional housing services does not inhibit participants from moving to permanent housing when they choose to. Assessment and planning for permanent housing placement begins as soon as the individual or family expresses a desire to transition to permanent housing.	
			Type notes here, if required				Type notes here, if required	
Title	Street Outreach engagements inform the community's efforts to improve their crisis response system	Street Outreach engagements inform the community's efforts to improve their crisis response system	TH projects provide appropriate services	TH projects provide appropriate services				
Project 5	No additional standards	Communities use street outreach engagements with those on the street and in encampments to understand and remove barriers to those accessing the crisis response system.	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	TH projects provide appropriate services to meet the participant's health and safety needs (e.g., persons in early recovery); domestic violence survivors; those who need special accommodations when there are no permanent housing solutions available (with or without supportive services) or when the participant chooses transitional housing. Services are not required in order to participate in housing.	
		Type notes here, if required					Type notes here, if required	
Title	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	
Project 6	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	

Project standards			
	Youth and Young Adults	People in Recovery	Domestic Violence Survivors
Title	Services are offered	Recovery housing is offered as one choice among other housing opportunities	Participant safety is a priority at all points of engagement and in all planning processes
Project 1	Services are focused on ensuring that youth transition to independence.	Connection to recovery housing reflects individual choice for this path toward recovery. Abstinence-only spaces are incorporated into a Housing First model wherever possible, thus providing this type of recovery option to those who choose it. Recovery supports are offered, particularly connections to community-based treatment options.	Led by the survivor, a safety plan is developed that includes an assessment of danger, particular points of vulnerability, and best approaches to increasing safety.
	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required
Title	Projects include positive youth development principles	Services include relapse support	Survivor-driven advocacy is available
Project 2	Youth projects should include positive youth development orientation. Positive youth development builds on strengths and resiliency. By focusing on strengths and assets, rather than what might be "wrong," youth are empowered and are equipped to make positive decisions.	Housing and services include relapse support that does not automatically evict or discharge a participant from the project for temporary relapse. Relapse support might include referrals to outpatient treatment or direct provision of outpatient services or the ability to hold a unit for a certain period of time (30-90 days) while the participant undergoes residential treatment.	The unique needs and strengths of each individual survivor and their children are taken into account with regard to the types of services that are available and offered. Project uses flexible and survivor-focused approaches to overcome barriers survivors may face in accessing services through traditional models.
	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required
Title	Staff use harm reduction practices and approaches	Services support sustained recovery	Housing stability is a priority
Project 3	Youth models employ a harm reduction and recovery orientation, including those developed for youth and young adults with substance use and additional needs. Projects may make abstinence-based models available for youth and young adults, however, the choice should be with the participant, not with the project.	Recovery housing projects provide services that align with participants' choice and prioritization of recovery, including but not limited to abstinence from substances of that is a personal goal, long-term permanent housing stability, and stable income through employment or benefits. Support is offered through connections to community-based treatment options.	Providers support survivors and their children to remain or obtain safe, stable housing. Survivors choose the type of housing and location of housing. Housing is located in an area that is considered safe from the abusive relationship.
	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required	Type notes here, if required
Title	Project design accounts for the age of youth and young adults to be served		
Project 4	Developmentally appropriate project design ensures that project entry and on-going participation is not predicated on behaviors or experiences that youth and young adults may not currently have or if they were older would not result in consequences. For example, projects should accept and allow continued participation for youth who do not have income or immediate prospects of income because their age has not allowed them the opportunity to gain employment.	No additional standards	No additional standards
	Type notes here, if required		

None of the above



Housing First Standards Assessment Tool

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Assessor Notes: A cell below each individual standard allows the assessor to add optional notes about the information collected for that particular standard. The notes can include where information was found, what questions were asked, who answered the questions, what additional information is needed to be able to mark that standard as “Always”, “Sometimes,” or “Not at all”.

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

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Local Competition Scoring Tool

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2024 Local Comp Scoring Legend (Objective, System Performance, Severe Barriers, Lived Experience, & Racial & Ethnic Equity Criteria)

	Performance Criteria Form	Team Scoring Form	TOTAL	Max Points	% by Type	w/out 60 pts bonus	w/out 60 pts bonus
				Avail.		Points Avail.	%
Objective Criteria	172	26	198	365	54%	305	65%
System Performance	91	18	109	365	30%	305	36%
Severe Barriers	15	3	18	365	5%	305	6%
Racial & Ethnic Equity (ID of participation barriers/tracking progress) & Partnering w/Lived Exp	0	25	25	365	7%	305	8%
Review Team Scoring (line 46)							

Review Team Scoring (line 46)	Points Available	Category Points Available
CoC Priority (10 PSH/5 RRH)	10	10
Project Summary	3	
Objective 1A: End Chronic Homelessness	9	3**
Objective 1B (a): Entry Criteria	5	5
Objective 1B (b): Criteria for Termination	5	5
Objective 2: Increase Housing Stability	6	6
Objective 3: Part 1 (A)- Earned Income	4	4
Objective 3: Part 2 (B)- Increased Income Stayers	4	4
Objective 3: Part 3 (C)- Increased Income Leavers	4	4
Objective 4: Increase # Mainstream Benefits	6	6
Racial & Ethnic Equity (ID of participation barriers)	15	15
Racial & Ethnic Equity (Tracking Progress/Eval.)	5	5
Partnering w/Lived Expertise	5	5
Total Points Available for Renewal Project Review Team Scoring	81	72

**Objective 1A: End Chronic Homelessness

1/3 VI-SPDAT Process; 1/3 priorities clients based on written standards (CES); & 1/3 accepts clients with MH

2024 Renewal Project Performance Criteria (All Project Types)	Points Available
1. Spending all grant funds awarded for last grant award period	5
1a. All Projects quarterly draw from LOCCS	3
2. Project Utilization Units/Clients [Review App or APR (Q07b & Q08b avg)]	5
7. Program has dedicated beds/units for serving chronically homeless. Current Projects will be scored on dedicated chronic and DedicatedPLUS beds compared with clients being served by the project. Must meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless.	5
7a. Program serves persons who are chronically homeless. Current Projects will be scored on number served by the project. Must meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless.	10
8. Program targets/serves Veterans- Current Projects: will be scored on clients being served by the project. Applica. & verified w/APR (Q05a Veterans)	5
9. Program targets/serves Youth-headed HHs- Current Projects: will be scored on clients served by the project. Applica. & verified w/APR (Q05a Parenting Youth or Q11)	5
11. ALL Programs: At least one Adult per household w/previous residence indicating literal homelessness (project eligibility). Q15: Living Situation. (Enrollments between 7/1/23 & 6/30/24) - Data includes adults entering from Literal/PSH/Institution.	8
12b. Renewal Programs: Participants w/Non Cash Mainstream Benefit Sources [RRH adult leavers with '1+ sources of noncash benefits'/total adult leavers] - [Q20b] / [PSH review leavers and stayers same] - Q20b]	8
14. Coordinated Entry Participation: Non-Implementation Sites - HMIS shows participants being assessed using VI-SPDAT / Implementation Sites - HMIS shows projects participating & accepting referrals from Lead Agency	10
16. Variance in Length of Stay (Leaver HHs) to reflect Written Standards requirement of no pre-determined length of stay	5
17. Housing First: Projects utilize Housing First model. Projects prioritize rapid placement & stabilization in permanent housing & have no service participation requirements or preconditions.	5
18. Low Barrier Projects: Projects are low barrier projects (allows entry to program participants that includes: low or no income, current or past substance use, criminal records—with the exceptions of restrictions imposed by federal, state or local law or ordinance, and history of domestic violence).	5
20. Non-GHFA PSH Current Applicants: Monitoring-HUD Findings OR	4
20a. GHFA PSH Current Applicants: Monitoring-DCA Findings	4
21. CoC Participation: Attended BoS CoC Statewide Meeting (December 2023, March 2024, June 2024), 2024 Symposium, CoC Governance (board or committee mbr), or 2024 PIT Coordinator	10

22a. Timeliness Data Entry & Annual Assessments: Q6: 5% or less Starts; Q6 5% or less for Exits (each); AND Q4 5% or less for Annual Assessment errors (DCA/HMIS Data Quality Report for Q6 & Q4) = Extra point if 3 days or less start AND 5% or less annual errors	(# of 3, 3pt each plus possible extra pt)10
23. Match (With the exception of leasing, all agencies must demonstrate match resource equal to at least 25% of the total requested HUD funding (No match required for leasing.)	5
25. Bonus Points: Continuum of Care PSH Priority (current PSH program)	30 = PSH
26. Bonus Points: Point in time Coordinator – Bonus points available to project applications submitted by an agency that served as a coordinator for the Point in Time Count in January 2024.	10
27. Coordinated Entry Implementation - Project critical & currently managing the Assessment, prioritization & referral process for CES Implementation	20
Subtotal Objective Criteria	172
4. PH Programs: Housing Stability [PSH % PH persons who remained in program as of end of year OR exited to permanent destination during year] - APR Q05 & Q23c / Q05 exits Positive Exits & Stayers OR RRH Q23c exits Positive Exits	20
5. Length of Time btwn Start Date & Move-in Date: Avg days spent from project entry to residential move-in 7/1/2023-6/30/2024 (APR Q22c)	15
6. Return to Homelessness: Percentage of participants who exited to perm. destination 7/1/2021-6/30/2022 that returned to homelessness	15
12. Renewal Programs: Increase in Earned Income for Adults [adults who gained or increased 'earned income' from start to annual assess/exit] - APR - Q19a2	10
12a. Renewal Programs: Increased Income from All sources [% of persons age 18 or older who gained or increased total income from Start to Annual Assessment/Exit] APR - Q19a2	10
13. Renewal Programs: Leavers who exit housing or program to homelessness or unknown [leavers exited to 'literally homelessness', 'temporary destinations', or 'Don't know/refused'/all leavers] - [APR - Q23a & Q23b]	11
22. HMIS Data Quality: <5% DKR/Missing (DCA/HMIS Data Quality Report for Q2-Q7)	(# of 5, 2pt each) 10
Subtotal System Performance	91
10. Program serves people who have special needs or high barriers to housing - Applica. verified w/APR (Disability=Q13; DV=Q14a & Q14b; Youth= Q05a & Q27b)	10
15. Acceptance of Participants Without Income (% adults 18 or older entering without earned income. SSI, or SSDI) [% with this income at entry where 70% or less = 5 points] -Q18	5
Subtotal Barriers	15
3. Cost Effectiveness (Annual # HH/Annual Grant Amount)	0
19. Policies and Procedures: Rapid Placement in Housing without preconditions. – Policies support placement into permanent housing without preconditions for income, work effort, sobriety, or any other factor (other than state/federal-mandated exceptions),	10
**Timeliness of Application Submission - Late submissions of the review application for renewal projects will lose 5% points avail each wrking day late.	late -5% per day
Total Renewal Performance Criteria Points Available (assigned to score type w/bonus)	288

	Points Available
Maximum Points Available - Renewal Projects	
Renewal Performance Priority Scoring Criteria Form - General Points	224
2024 Renewal Project Review Team Scoring Form	81
Renewal Performance Priority Scoring Criteria Form - Bonus Points	60
Total	365

NEW Projects (RRH, PSH & Joint TH-RRH)	Points Available
Threshold	
Agency Capacity	20
Homeless & PSH Experience	20
Leasing, Rental Assistance, Services & HMIS Experience	5
Monitoring Findings or Concerns	4
Utilization of Current CoC Funding	5
Program Description (& Expansion if applicable)	8
Estimated Schedule (capacity to implement)	3
Housing First Model	3
Housing First Entry Criteria	8
Housing First Cause for Termination	8
Determinations by Project Type (Prioritization Chronic)	6
Coordinated Entry Participation	9
Educational liaison	5
Permanent Housing Stability	5
Increase in Employment &/or Income	10
Supportive Services	5
Prioritization (Veterans or Unaccompanied Youth)	5
Racial & Ethnic Equity	10
Experience working w/ BIPOC, LGBTQ, people with Disabilities	10
Partnering w/People with Lived Expertise	10
Housing Stability Outcome (target)	4

Income Outcome (target)	4
Budget	10
Match	5
Leveraging	9
Bonus: Veteran Prioritization (100% dedicated)	5
Bonus: Youth-Headed HH Prioritization (100% dedicated)	5
Bonus: Leveraging Housing Resources	7
Bonus: Leveraging Healthcare Resources	7
Bonus: 2024 PIT Homeless Count Coordinator	10
Bonus: Coord. Entry (Org Managing Implementation)	20

Total NEW Project Review Application Points Available

Application Points	191
Bonus Points	54
Maximum Points Available	245

	NEW Project Team Scoring Points	Max Points Avail.	% by Type	w/out 54 pts bonus Points Avail.	w/out 54 pts bonus %
Objective Criteria	103	245	42%	191	54%
System Performance Criteria	23	245	9%	191	12%
Severe Barriers Criteria	23	245	9%	191	12%
Racial & Ethnic Equity (ID of participation barriers/tracking progress)	30	245	12%	191	16%

2024 Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Review Team Scoring
Renewal Projects ONLY (Non-YHDP)

Reviewer Name: _____ Date: _____

Organization Name: _____

Project Name: _____ HUD Project Type: PSH or RRH

General Information

General Information	Possible Points	Score
Balance of State CoC Priority: Serving people with the highest needs and longest histories of homelessness for existing new and renewal PSH is a priority for funding.	Permanent Supportive Housing = 10 Rapid Re-Housing = 5	
TOTAL (10 points maximum)		

Project Overview and Priority Alignment

As specified in the Governance Charter, the BoS CoC has aligned itself with the HUD Strategic Plan, as well as with the USICH Plan. While much of the scored information will be taken from agency and project HMIS APR data, agencies were asked to respond to questions, addressing the various objectives of the CoC.

Project Overview and Priority Alignment	Possible Points	Score
Project Summary (3 possible total points)	Response is clear and concise and gives a complete picture of the project = 3 Response gives an adequate description of project, but leaves a few unanswered questions = 1 Response unclear and leaves unanswered questions about purpose of project = 0	
Objective 1-A: Increase Progress towards Ending Chronic Homelessness Assessment, Prioritization, & Acceptance into project of people with highest needs. (9 possible points)	Agencies were required to answer "Yes" or "No" to each response and to provide an explanation to support EACH answer. Points are not automatic; if explanation is not provided and/or does not back up answer award zero points. Checklist- A-C: Yes (and response fully addresses and clearly demonstrates requirement is being met) = 3 points No (or response does not fully address or does not demonstrate requirement is being met) = 0 points Agencies were required to explain and discuss: a) process of assessing clients using the appropriate VI-SPDAT, or participation in a local Coordinated Entry implementation (as it relates to assessment), b) how the project prioritizes clients as outlined in the CoC Written Standards and Coordinated Entry Written Standards Policies and Procedures, or participation in a local Coordinated Entry implementation (as it relates to prioritization of clients and project acceptance of clients through the referral process) for this	

	<p>program, and c) program entry requirements and restrictions for homeless persons to access and be accepted into this program. Agencies <i>not</i> providing a complete response may not receive full points (A-C). (9 possible total points)</p>	
<p>Objective 1-B: Serving People with the Highest Barriers to Housing (&/or Special Needs)</p> <p>HUD is looking for projects that serve those people with most need and who would be most resistant to service. Projects are expected to reduce and remove barriers to accessing services, program acceptance and entry and continued program participation, in an effort to serve that population.</p> <p>(10 possible points)</p>	<p>Applicants were asked to identify a) which of the listed criteria does NOT have a bearing on whether a client was or was not accepted into their project and b) which of the listed criteria does NOT have a bearing on whether a client was or was not terminated from their project:</p> <p>a. Which criteria was selected as NOT having a bearing on whether a client is accepted into project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having too little income = checked or not checked (barrier) • Active or history of substance abuse = checked or not checked (barrier) • Having a criminal record (with exception of state/federal mandated restrictions) = checked or not checked (barrier) • History of victimization (domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse) = checked or not checked (barrier) • None of the above = All are a barrier to enter project <p>No barriers = 5 points 1 or 2 barriers = 2 points 3 or more barriers = 0 points</p> <p>(5 possible total points for A)</p> <p>b. Which criteria does NOT have a bearing on whether a client is terminated from project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to participate in supportive services = checked or not checked (barrier) • Failure to make progress on a service plan = checked or not checked (barrier) • Loss of income or failure to improve income = checked or not checked (barrier) • Any other activity not covered in a typical lease agreement = checked or not checked (may be possible barrier) • None of the above = All are cause for termination <p>No barriers (outside of state/federal mandated restriction) = 5 points 1 or 2 barriers = 2 points 3 or more barriers = 0 points</p> <p>(5 possible total points for B)</p> <p>Explanation- Agencies were required to explain responses for both “a” and “b” for criteria that will prohibit clients from being accepted into this project, or be cause for termination from, this project. Agencies that indicate barriers that are not mandated may not receive full points (A or B).</p>	<p>Part 1 score (A)</p> <p>Part 2 score (B)</p>

Objective 2: Increase Housing Stability	Performance 85% or above meets the standard 84% or below does not meet the standard	
Standard Baseline: 85% PSH Application answer for E [(c+d)/a x 100 = %] RRH Application answer for D (c/b x 100 = %) (6 possible points)	Explanation (6 possible points) Project is meeting or exceeding the standard and response on how they will continue to maintain or exceed is clear and concise = 6 Project performance is 79%-84%, and response on how they will work to meet it is clear and concise = 4 Project performance is 78% or lower, and response on how they will work to meet it is clear and concise = 2 Project is not meeting the standard, and response doesn't address how they will work to improve performance = 0	

Objective 3: Increase Project Participant Income Standard Baselines: Total Earned Income is 20% and Total Increased Income is 54% Earned Income (ALL) <i>Application answer for E</i> Increased Income Stayers (ALL) <i>Application answer for H</i> Increased Income Leavers (ALL) <i>Application answer for K</i> (12 possible points total/4 each)	Applicants were asked to report on Performance for a) Earned Income and b) Increased Income Part 1 (A): A. Total Earned Income is at 20% or above meets the standard Total Earned Income is less than 20% does not meet the standard 20% or higher = 4 points 15%-19% = 2 points 14% or less = 0 points (4 possible total points for A [Earned Income]) Part 2 (B): B. Total Increased Income is at 54% or above meets the standard Total Increased Income is less than 54% does not meet the standard 54% or higher = 4 points 49%-53% = 3 points 35%-48% = 2 points 34% or less = 0 points (4 possible total points for B [Increased Income stayers]) Part 3 (C): C. Total Increased Income is at 54% or above meets the standard Total Increased Income is less than 54% does not meet the standard 54% or higher = 4 points 49%-53% = 3 points 35%-48% = 2 points 34% or less = 0 points (4 possible total points for C [Increased Income Leavers])	Part 1 score (A) Part 2 score (B) Part 3 score (C)
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	<p>Explanation-</p> <p>Agencies were required to explain responses for “a,” “b,” and “c” as to the steps that agency has in place to assist participants in increasing income. Projects with zero client turnover during the reporting period should describe client progress in meeting the objective to maintain or improve income for participants. Agencies <i>not</i> providing a complete response may not receive full points (A, B, or C).</p>	
<p>Objective 4: Increase the Number of Participants Obtaining Mainstream Benefits</p> <p>RRH and PSH Standard Baseline: 80%</p> <p><i>Application answer for C (A/B X 100 = %)</i></p> <p>(6 possible points)</p>	<p>Performance</p> <p>80% or above meets the standard</p> <p>Below 80% does not meet the standard</p> <p>Explanation (6 possible points)</p> <p>Project is meeting the standard and response on how they will continue to maintain or exceed is clear and concise = 6</p> <p>Project performance is 50-79% and response on how they will work to meet it is clear and concise = 4</p> <p>Project performance is 49% and lower and response on how they will work to meet it is clear and concise = 2</p> <p>Project is not meeting the standard, and response does not address how they will work to improve performance = 0</p>	
<p>Racial & Ethnic Equity (Identification of barriers to participation)</p> <p>(Question 10-a, Financial & Project Information section)</p> <p>(15 possible points)</p>	<p>Response is clear and concise, gives a complete picture of the specific plan to identify barriers to participation in this project and steps taken (or steps that will be taken) to eliminate identified barriers = 15</p> <p>Response is clear and concise and adequately describes specific plan to identify barriers to participation in this project and steps taken (or steps that will be taken) to eliminate identified barriers = 10</p> <p>Response includes a plan to identify barriers to participation and steps to eliminate barriers, but leaves unanswered questions = 5</p> <p>Response is unclear or incomplete = 0</p> <p>(15 possible points)</p>	
<p>Racial & Ethnic Equity (Tracking progress and evaluating)</p> <p>(Question 10-b, Financial & Project Information section)</p> <p>(5 possible points)</p>	<p>Response is clear and concise, gives a complete picture of key performance indicators to evaluate and track progress = 5</p> <p>Response is clear and concise and provides some method of tracking and evaluating progress = 3</p> <p>Response is unclear or incomplete = 0</p> <p>(5 possible points)</p>	
<p>Partnering with</p>	<p>Response is clear and concise and gives a complete picture of how the</p>	

<p>people with lived Experience/expertise</p> <p>(Question 11)</p> <p>(5 possible points)</p>	<p>project will partner with people with lived experience/expertise in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project = 5</p> <p>Response gives an adequate description how the project will partner with people with lived experience/expertise in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project = 3</p> <p>Response gives an incomplete description how the project will partner with people with lived experience/expertise in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project = 1</p> <p>Response does not describe how the project will partner with people with lived experience/expertise in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project = 0</p>	
<p>TOTAL (81 points maximum)</p>		

General Information Point Total (10 possible points):

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Project Overview and Priority Alignment (71 possible points):

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TOTAL POINTS (81 maximum points):

**2024 Georgia BoS CoC Project Performance & CoC Priority Scoring Criteria
Renewal Projects Only (Non-YHDP)**

Applicant Agency _____

HUD Project Name _____

HUD Project Type:

Permanent Supportive Housing Rapid Re-Housing

For APR data requested within the application, agencies should use data (covering the period of 7/1/2023-6/30/2024) from the HUD APR from SAGE and the HUD Data Quality Report from HMIS (submission of both reports is required). For the APR, Applicants will need to pull the data from HMIS and then upload the CSV-APR into Sage using the Test Run function in order to create the required report. Please note that renewal projects that consolidated one or more grants under the 2023 competition should run an APR in HMIS for the combined projects, so that when the CSV-APR is uploaded into Sage, it will produce an APR for the combined data. Newly awarded 2022 or 2023 projects operational for less than a year will automatically receive the median points awarded for like projects on performance where applicable, and bonus points will be scored regularly. Those points will then be averaged with that project’s original application score.

Project Threshold Criteria	Scoring	Reviewer Score	Reviewer Notes
Agency demonstrates they have the capacity to carry out and implement the project proposed. Eligible renewing projects are considered to have met threshold unless other information is available to the contrary.	Pass/Fail		

Performance Criteria	Standard / Goal	Points Available	Scoring	Data Source	Review Score
1. ALL Projects - Spending all grant funds awarded for last grant award period. [Total of all funds expended/total funds awarded by HUD for most recently completed operating year]	Spending 100% of Award or Proposed Project Implementation	5	95% or > spent = 5 90-94% spent = 4 85-89% spent = 3 80-84% spent = 2 <80% = 0* *may be subject to reduction	Application, LOCCS report, or HUD Qtrly Spending Report	
1-a. ALL Projects – Quarterly Draw Downs from LOCCS. [Funds are drawn down from LOCCS every 90 days or less once the contract was executed]	Funds drawn down every 90 days or less.	3	90 days or less = 3	Provider report from LOCCS	
2. ALL Projects – Project Utilization Units/Clients [% of unit utilization for housing programs]	Unit/Client Utilization 100% Or Capacity to fully utilize program	5	95% or > = 5 90-94% = 4 85-89% = 3 80-84% = 2 51-79% = 0 Projects at 50% or less = -20 (and may be subject to reduction or reallocation)	Review Application or APR Q07b & Q08b	

3. Cost Effectiveness Annual number of households served/Annual Grant Amount	TBD	N/A	N/A		
Subtotal Grant / Utilization		13			
Program Performance Criteria	Standard / Goal	Points Available	Scoring	Data Source	Review Score
4. PH Programs: Housing Stability for clients served in the reporting period of the last APR submitted to HUD. [% PH persons who remained in the PH program as of end of year OR exited to PH during year]	85%	20	85% or > = 20 80-84% = 15 75-79% = 5 Below 75% = 0	APR PSH: Q05a & Q23c / Q05a exits or RRH: Q23c / Q05 exits	
5. Length of Time between Project Start Date & Move-in Date: On average, days participants spend from project entry to residential move-in during 7/1/2023-6/30/2024. Clients should be entered into project in HMIS when services begin.	30 days	15	30 or < = 15 60 or < = 7 90 or < = 3 91 or more = 0 Records where move in and start date is the same will be excluded	APR Q22c or HMIS data	
6. Returns to Homelessness: Percentage of participants who exited 7/1/2021-6/30/2022 to a permanent destination that returned to homelessness.	15% or less	15	15% or less = 15 16%-20% = 7 21% or more = 0	DCA (HMIS data)	
Subtotal Housing Stability		50			
7. ALL Programs: Program has dedicated beds/units for serving persons who are chronically homeless. <u>Current Projects</u> will be scored on dedicated chronic beds and DedicatedPLUS.	100%	5	100% = 10 70-99% = 7.5 50-69% = 5 30-49% = 2.5 Less than 30% = 0	Application/ HIC & verified w/APR/Data Quality Report (HMIS data)	
7a. ALL Programs: Program serves persons who are chronically homeless. <u>Current Projects</u> will be scored on chronically homeless served.	100%	10	100% = 10 50-99% = 7.5 30-49% = 4.5 10-29% = 2.5 Less than 10% = 0	APR/Data Quality Report (HMIS)	
8. ALL Programs: Program targets/serves Veterans. <u>Current Projects</u> will be scored on adults being served by the project.	100% HHs w/adult Veteran	5	100% = 10 70-99% = 7.5 50-69% = 5 25-49% = 2.5 Less than 25% = 0	Applica., & verified w/APR	
9. ALL Programs: Program targets/serves Youth-headed Households. <u>Current Projects</u> will be scored on percentage of youth-	100% Youth-headed HHs	5	100% = 10 70-99% = 7.5 50-69% = 5 25-49% = 2.5	Applica., & verified w/APR (HMIS Data)	

headed households served by the project.			Less than 25% = 0		
10. ALL Programs: Program serves persons who have special needs or high barriers to housing. (disabilities, victims of domestic violence, and youth households (adults 18-24)	100%	10	100% = 10 70-99% = 7 40-69% = 5 Less than 40% = 0	Applica. & verified w/APR (Q13, Q14 or Q27)	
11. ALL Programs: At least one Adult per household w/previous residence that indicates literal homelessness (project eligibility). Enrollments between 7/1/2023-6/30/2024.	100%	8	100% = 8 Projects 75% or less -8 (and may be subject to lower ranking or reallocation)	APR Data/HMIS Data [Q15]	
Subtotal Homeless & Special Needs		43			
12. ALL Programs: Increase in Earned Income for Adults [adults who gained or increased 'earned income' from Start to Annual Assessment or Exit/ adults	8%	10	8% or > = 10 4-7% = 4 Less than 3% = 0	APR [Q19a2]	
12a. ALL Programs: Increased Income from All Sources [% of persons age 18 or older who gained or increased total income from Start to Annual Assessment/Exit]	54%	10	54% or > = 10 49-53% = 8 40-48% = 6 35-39% = 3 Below 35% = 0	APR [Q19a2]	
12b. ALL Programs: Participants with Non-Cash Mainstream Benefit Sources RRH Projects – % leavers with '1+ source of non-cash benefits' at exit/total leaving adults] PSH Projects – % of stayers and leavers with '1+ source of non-cash benefits' at latest assessment	75% or >	8	75% or > = 10 60-74% = 7.5 45-59% = 4 44% or below = 0	APR [RRH - Q20b & PSH - Q20b]	
13. Renewal Programs: Leavers who exit housing or program to homelessness or unknown [leavers exiting to "", "", 'literally homeless', 'temporary destinations', or 'don't know/refused'/all leavers]	10% or less	11	10% or < = 11 11-14% = 7 15-20% = 5 Over 20% = 0	APR [Q23c]	
14. Coordinated Entry Participation:	Non-Implementation	10	Yes for 100% = 10	DCA HMIS Data	

<p>Projects in non-Implementation Sites: HMIS shows participants are being assessed using the VI-SPDAT for prioritization</p> <p>Projects in Implementation Sites: HMIS shows Projects are participating and accepting referrals from the Lead Agency</p>	<p>Sites: VI-SPDAT for 100% Enrollments</p> <p>Implementation Sites: 100% Participation AND 95% Referral Acceptance Rate</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>10</p>	<p>100% of project enrollments referred from CES = 5 points AND 95% or more CES referral acceptance rate = 5 points</p>		
<p>15. Acceptance of Participants Without Income % of adults 18 or older entering project without earned income, SSI, or SSDI</p>	<p>70% or less have income at entry</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>70% or < = 5 Over 70% = 0</p>	<p>DCA HMIS Data [APR Q18]</p>	
<p>16. Variance in Length of Stay Variance in length of stay for Leavers to reflect Written Standards requirement that project responsive to client needs and not a predetermined length of stay for all participants</p>	<p>Variance in Length of time for Leaver HHs</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Yes = 5 None or Minimal = 0</p>	<p>Length of Stay, Avg & Median Length of Stay / APR / Policies</p>	
Subtotal Performance		59			
<p>17. Housing First: Projects must utilize the Housing First model. Projects must prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and have no service participation requirements or preconditions.</p>	<p>100%</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Yes (with supporting docs) = 5 No = 0 Project previously committed to 100% where applicant indicates it will not continue as Housing First will not receive these points and may be placed at the bottom of Tier 2.</p>	<p>App, Certification, & Supporting Documents Addendum</p>	
<p>18. Low Barrier Projects: Project applications must be low barrier projects, meaning project allows entry to program participants that includes: low or no income, current or past substance use, criminal records—with the exceptions of restrictions imposed by federal, state or local law or ordinance, and history of domestic violence.</p>	<p>100%</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Yes (with supporting docs) = 5 No = 0 Project previously committed to 100% where applicant indicates it will not continue as Housing First will not receive these points and may be placed at the bottom of Tier 2.</p>	<p>App, Certification, & Supporting Documents Addendum</p>	

19. Policies and Procedures: Rapid Placement in Housing without preconditions. – Policies have been updated to support placement into permanent housing without preconditions for income, work effort, sobriety, or any other factor (other than state/federal-mandated exceptions).	Yes or No	10	Yes = 10 No = 0	Policies & Procedures	
Subtotal Housing First		20			
20. Non-GHFA Project Applicants - Monitoring – HUD Findings or	No Unresolved Findings or Concerns	4 or	See table below	HUD Monitoring Report and Responses	
20a. GHFA PSH Project Applicants - Monitoring – DCA Findings	No Unresolved Findings or Concerns	4	See table below	/DCA Monitoring Report and responses	
Subtotal Compliance		4			
21. CoC Participation: Attended BoS CoC Statewide Meeting (December 2023, March 2024, June 2024), Attended DCA’s 2024 Housing Symposium, Participates in BoS CoC Governance (Board member or Committee member participation), or as 2024 Point in Time Coordinator.	Yes or No	10	Yes = 10	DCA list	
22. HMIS Data Quality: [Q2 – Q7 less than 5% per question] (Applicants that are not a current CoC grantee & not currently using HMIS may submit data from a comparable HMIS system.)	<5%	10	5% or less = 2 > 5% = 0 each question	HMIS HUD Data Quality Report or APR [Q06a-06f]	
22a. Timeliness of Data Entry & Annual Assessments: [Q6 & Q4 less than 5% per question] Timely data entry for participant starts, exits, & annual assessments	100%	10	80% or more 3 days or less Start and Exit = 3 points each 50% or more 4-10 days Start and Exit = 1 point each 5% or less Annual Assessment errors = 3 points Additional point (1) if 3 days or less Start and Exit AND 5% or less annual assess errors	HMIS HUD Data Quality Report [Q6 & Q4] or APR [Q06e & Q06c]	

Subtotal: CoC Participation & HMIS Data Quality		30			
23. Match (Cash or In-Kind Resources) With the exception of leasing, all agencies must demonstrate match resources equal to at least 25% of the total requested HUD funding.		5	Well defined = 5 Acceptable = 3 Unacceptable = 0	Applica.	
Subtotal: Match		5			
Total Points Available for Performance Criteria (listed on this form)		224			
Total Points Available for Review Team Outcome Criteria (Addendum criteria scoresheet)		81			
Total Possible Points**		305			
25. Bonus Points: Continuum of Care Permanent Supportive Housing Priority. Bonus points available for permanent supportive housing programs that provide housing to people who are homeless with a disability.	100%	30	Current PSH program = 30	Application Project Type	
26. Bonus Points: Point in Time Count Coordinator – Bonus points available to project applications submitted by an agency that served as a Homeless Count Coordinator for the 2024 BoS Homeless Point in Time Count held in January 2024.	100%	10	Yes = 10 No = 0	DCA	
27. Bonus Points: Coordinated Entry Implementation – Project is critical and currently managing the assessment, prioritization, and referral process for a Coordinated Entry implementation.	Yes or No	20	Yes = 20 No = 0	DCA	
** Timeliness of Application Submission – Late submission of the review application, second submission package, or supporting documents will lose points. The rate will be <5% of the total SCORED points available in the competition for each working day that the application is late.	<5% of total points each working day the application is late	Depends on Submission on Date	1 Day Late = <5% total points available 2 Days Late = <10% total points available 3 Days Late = <15% <u>and</u> application may not be sent to review team for ranking (required for funding)	Based on date received at DCA.	
Total Points Received					

HUD/DCA Monitoring of CoC Program (point scale)	
Score	Findings
4	No Unresolved Monitoring Findings
2	Unresolved Monitoring Findings, but there is a clear and feasible corrective plan
0	Unresolved Findings with no plan or unclear plan

Notes:

1. Applicants must provide sufficient information to compete with other applicants under criteria, regardless of whether or not this information is required for the final application being submitted electronically to HUD.
2. In the event of a tie, decisions to be based upon funds requested/number served at capacity/serving a CoC priority population (chronic, Veterans, youth).
3. Review Team reserves discretion to award points between high and low ranges on Capacity, Outcome, and Match criteria.
4. Note that this criteria reflects CoC priorities as well as HUD priorities outlined in the FY 2024 NOFO. As a matter of information to applicants, the Balance of State CoC will be judged competitively on CoC Coordination and Engagement (84 points), Project Ranking, Review and Capacity (28 points), Homeless Management Information System (9 points), Point-In-Time Count (5 points), System Performance (60 points), and Coordination with Housing and Healthcare (14 points) – 200 total points possible.
5. The Balance of State CoC project renewal applications for HMIS and Coordinated Assessment have no impact upon the HUD score for the CoC application. Because of their importance to the CoC effort across the State, they will not be scored by the review panel and will be placed on the priority ranking within Tier 1. The CoC Planning grant is not part of the Tier ranking and does not impact the funding available to projects.
6. Project Applicants that believe they were not allowed to participate in a fair and open process and were rejected by the CoC have the right to appeal the rejection directly to HUD as outlined in the NOFO.
7. More information on Housing First can be found on the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness web site at: <https://usich.gov/guidance-reports-data/federal-guidance-resources/housing-first-checklist-assessing-projects-and>. It was also sent out by HUD through the SNAPS Weekly Focus series at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/sites/onecpd/assets/File/SNAPS-In-Focus-Why-Housing-First.pdf> and a Housing Brief at: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Housing-First-Permanent-Supportive-Housing-Brief.pdf>.
8. Competition information for the 2024 competition can be found in the HUD NOFO and at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition, <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>, and https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc.
9. The Final Rule on Defining “Chronic Homeless” published in December 2015, can be found at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/resources-for-chronic-homelessness/>.

2024 Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Review Team Scoring
NEW Projects (PSH, RRH, Joint TH-RRH, Expansion, or Other)
Annual Competition

Reviewer Name: _____ Date: _____

Organization Name: _____

Project Name: _____

HUD Project Type: PSH; RRH; Joint TH-RRH (is this for an Expansion or DV Bonus?)

Requested Amount (General Information Question 6): _____

Proposed Number of Individuals and/or Families to Serve
 (Total number of households, Question 5b, second chart): _____

Please read each application fully first before scoring. Each scoring section has the question from the application that applies specifically to that scoring criteria. As the individual point amounts may vary just slightly, please read each scoring criteria fully prior to assigning a score.

There is a “Comments/Scoring Rationale” box following the scoring chart in each section. It is important that reviewers are able to provide rationalization for each project scoring, therefore, please provide comments on scoring rationale.

Threshold Information

Threshold Statements	Yes/No	Score
1. PSH & RRH Agencies submitting new projects had 8 requirements to meet in order to be considered for this funding (Joint TH-RRH must also meet HUD minimum standards**).	All the requirements checked and/or addressed = Yes One or more of the requirements not checked or addressed = No	

Project Threshold Criteria	Scoring	Reviewer Score
Applicant meets HUD’s eligibility and threshold criteria.	Pass/Fail	
Applicant demonstrates adequate capacity to carry out grant (attachments required).*	Pass/Fail	
Project meets eligible costs or activities requirements.	Pass/Fail	
Project sufficiently demonstrates eligible populations will be served.	Pass/Fail	
Project shows required match & sufficient commitments for leveraging to implement project.	Pass/Fail	
Applicant does not have serious compliance or performance issues on current projects.	Pass/Fail	
Project demonstrates adequate impact or cost effectiveness.	Pass/Fail	
Project meets HUD Joint TH & PH-RRH Component Minimum Standards**	Pass/Fail	
Other, as identified by reviewers.	Pass/Fail	

Threshold Statements Comments

Agency Capacity*	Possible Points	Score
<p>Agency demonstrates they have the capacity to carry out and implement the project proposed.</p> <p><u>(20 possible points)</u></p> <p>New project applicants must sufficiently describe experience administering federally funded grants, and submit the most recent financial audit, IRS Form 990, and list of current board members. New projects should also adequately describe how project will reach full operational capacity. New project applications that do not demonstrate capacity to carry out project may be rejected by the review team.</p>	<p>Response is clear and concise; financial statements/IRS Form 990 are current (without concerns); board consists of volunteer/ diverse members; applicant has experience administering federal funds; and there are no match/ leveraging concerns for reaching capacity = 20 Excellent*</p> <p>Response is adequate; financial statements/IRS Form 990 are current (any concerns addressed); board consists of volunteer/ diverse members; applicant has experience administering government funds; and there are no match/leveraging concerns for reaching capacity = 15 Good</p> <p>Response unclear and leaves unanswered questions; financial statements and/or IRS Form 990 are not current (with concerns); board consists of local volunteer/diverse members; applicant has experience administering grant funds; and/or there are match/leveraging concerns for reaching capacity = 5 Adequate</p> <p>Response and required documentation does not demonstrate experience or capacity to carry out project = 0 (May be rejected by the review team)</p> <p>*Local government applicants (county or municipality) should receive full points for this criteria provided that match has been adequately demonstrated.</p> <p>Applicants with open (unresolved) monitoring findings or concerns from HUD, DCA, or any other governmental or foundation funder, that doesn't demonstrate a satisfactory corrective plan of action may lose additional points or be determined not to meet threshold.</p>	
TOTAL (20 points maximum)		
Agency Capacity Comments		

Proposed Project Information

Agency Experience	Possible Points	Score
<p>2. PSH: Homeless and Permanent Supportive Housing Experience</p> <p>RRH: Homeless and Rapid Re-housing Experience</p> <p>Joint TH-RRH: Unsheltered and Youth Homeless, Transitional Housing, and Rapid Re-housing Experience</p> <p>(Question 1a, 1b, 1c & 1d)</p> <p>(20 possible points)</p> <p>*Weighed heavily due to the importance of experience*</p>	<p>Response is clear and concise and gives a complete picture of the relevant experience of the applicant = 20</p> <p>Response gives an adequate description of related experience, but the experience is limited = 15</p> <p>Response gives an adequate description of experience, but leaves a few unanswered questions = 10</p> <p>Response unclear and leaves unanswered questions about the experience = 0</p> <p>Response does not describe experience working with people who are homeless and/or managing a similar program type (PSH, RRH, or TH-RRH) = 0</p>	
<p>3. Leasing, Rental, Support Services, and HMIS Experience</p> <p>(Question 1e)</p> <p>(5 possible points)</p>	<p>Response is clear and concise and gives a complete picture of the relevant experience of the applicant and potential subrecipients (if any), for all four aspects = 5</p> <p>Response gives an adequate description of related experience, but the experience is limited for one or two aspects = 3</p> <p>Response gives an adequate description of experience, but the experience is limited for three or four aspects = 2</p> <p>Response unclear and leaves unanswered questions about the experience = 0</p> <p>Response does not describe experience related to leasing, rental assistance, support services and/or HMIS = 0</p>	
<p>TOTAL (25 points maximum)</p>		
<p>Agency Experience Comments</p>		
Empty space for comments		

<p>4. Monitoring Findings or Concerns</p> <p>(Questions 1f & 1g)</p> <p>(4 possible points)</p>	<p>Agency has no open (unresolved) monitoring findings or concerns, and there are no outstanding Federal debts = 4</p> <p>Agency is currently working to address monitoring findings or concerns, but a response letter has not been received by applicant = 2</p> <p>Agency has open findings or concerns that aren't being addressed, or findings or concerns were of a serious financial or programmatic nature that causes capacity concerns = 0</p>	
<p>5. Full utilization of current CoC funding</p> <p>(Question 1h)</p> <p>(5 possible points)</p>	<p>Agency has current CoC funded project on pace for 100% spenddown =5</p> <p>Agency has current CoC funded project on pace for greater than 90% spenddown =2</p> <p>Agency does not have a current CoC funded project = 0</p> <p>Agency has current CoC funded project on pace for 75% or less spenddown = -5</p>	
<p>TOTAL</p> <p>(9 points maximum)</p>		
<p>Program Monitoring</p>		

General Description	Possible Points	Score
<p>6. Program Description</p> <p>(Question 2a and 3a)</p> <p>(8 possible points)</p> <p>(Each checked applicable box = 1 point)</p> <p>Proposed Project Expansions will need to fully demonstrate need (Question 3)</p>	<p>Response has a clear description of how the project meets the community need for housing (or expansion if applicable) = 1</p>	
	<p>Response has a clear description of the target population that will be served = 1</p>	
	<p>Response has a clear description of a plan to address the housing and support service needs of the participants = 1</p>	
	<p>Response has clear proposed outcomes, <u>and</u> the proposed outcomes seem reasonable = 1</p>	
	<p>Response includes a description of planned and established partnerships = 1</p>	
	<p>Response is clear in describing why CoC support is necessary for the project = 1</p>	
	<p>Response clearly describes the plan to reach full project capacity in a timely manner = 1</p>	
<p>7. Estimated Schedule</p> <p>(Question 2d)</p> <p>(3 possible points)</p>	<p>Applicant provided a complete timeline showing when the project implementation milestones will occur, and they seem reasonable = 3</p>	
	<p>Applicant provided a timeline showing when project implementation milestones will occur, but is missing 1 or 2 milestones or some of the milestones seem unrealistic = 2</p>	
	<p>Implementation timeline is unclear or project has some feasibility concerns = 0</p>	

<p>8. Housing First Model (Question 2e) (3 possible points)</p>	<p>Description of how the project will incorporate a Housing First model of housing assistance that prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing that does not have service participation requirements or preconditions is thorough and leaves no unanswered questions, and applicant selected “Yes” = 3 points</p> <p>Description is adequate but leaves some unanswered questions, and applicant selected “Yes” = 1 point</p> <p>Explanation is unclear or does not align with a Housing First design or applicant selected “No” = 0 points</p>	
<p>9. Housing First (Question 2f) (8 possible points)</p>	<p>Agencies were required to check each criteria that there would NOT be a policy or practice that would prevent project entry (other than state/federal-mandated exceptions) <u>and</u> to provide an explanation to support other requirements based on housing readiness. Projects that did not check one or more of the four barriers that would not prohibit participants from being enrolled in the project were required to provide an explanation. If explanation or other narratives indicate barrier is not one mandated by an outside authority, award zero points for related criteria.</p> <p>Award two points for each criteria that was selected for not being a barrier to project entry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having to little or little income: check = 2 • Active or history of substance abuse: check = 2 • Having a criminal record with exceptions for state/federal mandated restrictions: check = 2 • History of victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse): check = 2 • None of the above: check = 0 • Other requirements based on “housing readiness”: if satisfactory explanation can award 1 point for relevant barrier if 2 points weren’t awarded <p>Applicants that did not select any of the above policies/practices as not being a barrier for accepting a client into the project should describe the rules that would prevent entry into a project.</p>	
<p>10. Housing First (Question 2g) (8 possible points)</p>	<p>Agencies were required to indicate which, if any, factors that there would NOT be a policy or practice that would cause a client to be terminated from the project. Projects that did not check one or more of the four items, that would not be a cause for termination, were required to provide an explanation. If explanation or other narratives do not back up answer award zero points for related criteria.</p> <p>Award one point for each factor that was selected and not a cause for termination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to participate in supportive services: check = 2 • Failure to make progress on a service plan: check = 2 • Loss of income or failure to improve income: check = 2 • Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found for unassisted persons in the project’s geographic area: check = 2 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None of the above (see below): check = 0 <p>Applicants that did NOT select any of the above policies/practices for termination should describe rule violations that would cause a client to be terminated from the project and any corrective measures taken prior to termination.</p>	
<p>11. Determinations by Project Type</p> <p>PSH: Prioritization of Chronically Homeless</p> <p>RRH and Joint TH-RRH: Leasing and Rental Assistance Procedure</p> <p>SSO CE: Prioritization and Referral Process</p> <p>(Question 2h)</p> <p>(6 possible points)</p>	<p>PSH projects:</p> <p>Response clearly describes a plan for identifying and prioritizing the people with the most severe needs, <u>and</u> clearly explains the outreach process that will be used to engage people living on the streets and in shelter = 6</p> <p>Response describes a plan for identifying and prioritizing the people with the most severe needs, and explains the outreach process that will be used to engage people living on the streets and in shelter, but leaves some unanswered questions = 4</p> <p>Response describes a minimal plan for identifying and prioritizing the people with the most severe needs, and may or may not include an outreach process, and leaves unanswered questions = 1</p> <p>Response unclear, incomplete, or severity of needs not considered = 0</p> <p>RRH and Joint TH-RRH projects:</p> <p>Response is clear and describes a consistent plan regarding assistance = 6</p> <p>Response gives an adequate description of the assistance plan, but leaves unanswered questions= 3</p> <p>Response unclear or incomplete = 0</p> <p>SSO-CE projects:</p> <p>Response is clear and describes a consistent plan regarding prioritization = 6</p> <p>Response gives an adequate description of the prioritization plan, but leaves unanswered questions= 3</p> <p>Response unclear or incomplete = 0</p>	
<p>12. Coordinated Entry Participation</p> <p>(Question 2i)</p> <p>Assessment, Prioritization, & Eligibility Requirements</p> <p>(9 possible points)</p>	<p>Agencies were required to explain and discuss:</p> <p>a) plans to assess clients using the appropriate VI-SPDAT, or participate in a local Coordinated Entry implementation (as it relates to assessment) = 3 points if fully addressed and demonstrates requirement will be met</p> <p>b) how the project will work to ensure they are prioritizing people with the highest needs or participate in a local Coordinated Entry implementation (as it relates to prioritization of clients and project acceptance of clients through the referral process) = 3 points if fully addressed and demonstrates requirement will be met</p> <p>c) participant eligibility requirements around homelessness and disability (as applicable for PSH) for homeless persons to access and be accepted into this program = 3 points if fully met and demonstrates requirement will be met</p>	

	<p>Agencies <i>not</i> providing a complete response may not receive full points (A-C). Projects determined <i>not</i> willing to participate in the CoC’s Coordinated Entry System or <i>not</i> targeted for eligible populations may not meet threshold.</p> <p>Award three points for each criteria that fully addresses and clearly demonstrates each requirement will be met. (9 possible total points)</p>	
TOTAL (45 points maximum)		
General Description Comments		

Supportive Services	Possible Points	Score
13. Educational Liaison (job title, responsibilities, and services) (Question 4a) (5 possible points)	<p>Response identifies a job position that serves as the educational liaison, describes the roles of the position, and has a plan to ensure that children are enrolled in school, McKinney-Vento services, and other related programs = 5</p> <p>Response answers some of the above, but leaves unanswered questions = 3</p> <p>Response is unclear or incomplete = 0</p>	
14. Permanent Housing Stability (Question 4b) (5 possible points)	<p>Response is clear and concise, gives a complete picture of the plan to assist participants in remaining housed, and includes addressing the needs of the target population, through both case management and accessing outside services. Response should also clearly demonstrate proposed housing type meets the needs of participants, how project will work with landlords, assistance, and support to be provided to participants, and how project will work to help participants set goals. = 5</p> <p>Response is clear and concise, gives an adequate picture of the plan to assist participants in remaining housed, and includes addressing the needs of the target population, through both case management and accessing outside services. Response adequately demonstrates proposed housing type meets the needs of participants, how project will work with landlords, assistance and support to be provided to participants, and how project will work to help participants set goals = 4</p> <p>Response gives an adequate description of proposed plan, but does not address all points above = 3</p> <p>Response gives an adequate description, but leaves unanswered questions = 2</p> <p>Response unclear or incomplete = 0</p> <p>Projects proposed to exclusively serve victims of domestic violence should also describe safety planning to address the needs of participants.</p>	

<p>15. Increase in Income</p> <p>(Question 4c and 4c-1)</p> <p>(10 possible points)</p>	<p>Response is clear and concise, gives a complete picture of the specific plan to assist participants in increasing their employment and/or income, and includes addressing the needs of the target population, through both case management and coordination with mainstream service programs to ensure participants are assisted in accessing mainstream services. Response also addresses how the service delivery will result in increased employment and/or mainstream benefits, leading participants towards increased financial independence. = 10</p> <p>Response is clear and concise, gives an adequate picture of the specific plan to assist participants in increasing their employment and/or income, and includes addressing the needs of the target population, through both case management and coordination with mainstream service programs to ensure participants are assisted in accessing mainstream services. Response also addresses how the service delivery will result in increased employment and/or mainstream benefits, leading participants towards increased financial independence. = 7</p> <p>Response unclear or incomplete = 0</p> <p>Responses that do not include a specific plan to coordinate and integrate with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs and ensure participants are assisted to obtain benefits from mainstream programs for which they may be eligible will not meet HUD threshold requirements.</p>	
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<p>16. Supportive Services</p> <p>(Question 4d and 4e)</p> <p>(5 possible points)</p>	<p>Response indicates that at least 11 of 16 services will be offered/provided for the participants in order to implement a comprehensive program, and description of services is clear, frequency is often, and leaves no unanswered questions = 5</p> <p>Response indicates that at least 11 of 16 services will be offered/provided for the participants, but description of services is not clear, frequency is acceptable, or leaves some unanswered questions = 4</p> <p>Response indicates that 7-10 services will be offered/provided for the participants, and description of services is clear, frequency is acceptable, and leaves no unanswered questions = 3</p> <p>Response indicates that 7-10 services will be offered/provided for the participants, but description of services is not clear, frequency is questionable, or leaves some unanswered questions = 1</p> <p>Response indicates that less than 7 services will be offered/provided to the participants = 0</p>	
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TOTAL
(25 points maximum)

Supportive Services Comments

Supportive Services Comments

Housing Type and Location and Project Participants	Possible Points	Score
<p>17. Prioritization</p> <p>(Question 5b-5c)</p> <p>(5 points possible)</p> <p>New projects should sufficiently demonstrate need, targeting, and related partnerships (in the size and scope proposed).</p>	<p>Response fully demonstrates need and will dedicate units/beds for serving people who are veterans or unaccompanied youth at 100% = 5</p> <p>Response fully demonstrates need and will dedicate units/beds for serving people who are veterans, or unaccompanied youth at 70-99% = 4</p> <p>Response adequately demonstrates need and will dedicate units/beds for serving people who are veterans, or unaccompanied youth at 50-69% = 3</p> <p>Response adequately demonstrates need and will dedicate units/beds for serving people who are veterans, or unaccompanied youth at 30-49% = 2</p> <p>Response indicates no dedicated units/beds for prioritization and a low or no percentage of subpopulations, or response is unclear or incomplete = 0</p>	
<p>18. Racial & Ethnic Equity (Identification of barriers to participation)</p> <p>(Question 5d)</p> <p>(10 possible points)</p>	<p>Response is clear and concise, gives a complete picture of the specific plan to identify barriers to participation in this project and steps that will be taken to eliminate identified barriers = 10</p> <p>Response is clear and concise and adequately describes specific plan to identify barriers to participation in this project and steps that will be taken to eliminate identified barriers = 7</p> <p>Response includes a plan to identify barriers to participation and steps to eliminate barriers, but leaves unanswered questions = 3</p> <p>Response is unclear or incomplete = 0</p>	
<p>19. Experience working with BIPOC, LGBTQ populations, people living with disabilities</p> <p>(Question 5e)</p> <p>(10 possible points)</p>	<p>Response is clear and concise and gives a complete picture of the relevant experience of the applicant and potential subrecipients (if any), for all three populations = 10</p> <p>Response gives an adequate description of related experience, but the experience is limited for two populations = 7</p> <p>Response gives an adequate description of experience, but the experience is limited to 1 population group = 5</p> <p>Response is clear and strategies are viable but experience with the populations is limited or not present = 3</p> <p>Response does not describe experience nor strategy to working with any of these populations= 0</p>	

<p>20. Partnering with people with lived Experience/expertise</p> <p>(Question 5f)</p> <p>(10 possible points)</p>	<p>Response is clear and concise and gives a complete picture of how the project will partner with people with lived experience/expertise in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project = 10</p> <p>Response gives an adequate description how the project will partner with people with lived experience/expertise in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project = 7</p> <p>Response gives an adequate description how the project will partner with people with lived experience/expertise in 2 of the 3 phases, the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project = 5</p> <p>Response gives an incomplete description how the project will partner with people with lived experience/expertise in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project = 2</p> <p>Response does not describe how the project will partner with people with lived experience/expertise in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project = 0</p>	
<p>TOTAL (35 points maximum)</p>		
<p>Housing Type and Location and Project Participants Comments</p>		

Proposed Performance Measures	Possible Points	Score
<p>21. Housing Stability</p> <p>(Question 6a)</p> <p>(4 possible points)</p> <p>Standard Baseline = 85% of households</p>	<p>Response indicates that the project has a plan that is thorough and realistic that will help at least 85% of participants reach housing stability = 4</p> <p>Response indicates that the project has a less thorough or realistic plan to help 85% of participants reach housing stability = 2</p> <p>Response does address or adequately describe how project will help participants reach housing stability, or narrative notes an anticipated rate less than 85% of households = 0</p>	
<p>22. Income</p> <p>(4 possible points)</p> <p>Increase in Total Income (Question 6b)</p> <p>Standard Baseline = 54% of households</p>	<p>Response indicates that the project has a plan that is thorough and realistic that will help at least 54% of participant households increase income = 4</p> <p>Response indicates that the project has a less thorough or realistic plan to help at least 54% of participant households increase income = 2</p> <p>Response does not address or adequately describe how project will help participant households increase income = 0</p>	
<p>TOTAL (8 points maximum)</p>		

Proposed Performance Measures Comments

Budget	Possible Points	Score
23. Budget (Question 8) (10 possible points)	The budgets and rationale for the requested amounts are complete, accurate, and realistic, and leave no questions = 10 The budgets and rationale for the requested amounts complete, accurate, and realistic, but leave unanswered questions = 7 The budgets and rationale for the requested amounts are acceptable, but leave unanswered questions = 5 The budgets and rationale for the requested amounts are not clear, complete, accurate, or realistic, and/or leave too many unanswered questions = 0	
TOTAL		
(10 points maximum)		

Budget Comments

Project Match and Leveraging	Possible Points	Score
24. Match (Cash or In-Kind Resources)* New projects must demonstrate required match resources equal to at least 25% of the total requested HUD funding, including project and administrative costs. *New project applicants must attach agency commitments for match (specifically dedicated to this project).	Match: Well defined = 5 Acceptable = 3 Unacceptable = 0 (commitments required)	
25. Leveraging (Cash or In-Kind Resources)* The CoC goal for all leveraged resources 75% of the grant amount (above and beyond the match amount). For this section, agencies should have reported leveraged resources outside of the match resources listed above to insure no duplication. *New project applicants must attach agency commitments for leverage (specifically dedicated to this project).	Leveraging (outside of match): 75% or more = 9 50-74% = 6 40-49% = 3 Less than 40% = 0 (commitments required)	
TOTAL		
(14 points maximum)		

Match and Leveraging Comments

TOTAL APPLICATION POINTS (191 maximum points): _____

Bonus Points	Possible Points	Score
<p>Veteran Prioritization - Bonus points available to project applications that exclusively dedicate beds for Veterans. (5 possible points)</p>	<p>Yes = 5</p> <p>No = 0</p> <p>** Application **</p>	
<p>Youth Prioritization - Bonus points available to project applications that exclusively dedicate beds for youth-headed households (aged 18-24 yrs. old). (5 possible points)</p>	<p>Yes = 5</p> <p>No = 0</p> <p>** Application **</p>	
<p>Leveraging Housing Resources: PSH or RRH project will utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through ESG or CoC.</p> <p>For PSH at least 25% of the units included in project are subsidized by Non-CoC, Non-ESG source.</p> <p>For RRH at least 25% of program participants are served by Non-CoC, Non-ESG source.</p> <p>(Question 2b) (7 possible bonus points) *New project applicants must attach commitments for leverage (specifically dedicated to this project).</p>	<p>Applicant demonstrates partnerships exist at or above 25% = 7</p> <p>Applicant demonstrates partnerships exist, but 25% not demonstrated = 3</p> <p>No partnerships exist = 0</p> <p>(commitments required)</p>	
<p>Leveraging Healthcare Resources: PSH or RRH project that will utilize healthcare resources to help participants. Value of Healthcare services provided is equal to at least 25% of proposed funding requested. (Question 2c)</p> <p>(7 possible bonus points) *New project applicants must attach commitments for leverage (specifically dedicated to this project).</p>	<p>Applicant demonstrates partnerships exist at or above 25% = 7</p> <p>Applicant demonstrates partnerships exist, but 25% not demonstrated = 3</p> <p>No partnerships exist = 0</p> <p>(commitments required)</p>	
<p>Point in Time Coordinator – Bonus points available to project applications submitted by an agency that served as a homeless count coordinator for the Annual Point in Time Count conducted in January 2024.</p>	<p>Yes = 10</p> <p>No = 0</p>	

Coordinated Entry Implementation – Project proposed is critical and proposed by applicant currently managing the assessment, prioritization, and referral process for a Coordinated Entry implementation area. (20 possible bonus points)	Yes = 20 No = 0	
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TOTAL POSSIBLE BONUS POINTS (50 maximum points): _____

TOTAL APPLICATION POINTS (191 maximum) _____

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TOTAL BONUS POINTS (54 maximum) _____

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TOTAL POINTS (245) maximum) _____

Overall Comments, Concerns or Recommendations

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Scored Forms for One Project

- One Scored Project Application
 - CoC Renewal Performance Priority Scoring Criteria
 - CoC Renewal Review Team Scoring Criteria
- 2024 Scoring Legend (Objective, System Performance, Severe Barriers, and Racial & Ethnic Equity Criteria)

2024 GA BoS CoC Renewal Performance Priority Scoring Criteria



Georgia Balance of State NOFO Scoring 2024

Org Name ---->	Advocates for Bartow's Children, Inc.
Project Name --->	RRH Youth Project
Grant ID ----->	GA0370L4B012305
HMIS Project --->	Advoc Bartow Chld - RISE YOUTH RRH (COC-RRH-501)
HMIS ID ----->	21699

Q.N	Performance Criteria 2024 PH/PSH Renewal Projects	Total Points Possible	Value	Score
	Agency demonstrates they have the capacity to carry out and implement the project proposed.	0		
1	1. Spending all grant funds awarded for last grant award period	5	100%	5
1.a	1a. All Projects quarterly draw from LOCCS	3	yes	3
2	2. Project Utilization Units/Clients [Review App or APR (Q07b & Q08b avg)]	5	98%	5
3	3. Cost Effectiveness (Annual # HH/Annual Grant Amount)	0	\$11,754	
Subtotal Grant/Utilization		13		13
4	4. PH Programs: Housing Stability [PSH % PH persons who remained in program as of end of year OR exited to permanent destination during year] - APR Q05 & Q23c / Q05 exits Positive Exits & Stayers OR RRH Q23c exits Positive Exits	20	99	20
5	5. Length of Time btwn Start Date & Move-in Date: Avg days spent from project entry to residential move-in 7/1/2023-6/30/2024 (APR Q22c)	15	15.28	15
6	6. Return to Homelessness: Percentage of participants who exited to perm. destination 7/1/2021-6/30/2022 that returned to homelessness	15	16	7
Subtotal Housing Stability		50		42
7	7. Program has dedicated beds/units for serving chronically homeless. Current Projects will be scored on dedicated chronic and DedicatedPLUS beds compared with clients being served by the project. Must meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless.	5	n/a	0
	7a. Program serves persons who are chronically homeless. Current Projects will be scored on number served by the project. Must meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless.	10	0	0
8	8. Program targets/serves Veterans- Current Projects: will be scored on clients being served by the project. Applica. & verified w/APR (Q05a Veterans)	5	0	0
9	9. Program targets/serves Youth-headed HHS- Current Projects: will be scored on clients served by the project. Applica. & verified w/APR (Q05a Parenting Youth or Q11)	5	153	10
10	10. Program serves people who have special needs or high barriers to housing - Applica. verified w/APR (Disability=Q13; DV=Q14a & Q14b; Youth= Q05a & Q27b)	10	119	10
11	11. ALL Programs: At least one Adult per household w/previous residence indicating literal homelessness (project eligibility). Q15: Living Situation. (Enrollments between 7/1/23 & 6/30/24) - Data includes adults entering from Literal/PSH/Institution.	8	108	8
Subtotal Chronic Homelessness/Veterans/Special Needs		43		28.0
12	12. Renewal Programs: Increase in Earned Income for Adults [adults who gained or increased 'earned income' from start to annual assess/exit] - APR - Q19a2	10	50	10
12.a	12a. Renewal Programs: Increased Income from All sources [% of persons age 18 or older who gained or increased total income from Start to Annual Assessment/Exit] APR - Q19a2	10	58	10
12.b	12b. Renewal Programs: Participants w/Non Cash Mainstream Benefit Sources [RRH adult leavers with '1+ sources of noncash benefits'/total adult leavers] - [Q20b] / [PSH review leavers and stayers same] - Q20b]	8	87	10
13	13. Renewal Programs: Leavers who exit housing or program to homelessness or unknown [leavers exited to 'literally homelessness', 'temporary destinations', or 'Don't know/refused'/all leavers] - [APR - Q23a & Q23b]	11	2	11

14	14. Coordinated Entry Participation: Non-Implementation Sites - HMIS shows participants being assessed using VI-SPDAT / Implementation Sites - HMIS shows projects participating & accepting referrals from Lead Agency	10		10
15	15. Acceptance of Participants Without Income (% adults 18 or older entering without earned income, SSI, or SSDI) [% with this income at entry where 70% or less = 5 points] -Q18	5	42	5
16	16. Variance in Length of Stay (Leaver HHS) to reflect Written Standards requirement of no pre-determined length of stay	5	yes	5
Subtotal Performance		59		61.0
17	17. Housing First: Projects utilize Housing First model. Projects prioritize rapid placement & stabilization in permanent housing & have no service participation requirements or preconditions.	5	yes	5
18	18. Low Barrier Projects: Projects are low barrier projects (allows entry to program participants that includes: low or no income, current or past substance use, criminal records—with the exceptions of restrictions imposed by federal, state or local law or ordinance, and history of domestic violence).	5	yes	5
19	19. Policies and Procedures: Rapid Placement in Housing without preconditions. – Policies support placement into permanent housing without preconditions for income, work effort, sobriety, or any other factor (other than state/federal-mandated exceptions),	10		10
Subtotal Housing First		20		20
20	20. Non-GHFA PSH Current Applicants: Monitoring-HUD Findings OR	4	No Unresolved Findings	4
20.a	20a. GHFA PSH Current Applicants: Monitoring-DCA Findings	4		
Subtotal Compliance		4		4
21	21. CoC Participation: Attended BoS CoC Statewide Meeting (December 2023, March 2024, June 2024), 2024 Symposium, CoC Governance (board or committee mbr), or 2024 PIT Coordinator	10	Yes	10
22	22. HMIS Data Quality: <5% DKR/Missing (DCA/HMIS Data Quality Report for Q2-Q7)	(# of 5, 2pt each) 10	5	10
22.a	22a. Timeliness Data Entry & Annual Assessments: Q6: 5% or less Starts; Q6 5% or less for Exits (each); AND Q4 5% or less for Annual Assessment errors (DCA/HMIS Data Quality Report for Q6 & Q4) = Extra point if 3 days or less start AND 5% or less annual errors	(# of 3, 3pt each plus possible xtra pt)10		10
Subtotal CoC Participation & HMIS Data Quality		30		30
23	23. Match (With the exception of leasing, all agencies must demonstrate match resource equal to at least 25% of the total requested HUD funding (No match required for leasing.)	5	25%	5
Subtotal Match & Leveraging		5		5
Total Points (above criteria)		224		203.0
Total Points Available for Renewal Project Review Team Scoring		81		69.33
SUBTOTAL - Total SCORED Points		305		272.3
25	25. Bonus Points: Continuum of Care PSH Priority (current PSH program)	30 = PSH	RRH	0
26	26. Bonus Points: Point in time Coordinator – Bonus points available to project applications submitted by an agency that served as a coordinator for the Point in Time Count in January 2024.	10	No	0
27	27. Coordinated Entry Implementation - Project critical & currently managing the Assessment, prioritization & referral process for CES Implementation	20	No	0
	**Timeliness of Application Submission - Late submissions of the review application for renewal projects will lose 5% points avail each wrking day late.	late -5% per day	On Time	0.0
TOTAL POINTS RECEIVED				272.3

2024 BoS CoC Renewal Review Team Scoring Form

Advocates for Bartow's Children RRH Youth		
	Points Available	Total Score
1 CoC Priority (10 PSH/5 RRH)	10	5
2 Project Summary	3	3
3 Objective 1A: End Chronic Homelessness	9	9
4 Objective 1B (a): Entry Criteria	5	5
5 Objective 1B (b): Criteria for Termination	5	5
6 Objective 2: Increase Housing Stability	6	6
7 Objective 3: Part 1 (A)- Earned Income	4	4
8 Objective 3: Part 2 (B)- Increased Income Stayers	4	4
9 Objective 3: Part 3 (C)- Increased Income Leavers	4	4
10 Objective 4: Increase # Mainstream Benefits	6	4
11 Racial & Ethnic Equity (ID of participation barriers)	15	11
12 Racial & Ethnic Equity (Tracking Progress/Eval.)	5	4.33
13 Partnering w/Lived Expertise	5	5
	81	69.33

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2024 Local Comp Renewal Scoring Legend (Objective, System Performance, Severe Barriers, Lived Experience, & Racial & Ethnic Equity Criteria)

	Performance Criteria Form	Team Scoring Form	TOTAL	Max Points	% by Type	w/out 60 pts bonus	w/out 60 pts bonus
				Avail.		Points Avail.	%
Objective Criteria	172	26	198	365	54%	305	65%
System Performance	91	18	109	365	30%	305	36%
Severe Barriers	15	3	18	365	5%	305	6%
Racial & Ethnic Equity (ID of participation barriers/tracking progress) & Partnering w/Lived Exp	0	25	25	365	7%	305	8%
Review Team Scoring (line 46)							

Review Team Scoring (line 46)	Points Available	Category Points Available
CoC Priority (10 PSH/5 RRH)	10	10
Project Summary	3	
Objective 1A: End Chronic Homelessness	9	3**
Objective 1B (a): Entry Criteria	5	5
Objective 1B (b): Criteria for Termination	5	5
Objective 2: Increase Housing Stability	6	6
Objective 3: Part 1 (A)- Earned Income	4	4
Objective 3: Part 2 (B)- Increased Income Stayers	4	4
Objective 3: Part 3 (C)- Increased Income Leavers	4	4
Objective 4: Increase # Mainstream Benefits	6	6
Racial & Ethnic Equity (ID of participation barriers)	15	15
Racial & Ethnic Equity (Tracking Progress/Eval.)	5	5
Partnering w/Lived Expertise	5	5
Total Points Available for Renewal Project Review Team Scoring	81	72

**Objective 1A: End Chronic Homelessness

1/3 VI-SPDAT Process; 1/3 priorities clients based on written standards (CES); & 1/3 accepts clients with MH

2024 Renewal Project Performance Criteria (All Project Types)	Points Available
1. Spending all grant funds awarded for last grant award period	5
1a. All Projects quarterly draw from LOCCS	3
2. Project Utilization Units/Clients [Review App or APR (Q07b & Q08b avg)]	5
7. Program has dedicated beds/units for serving chronically homeless. Current Projects will be scored on dedicated chronic and DedicatedPLUS beds compared with clients being served by the project. Must meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless.	5
7a. Program serves persons who are chronically homeless. Current Projects will be scored on number served by the project. Must meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless.	10
8. Program targets/serves Veterans- Current Projects: will be scored on clients being served by the project. Applica. & verified w/APR (Q05a Veterans)	5
9. Program targets/serves Youth-headed HHS- Current Projects: will be scored on clients served by the project. Applica. & verified w/APR (Q05a Parenting Youth or Q11)	5
11. ALL Programs: At least one Adult per household w/previous residence indicating literal homelessness (project eligibility). Q15: Living Situation. (Enrollments between 7/1/23 & 6/30/24) - Data includes adults entering from Literal/PSH/Institution.	8
12b. Renewal Programs: Participants w/Non Cash Mainstream Benefit Sources [RRH adult leavers with '1+ sources of noncash benefits'/total adult leavers] - [Q20b] / [PSH review leavers and stayers same] - Q20b]	8
14. Coordinated Entry Participation: Non-Implementation Sites - HMIS shows participants being assessed using VI-SPDAT / Implementation Sites - HMIS shows projects participating & accepting referrals from Lead Agency	10
16. Variance in Length of Stay (Leaver HHS) to reflect Written Standards requirement of no pre-determined length of stay	5
17. Housing First: Projects utilize Housing First model. Projects prioritize rapid placement & stabilization in permanent housing & have no service participation requirements or preconditions.	5
18. Low Barrier Projects: Projects are low barrier projects (allows entry to program participants that includes: low or no income, current or past substance use, criminal records—with the exceptions of restrictions imposed by federal, state or local law or ordinance, and history of domestic violence).	5
20. Non-GHFA PSH Current Applicants: Monitoring-HUD Findings OR	4
20a. GHFA PSH Current Applicants: Monitoring-DCA Findings	4

21. CoC Participation: Attended BoS CoC Statewide Meeting (December 2023, March 2024, June 2024), 2024 Symposium, CoC Governance (board or committee mbr), or 2024 PIT Coordinator	10
22a. Timeliness Data Entry & Annual Assessments: Q6: 5% or less Starts; Q6 5% or less for Exits (each); AND Q4 5% or less for Annual Assessment errors (DCA/HMIS Data Quality Report for Q6 & Q4) = Extra point if 3 days or less start AND 5% or less annual errors	(# of 3, 3pt each plus possible xtra pt)10
23. Match (With the exception of leasing, all agencies must demonstrate match resource equal to at least 25% of the total requested HUD funding (No match required for leasing.)	5
25. Bonus Points: Continuum of Care PSH Priority (current PSH program)	30 = PSH
26. Bonus Points: Point in time Coordinator – Bonus points available to project applications submitted by an agency that served as a coordinator for the Point in Time Count in January 2024.	10
27. Coordinated Entry Implementation - Project critical & currently managing the Assessment, prioritization & referral process for CES Implementation	20
Subtotal Objective Criteria	172
4. PH Programs: Housing Stability [PSH % PH persons who remained in program as of end of year OR exited to permanent destination during year] - APR Q05 & Q23c / Q05 exits Positive Exits & Stayers OR RRH Q23c exits Positive Exits	20
5. Length of Time btwn Start Date & Move-in Date: Avg days spent from project entry to residential move-in 7/1/2023-6/30/2024 (APR Q22c)	15
6. Return to Homelessness: Percentage of participants who exited to perm. destination 7/1/2021-6/30/2022 that returned to homelessness	15
12. Renewal Programs: Increase in Earned Income for Adults [adults who gained or increased 'earned income' from start to annual assess/exit] - APR - Q19a2	10
12a. Renewal Programs: Increased Income from All sources [% of persons age 18 or older who gained or increased total income from Start to Annual Assessment/Exit] APR - Q19a2	10
13. Renewal Programs: Leavers who exit housing or program to homelessness or unknown [leavers exited to 'literally homelessness', 'temporary destinations', or 'Don't know/refused'/all leavers] - [APR - Q23a & Q23b]	11
22. HMIS Data Quality: <5% DKR/Missing (DCA/HMIS Data Quality Report for Q2-Q7)	(# of 5, 2pt each) 10
Subtotal System Performance	91
10. Program serves people who have special needs or high barriers to housing - Applica. verified w/APR (Disability=Q13; DV=Q14a & Q14b; Youth= Q05a & Q27b)	10
15. Acceptance of Participants Without Income (% adults 18 or older entering without earned income. SSI, or SSDI) [% with this income at entry where 70% or less = 5 points] -Q18	5
Subtotal Barriers	15
3. Cost Effectiveness (Annual # HH/Annual Grant Amount)	0
19. Policies and Procedures: Rapid Placement in Housing without preconditions. – Policies support placement into permanent housing without preconditions for income, work effort, sobriety, or any other factor (other than state/federal-mandated exceptions),	10
**Timeliness of Application Submission - Late submissions of the review application for renewal projects will lose 5% points avail each wrking day late.	late -5% per day
Total Renewal Performance Criteria Points Available (assigned to score type w/bonus)	288

	Points Available
Maximum Points Available - Renewal Projects	
Renewal Performance Priority Scoring Criteria Form - General Points	224
2024 Renewal Project Review Team Scoring Form	81
Renewal Performance Priority Scoring Criteria Form - Bonus Points	60
Total	365

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Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

- Written Notice Projects Rejected
- Written Notice Projects Reduced (Reallocated)
- Email notification to all project applicants
- Applicants contact listing (email sent bcc)
- Final New and Renewal Listing (publicly posted and email notice)
- Project Ranking & Scores Posted (web posting screenshot)

Tina Moore

From: Josh Gray
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 3:35 PM
To: mathis_r@bellsouth.net; dmetts@bellsouth.net
Cc: Lakeisha Jones; Tina Moore
Subject: Balance of State CoC Competition Results - RRH

Dear Dr. Mathis and Ms. Metts,

Regretfully, I am writing to inform you that the Balance of State Continuum of Care will not be advancing your request for Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) funds for South Georgia Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. through the HUD 2024 Continuum of Care Competition.

Threshold eligibility concerns centered on the following areas:

- Applicant did not demonstrate capacity to administer this grant. In addition, this project did not meet submission requirements. The application package that was submitted was incomplete, and did not include the required supportive documents required for new projects (financial statement, IRS Form 990, board listing, etc.). The supplemental documents that were submitted were the ones requested for renewal projects. Page 14 of the 2024 Georgia Balance of State CoC Competition Policy states the following:
 - *All agencies submitting an application for a new PSH, new RRH, new Joint TH and PH-RRH component, or SSO-CE project must submit a complete application package to the Department of Community Affairs. A complete application package includes:*
 - *The 2024 BoS CoC NEW Project Review Application or SSO-CE proposal (as applicable) for new projects (including match/leveraging documentation and both required Addendum documents (CoC Competition Certification-Policy Addendum and BoS Competition Coordinated Entry System Policy Addendum);*
 - *Proof of active Sams Registration;*
 - *FY 2024 BoS DV Bonus Questions Supplemental (if requesting DV Bonus funding);*
 - *The agency 501(c)(3), if applicable (the 501(c)(3) for any sub-recipients must also be attached);*
 - *A current list of Board of Directors;*
 - *The most recent independent financial audit, or equivalent financial statement; and*
 - *A current 990 IRS Form: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, if applicable.*
- Applicant did not answer all of the narrative questions. Missing narrative responses include the questions about Racial & Ethnic Equity, Experience working with BIPOC and LGBTQ populations, partnering with people with lived experience/expertise, and proposed project performance objectives.

- The 25% match was not fully demonstrated, and match and leveraging documentation was not submitted to help clarify.

While the Balance of State Continuum of Care is unable to support funding from HUD for this RRH project currently, we wish you every success to continue the good work of your agency.

Should you wish to have technical assistance prior to future competition(s) on submitting a new project application under the CoC program please reach out to schedule some time. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact me at any time. You can also contact Tina Moore for questions at (404) 327-6870 or tina.moore@dca.ga.gov.

Sincerely,
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Tina Moore

From: Josh Gray
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 3:35 PM
To: Jake Hall
Cc: Lakeisha Jones; Tina Moore
Subject: Balance of State CoC Competition Results - TH-RRH

Dear Mr. Hall,

Regretfully, I am writing to inform you that the Balance of State Continuum of Care will not be advancing your request for Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) Component funds for United Way of Central Georgia through the HUD 2024 Continuum of Care Competition.

Threshold eligibility concerns centered on the following area:

- The review team determined project design did not meet the parameters of a Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) Component project. Narratives did not describe the Transitional Housing component of the proposed project, and the application only fully demonstrated the Rapid Re-Housing component of the project.

While the Balance of State Continuum of Care is unable to support funding from HUD for this Joint TH-RRH project currently, we wish you every success to continue the good work of your agency. The CoC Board is inviting you to submit this project as a RRH project in e-Snaps. Another email will provide further guidance on submitting the electronic RRH application.

Should you wish to have technical assistance prior to future competition(s) on Joint TH-RRH eligible activities and costs under the CoC program please reach out to schedule some time. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact me at any time. You can also contact Tina Moore for questions at (404) 327-6870 or tina.moore@dca.ga.gov.

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From: Josh Gray
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 3:35 PM
To: Cassandra Bray
Cc: Lakeisha Jones; Tina Moore
Subject: AIDS Athens Notification of Reallocation (Permanent Supportive Housing Project)
Attachments: 2024 BoS CoC Reallocation Amounts Approved.pdf; 2024 CoC Project App Ranking Summary - Tier 1 and Tier 2 Approved.pdf

Dear Ms. Bray,

Attached please find a chart showing the Balance of State CoC project grant where funding was reduced in order to reallocate funds to a new project, and the final ranking chart. Both were approved by the Board on October 15, 2024. Reductions for AIDS Athens include the *AIDS Athens PSHP Permanent Supportive Housing* project in the amount of \$91,618.

The elimination of this project (GA0266L4B012310) is due to underutilization of this grant. This project is only serving two participants, and this project did not enroll any new clients or in calendar year 2023 or 2024.

This is the formal acknowledgement of non-renewal and notice of reallocation.

Should you have questions or concerns, please contact me at any time. You can also contact Tina Moore for questions at (404) 327-6870 or tina.moore@dca.ga.gov.

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From: Josh Gray
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 3:35 PM
To: jcarrillo; ebanks
Cc: Lakeisha Jones; Tina Moore
Subject: Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta PSH and RRH Notification of Reallocation
Attachments: 2024 BoS CoC Reallocation Amounts Approved.pdf; 2024 CoC Project App Ranking Summary - Tier 1 and Tier 2 Approved.pdf

Dear Mr. Carrillo and Ms. Banks,

Attached please find a chart showing the Balance of State CoC project grant where funding was reduced in order to reallocate funds to a new project, and the final ranking chart. Both were approved by the Board on October 15, 2024. Reductions for Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc. include the *Gwinnett RRH 2 (0318) 2023* in the amount of \$720,856 and *Gwinnett PSH 0265(2023) Permanent Supportive Housing* project in the amount of \$231,679.

The elimination of these projects (GA0318L4B012307 and GA0265L4B012310) is in response to Travelers Aid letting the CoC know that they would not be requesting renewal funding for these projects in the 2024 CoC Competition.

This is the formal acknowledgement of non-renewal and notice of reallocation.

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2024 Balance of State Reallocation Amounts

Applicant Name	Project Name	Grant Number	Expiration Year	Project Component	Leasing	Rental Assistance	Supportive Services	Operating Costs	HMIS	VAWA	Rural	Admin	FMR or Actual Rent	SRO Units	0 BR Units	1 BR Units	2 BR Units	3 BR Units	4 BR Units	5 BR Units	6+ BR Units	Total Units	Total ARA
Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.	Gwinnett RRH 2 (0318) 2023	GA0318L4B012307		RRH	\$0	\$533,256	\$152,466	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$33,134	FMR	0	0	6	16	6	0	0	0	28	\$720,856
Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.	Gwinnett PSH 0265 (2023)	GA0265L4B012310		PSH	\$161,240	\$0	\$30,893	\$28,734	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,812					10					10	\$231,679
AIDS Athens	AIDS Athens PSHP	GA0266L4B012310	2025	PSH	\$78,007	\$0	\$6,807	\$870	\$1,800	\$0	\$0	\$4,134											\$91,618

The Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid ReHousing project amount of \$720,856 is subject to reallocation. Travelers Aid did not submit the local review application for scoring and ranking, and they let the CoC know in writing on 7/10/24 that they were not renewing this project. The Collaborative Applicant is proposing to reallocate this project under the FY 2024 CoC Competition.

The Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta PSH project amount of \$231,679 is subject to reallocation. This project is not serving any clients, and Travelers Aid did not submit the local review application for scoring and ranking. In addition, they let the CoC know in writing on 7/10/24 that they were not renewing this project. The Collaborative Applicant is proposing to reallocate this project under the FY 2024 CoC Competition.

The AIDS Athens PSHP project amount of \$91,618 is subject to reallocation. Based on the APR, there have been no new enrollments this year, and 3 people have exited. With a 6-unit project, this means that one unit (slot) has been vacant for a year and 3 since April, and only 2 participants have been in the program since April. The Collaborative Applicant is proposing to reallocate this project under the FY 2024 CoC Competition.

The New Horizons Community Service Board HUD Rural Rapid Re-Housing project is placed in a lower ranking due to poor project utilization. Following discussion with the agency, it was determined that the project is serving clients, but not accurately capturing it in HMIS. The agency is implementing a data correction plan.

PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing
 RRH = Rapid ReHousing

**2024 Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Project Application Priority Ranking
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Status	Ranking	Project Type	Name of Project Applicant	Project Sponsor/Project Name	Project Score	Amount Requested from HUD	Reallocated funds	Cumulative Balance for Funding		
<p>Renewing PSH & PH (non-YHDP) project applications were scored & ranked using the same scoring criteria. Projects were then grouped and ranked in the following order: Group 1 -Renewing PSH & PH projects currently housing people without significant capacity or performance issues, HMIS, Coord Assessment renewal projects, & operational renewal projects transferred in the last 12-months; Group 2 - New RRH and PSH awarded in 2022 or 2023 competition (not operational for a year) received median points for performance; Group 3 - New projects designated to utilize reallocated funds; Group 4 - Renewal PSH and RRH determined to be significantly underperforming or operating under capacity; Group 5 - New CoC PH Bonus; Group 6 - New DV Bonus housing projects; & Group 7 - New DV Bonus SSO-CE. Higher scoring projects were placed in the CoC's Tier 1 representing the top 90% of the Annual Renewal Amount (ARA) minus the reallocated amount. Group 3 and Group 4 projects that scored lower fell into the bottom of the of the BoS CoC's ARA (a/k/a Annual Renewal Demand or ARD). *YHDP projects were not ranked.</p>										
Accepted	1	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Carrollton Housing Authority S+CR	284.50	\$578,695	\$ -	\$ 578,695	Tier 1	
Accepted	2	PSH	Another Chance of Atlanta, Inc.	ACA PSH Clayton County 2024	283.90	\$168,919	\$ -	\$ 747,614		
Accepted	3	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR	280.80	\$157,966	\$ -	\$ 905,580		
Accepted	4	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Caring Works BOS S+CR	280.50	\$901,345	\$ -	\$ 1,806,925		
Accepted	5	PSH	Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corporation	PH Case Management	279.40	\$31,679	\$ -	\$ 1,838,604		
Accepted	6	PSH	Another Chance of Atlanta, Inc.	ACA PSH Gwinnett County 2024	279.00	\$233,989	\$ -	\$ 2,072,593		
Accepted	7	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Pineland CSB S+CR	279.00	\$206,657	\$ -	\$ 2,279,250		
Accepted	8	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA South GA CSB S+CR_C	278.00	\$672,717	\$ -	\$ 2,951,967		
Accepted	9	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Dalton Whitfield CDC S+CR_C	274.10	\$345,989	\$ -	\$ 3,297,956		
Accepted	10	RRH	Advocates for Bartow's Children, Inc.	RRH Youth Project	272.30	\$423,144	\$ -	\$ 3,721,100		
Accepted	11	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Viewpoint Health S+CR_C	268.50	\$1,467,826	\$ -	\$ 5,188,926		
Accepted	12	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA River Edge CSB S+CR_C2	262.50	\$931,223	\$ -	\$ 6,120,149		
Accepted	13	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Lookout Mountain CSB S+CR	260.50	\$334,828	\$ -	\$ 6,454,977		
Accepted	14	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA MUST Ministries BOS S+CR T	258.50	\$439,678	\$ -	\$ 6,894,655		
Accepted	15	RRH	Safe Harbor Children's Shelter	STRIVE Rapid Rehousing Renewal	257.30	\$146,992	\$ -	\$ 7,041,647		
Accepted	16	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Gateway BHS S+CR	256.80	\$826,101	\$ -	\$ 7,867,748	Tier 1	
Accepted	17	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA New Horizons CSB BoS S+C_C	251.00	\$344,573	\$ -	\$ 8,212,321		
Accepted	18	RRH	S.H.A.R.E. House, Inc.	S.H.A.R.E. House Rapid ReHousing	250.70	\$198,785	\$ -	\$ 8,411,106		
Accepted	19	RRH	Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc.	GMWC RRH Renewal 2024	250.20	\$193,260	\$ -	\$ 8,604,366		
Accepted	20	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Advantage BHS BOS S+CR_C2	246.20	\$625,546	\$ -	\$ 9,229,912		
Accepted	21	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA River Edge CSB S+CR_C	245.50	\$1,203,539	\$ -	\$ 10,433,451		
Accepted	22	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA AVITA S+CR_C	245.40	\$358,402	\$ -	\$ 10,791,853		
Accepted	23	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Union Mission S+C T	243.00	\$91,109	\$ -	\$ 10,882,962		
Accepted	24	PSH	MUST Ministries, Inc.	Cherokee County PSH-PH Case Management	241.80	\$71,904	\$ -	\$ 10,954,866		
Accepted	25	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Travelers Aid S+CR_C	240.00	\$569,232	\$ -	\$ 11,524,098		
Accepted	26	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Travelers Aid S+CR3	240.00	\$197,556	\$ -	\$ 11,721,654		
Accepted	27	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Oconee CSB S+CR	240.00	\$101,538	\$ -	\$ 11,823,192		
Accepted	28	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Oconee CSB S+CR2	240.00	\$221,106	\$ -	\$ 12,044,298		Tier 1
Accepted	29	SSO	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	BoS CoC Coordinated Assessment FY2024	240.00	\$189,176	\$ -	\$ 12,233,474		
Accepted	30	SSO	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	BOS CoC Coordinated Assessment Expansion FY2024	240.00	\$200,000	\$ -	\$ 12,433,474		

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Accepted	31	HMIS	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Statewide HMIS Renewal FY2024	240.00	\$663,400	\$ -	\$ 13,096,874	
Accepted	32	HMIS	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Balance of State HMIS Grant FY2024	240.00	\$100,003	\$ -	\$ 13,196,877	
Accepted	33	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA MUST Ministries BOS S+CR	239.80	\$331,192	\$ -	\$ 13,528,069	
Accepted	34	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Douglas CSB S+CR2	239.00	\$982,360	\$ -	\$ 14,510,429	
Accepted	35	PSH	Gateway Behavioral Health Services	Brunswick Homeless Non-Custodial Disabled Men's Project FY24	238.80	\$497,385	\$ -	\$ 15,007,814	
Accepted	36	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Unison BHS S+CR	232.70	\$470,201	\$ -	\$ 15,478,015	
Accepted	37	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Middle Flint BHS S+CR	232.00	\$215,684	\$ -	\$ 15,693,699	
Accepted	38	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Highland Rivers CSB S+CR_C	231.00	\$341,213	\$ -	\$ 16,034,912	
Accepted	39	RRH	Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.	COC Renewal Project 2024	230.00	\$283,958	\$ -	\$ 16,318,870	
Accepted	40	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA AVITA Community Partners S+CR	224.80	\$193,847	\$ -	\$ 16,512,717	
Accepted	41	PSH	New Horizons Community Service Board	Red Hill Adaptive Group Residence Renewal FY 2024	223.50	\$73,698	\$ -	\$ 16,586,415	
Accepted	42	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA CSB of Middle Georgia S+CR	223.20	\$48,571	\$ -	\$ 16,634,986	
Accepted	43	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR1	221.00	\$487,200	\$ -	\$ 17,122,186	Tier
Accepted	44	PSH	Douglas County Community Services Board	Douglas County SHP	217.30	\$124,994	\$ -	\$ 17,247,180	1
Accepted	45	RRH	Project Community Connections, Inc.	PCCI Rapid Re-Housing BoS	216.50	\$1,098,192	\$ -	\$ 18,345,372	
Accepted	46	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR2	211.80	\$402,957	\$ -	\$ 18,748,329	
Accepted	47	RRH	Citizens Against Violence, Inc.	GA-501-REN-Rapid Rehousing DV-CoC FY2022	208.00	\$306,202	\$ -	\$ 19,054,531	
Accepted	48	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR3	207.30	\$275,020	\$ -	\$ 19,329,551	
Accepted	49	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Highland Rivers S+CR3	207.20	\$323,543	\$ -	\$ 19,653,094	
Accepted	50	RRH	Partnership Against Domestic Violence	PADV Gwinnett Housing Project	195.00	\$758,744	\$ -	\$ 20,411,838	
Accepted	51	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Albany Area CSB S+CR_C	193.90	\$458,945	\$ -	\$ 20,870,783	Tier
Accepted	52	RRH	FaithBridge Foster Care Inc.	FaithBridge Rapid Rehousing 2024	189.50	\$585,581	\$ -	\$ 21,456,364	2
Accepted	53	RRH	Lowndes Associated Ministries to People, Inc.	LAMP Rapid Rehousing FY 2022	147.10	\$164,750	\$ -	\$ 21,621,114	
Accepted	54	RRH	Homeless Shelter Action Committee, Inc.	Good Neighbor CoC RRH	209.00	\$250,897	\$250,897	\$ 21,872,011	
Accepted	55	RRH	Ninth District Opportunity, Inc.	FY2024 BoS CoC Rapid Rehousing	188.50	\$302,784	\$302,784	\$ 22,174,795	Tier
Accepted	56	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Viewpoint Health S+CR_C_expansion	182.50	\$305,047	\$305,047	\$ 22,479,842	2
Accepted	57	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR_expansion	181.50	\$82,500	\$82,500	\$ 22,562,342	
Accepted	58	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	South GA CSB S+CR_C_expansion	176.50	\$165,000	\$102,925	\$ 22,727,342	
Accepted	59	RRH	New Horizons Community Service Board	HUD Rural Rapid Rehousing fy 2024	142.70	\$108,903	\$ -	\$ 22,836,245	
Accepted	60	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	AVITA S+CR_C_expansion	175.00	\$250,000	\$ -	\$ 23,086,245	
Accepted	61	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Caring Works BOS S+CR_expansion	165.67	\$169,306	\$ -	\$ 23,255,551	
Accepted	62	Joint TH & PH-RRH	Society of St Vincent de Paul Georgia, Inc.	Support to Home	165.50	\$366,720	\$ -	\$ 23,622,271	
Accepted	63	RRH	The Christian City, Inc.	Healthy Families Community Resource Initiative (HF) RRH	164.67	\$273,882	\$ -	\$ 23,896,153	
Accepted	64	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Albany Area CSB S+CR_C_expansion	156.00	\$184,721	\$ -	\$ 24,080,874	
Accepted	65	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Gateway BHS S+CR_expansion	156.00	\$164,921	\$ -	\$ 24,245,795	
Accepted	66	RRH	Overcomers House, Inc.	Overcomers House Inc Rapid Rehousing Project	151.67	\$240,147	\$ -	\$ 24,485,942	Tier

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Accepted	67	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Pineland CSB S+CR_expansion	149.00	\$78,460	\$ -	\$ 24,564,402	2
Accepted	68	RRH	City of Hinesville	Homeless Prevention Program RRH	148.33	\$165,717	\$ -	\$ 24,730,119	
Accepted	69	RRH	Union Mission, Inc.	Union Mission Rural RRH 2024	138.50	\$472,048	\$ -	\$ 25,202,167	
Accepted	70	RRH	Lowndes Associated Ministries to People, Inc.	LAMP Young Adults RRH	133.25	\$207,882	\$ -	\$ 25,410,049	
Accepted	71	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Lookout Mountain CSB S+CR_expansion	120.50	\$206,258	\$ -	\$ 25,616,307	
Accepted	72	RRH	United Way of Central Georgia, Inc.	The Way Home RRH	116.00	\$884,631	\$ -	\$ 26,500,938	
Accepted	73	RRH	Douglas County CSB	Housing First Rapid Re-Housing	166.17	\$592,567	\$ -	\$ 27,093,505	
Accepted	74	SSO-CE	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	BoS Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry Project	171.50	\$546,159	\$ -	\$ 27,639,664	
Rejected	Not Ranked	RRH	South GA Partnership to End Homelessness	SGPEH Rapid Re-Housing	N/A	\$0	\$ -	\$ 27,639,664	
Fully Reallocated	Not Ranked	PSH	AIDS Athens	AIDS Athens PSHP	225.30	\$0	(\$91,618)	\$ 27,639,664	
Fully Reallocated	Not Ranked	PSH	Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.	Gwinnett PSH 0265 (2023)	N/A	\$0	(\$231,679)	\$ 27,639,664	
Fully Reallocated	Not Ranked	RRH	Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.	Gwinnett RRH 2 (0318) 2023	N/A	\$0	(\$720,856)	\$ 27,639,664	
Rejected	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	United Way of Central Georgia, Inc.	The Way Home Joint TH-RRH	N/A	\$0		\$ 27,639,664	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	ADVOCATES FOR BARTOW'S CHILDREN, INC.	Advocates Joint TH-RRH	YHDP	\$716,887		\$ 28,356,551	YHDP
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	ADVOCATES FOR BARTOW'S CHILDREN, INC.	Advocates Youth Drop In Center	YHDP	\$167,400		\$ 28,523,951	
Accepted	Not Ranked	HMIS	GEORGIA HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTH	BoS YHDP Application FY2021	YHDP	\$93,500		\$ 28,617,451	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	HOPE THRU SOAP INC	BOS YHDP HTS Drop In Center	YHDP	\$211,050		\$ 28,828,501	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	HOPE THRU SOAP INC	BOS YHDP HTS Navigation	YHDP	\$137,500		\$ 28,966,001	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	HOPE THRU SOAP INC	BOS YHDP HTS Outreach	YHDP	\$250,250		\$ 29,216,251	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint	UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL GEORGIA, INC.	Community Youth Supports	YHDP	\$431,900		\$ 29,648,151	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUCCESS SERVICES INC	Diversion	YHDP	\$107,800		\$ 29,755,951	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	FORSYTH COUNTY COMMUNITY CONNECTION, INC	FoCo Drop in Center	YHDP	\$220,000		\$ 29,975,951	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUCCESS SERVICES INC	Joint TH/RRH	YHDP	\$1,289,200		\$ 31,265,151	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	OPEN ARMS, INC	Open Arms YHDP	YHDP	\$122,700		\$ 31,387,851	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	THE UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME OF	Wellroot Family Services Safety Net	YHDP	\$458,492		\$ 31,846,343	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	Street Beat	YHDP	\$250,200		\$ 32,096,543	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	Street Beat Drop-In Centers	YHDP	\$253,500		\$ 32,350,043	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	PARK PLACE OUTREACH, INC.	SOP, Rural Homelessness Diversion	YHDP	\$117,000		\$ 32,467,043	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	STRIVE TH-RRH	YHDP	\$452,833		\$ 32,919,876	
Accepted	Not Ranked	RRH	CAMP ROCK OF GEORGIA, INC.	YHDP Camp Rock of Georgia RRH	YHDP	\$198,900		\$ 33,118,776	
Accepted	Not Ranked	PSH	ALBANY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD	YHDP Round 6 Aspire BHDD PSH	YHDP	\$262,500		\$ 33,381,276	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	Zach's Place Diversion	YHDP	\$108,000		\$ 33,489,276	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Planning	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	2024 CoC Planning Grant	N/A	\$1,500,000		\$ 34,989,276	

*Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Renewal projects are non-competitive and must not be ranked by CoCs (HUD FY 2024 and FY 2025 NOFO, page 24).

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From: Josh Gray
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 5:03 PM
To: HAD Office of Homeless & Special Needs
Cc: BoSMonitoring
Subject: Georgia BoS CoC 2024 Annual Competition - Public Notification of Project Ranking
Attachments: 2024 CoC Project App Ranking Summary - Tier 1 and Tier 2 Approved.pdf

Good evening 2024 Balance of State CoC Annual Competition Applicants,

By now all direct applicant agencies should have received individualized results for new and renewal projects submitted under the 2024 Balance of State Continuum of Care Annual Competition. We had conference calls with the CoC Review Teams on September 24th, 25th, and 26th, and the scoring results and/or threshold results have been sent to each applicant agency. If you do not see that you have received your results, please contact me.

Attached please find the final Priority Chart showing the project ranking results approved by the Balance of State CoC Board on October 15, 2024, following approval by the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee on October 7, 2024. This information is also posted on DCA's web page at: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2024-coc>.

As noted in the NOFO, HUD will score the FY 2024 CoC Application with the criteria set forth in Section V.B of the NOFO. HUD will select new and renewal project applications in Tier 1 in accordance with the criteria set forth on page 109 of the NOFO, and the CoC Application score and the project application score(s) will determine which projects in Tier 2 will be conditionally selected for award. For projects that ranked close to the funding cutoff for Tier 1, any changes as a result of funding availability or FMR adjustments for projects with rental assistance creates the possibility that the funding line could move, which could move the line between Tier 1 and Tier 2. We hope this won't happen, but we do want agencies to be aware of the possibility.

After HUD review, depending on availability of funding, and in accordance with the selection criteria outlined in the NOFO, we'll find out if the Balance of State CoC will receive awards for Tier 2 projects. Please remember that projects in Tier 2 that pass HUD's eligibility and threshold review will be re-scored using the criteria in Section I.B.3.h.(2) of the HUD NOFO (pages 29-30). As indicated in the NOFO, HUD will select projects in order of point value until there are no more funds available. In the case of a tie, HUD will fund the projects in the order of CoC application score. In case there is still a tie, HUD will select the project from the CoC that has the highest score on the rating factors described in Section I.B.3.h.(2) of the NOFO. For DV Bonus projects Section I.B.3.j. of the HUD NOFO (Pages 30 - 32) describes HUDs scoring process. The NOFO can be found at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

Per the NOFO, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program projects are renewed non-competitively and included in the priority listing without a ranking.

The next steps are:

- Our staff has already sent notice to renewal applicants requesting corrections and adjustments required within e-snaps.
- Our staff will be in contact with new applicants regarding corrections and adjustments required within e-snaps.

Should you have questions, please contact me (Josh.Gray@dca.ga.gov) or Tina Moore at (tina.moore@dca.ga.gov).

Thank you,



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Status	Ranking	Project Type	Name of Project Applicant	Project Sponsor/Project Name	Project Score	Amount Requested from HUD	Reallocated funds	Cumulative Balance for Funding		
<p>Renewing PSH & PH (non-YHDP) project applications were scored & ranked using the same scoring criteria. Projects were then grouped and ranked in the following order: Group 1 -Renewing PSH & PH projects currently housing people without significant capacity or performance issues, HMIS, Coord Assessment renewal projects, & operational renewal projects transferred in the last 12-months; Group 2 - New RRH and PSH awarded in 2022 or 2023 competition (not operational for a year) received median points for performance; Group 3 - New projects designated to utilize reallocated funds; Group 4 - Renewal PSH and RRH determined to be significantly underperforming or operating under capacity; Group 5 - New CoC PH Bonus; Group 6 - New DV Bonus housing projects; & Group 7 - New DV Bonus SSO-CE. Higher scoring projects were placed in the CoC's Tier 1 representing the top 90% of the Annual Renewal Amount (ARA) minus the reallocated amount. Group 3 and Group 4 projects that scored lower fell into the bottom of the of the BoS CoC's ARA (a/k/a Annual Renewal Demand or ARD). *YHDP projects were not ranked.</p>										
Accepted	1	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Carrollton Housing Authority S+CR	284.50	\$578,695	\$ -	\$ 578,695	Tier 1	
Accepted	2	PSH	Another Chance of Atlanta, Inc.	ACA PSH Clayton County 2024	283.90	\$168,919	\$ -	\$ 747,614		
Accepted	3	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR	280.80	\$157,966	\$ -	\$ 905,580		
Accepted	4	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Caring Works BOS S+CR	280.50	\$901,345	\$ -	\$ 1,806,925		
Accepted	5	PSH	Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corporation	PH Case Management	279.40	\$31,679	\$ -	\$ 1,838,604		
Accepted	6	PSH	Another Chance of Atlanta, Inc.	ACA PSH Gwinnett County 2024	279.00	\$233,989	\$ -	\$ 2,072,593		
Accepted	7	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Pineland CSB S+CR	279.00	\$206,657	\$ -	\$ 2,279,250		
Accepted	8	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA South GA CSB S+CR_C	278.00	\$672,717	\$ -	\$ 2,951,967		
Accepted	9	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Dalton Whitfield CDC S+CR_C	274.10	\$345,989	\$ -	\$ 3,297,956		
Accepted	10	RRH	Advocates for Bartow's Children, Inc.	RRH Youth Project	272.30	\$423,144	\$ -	\$ 3,721,100		
Accepted	11	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Viewpoint Health S+CR_C	268.50	\$1,467,826	\$ -	\$ 5,188,926		
Accepted	12	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA River Edge CSB S+CR_C2	262.50	\$931,223	\$ -	\$ 6,120,149		
Accepted	13	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Lookout Mountain CSB S+CR	260.50	\$334,828	\$ -	\$ 6,454,977		
Accepted	14	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA MUST Ministries BOS S+CR T	258.50	\$439,678	\$ -	\$ 6,894,655		
Accepted	15	RRH	Safe Harbor Children's Shelter	STRIVE Rapid Rehousing Renewal	257.30	\$146,992	\$ -	\$ 7,041,647		
Accepted	16	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Gateway BHS S+CR	256.80	\$826,101	\$ -	\$ 7,867,748	Tier 1	
Accepted	17	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA New Horizons CSB BoS S+C_C	251.00	\$344,573	\$ -	\$ 8,212,321		
Accepted	18	RRH	S.H.A.R.E. House, Inc.	S.H.A.R.E. House Rapid ReHousing	250.70	\$198,785	\$ -	\$ 8,411,106		
Accepted	19	RRH	Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc.	GMWC RRH Renewal 2024	250.20	\$193,260	\$ -	\$ 8,604,366		
Accepted	20	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Advantage BHS BOS S+CR_C2	246.20	\$625,546	\$ -	\$ 9,229,912		
Accepted	21	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA River Edge CSB S+CR_C	245.50	\$1,203,539	\$ -	\$ 10,433,451		
Accepted	22	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA AVITA S+CR_C	245.40	\$358,402	\$ -	\$ 10,791,853		
Accepted	23	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Union Mission S+C T	243.00	\$91,109	\$ -	\$ 10,882,962		
Accepted	24	PSH	MUST Ministries, Inc.	Cherokee County PSH-PH Case Management	241.80	\$71,904	\$ -	\$ 10,954,866		
Accepted	25	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Travelers Aid S+CR_C	240.00	\$569,232	\$ -	\$ 11,524,098		
Accepted	26	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Travelers Aid S+CR3	240.00	\$197,556	\$ -	\$ 11,721,654		
Accepted	27	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Oconee CSB S+CR	240.00	\$101,538	\$ -	\$ 11,823,192		
Accepted	28	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Oconee CSB S+CR2	240.00	\$221,106	\$ -	\$ 12,044,298		Tier 1
Accepted	29	SSO	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	BoS CoC Coordinated Assessment FY2024	240.00	\$189,176	\$ -	\$ 12,233,474		
Accepted	30	SSO	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	BOS CoC Coordinated Assessment Expansion FY2024	240.00	\$200,000	\$ -	\$ 12,433,474		

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Accepted	31	HMIS	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Statewide HMIS Renewal FY2024	240.00	\$663,400	\$ -	\$ 13,096,874	
Accepted	32	HMIS	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Balance of State HMIS Grant FY2024	240.00	\$100,003	\$ -	\$ 13,196,877	
Accepted	33	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA MUST Ministries BOS S+CR	239.80	\$331,192	\$ -	\$ 13,528,069	
Accepted	34	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Douglas CSB S+CR2	239.00	\$982,360	\$ -	\$ 14,510,429	
Accepted	35	PSH	Gateway Behavioral Health Services	Brunswick Homeless Non-Custodial Disabled Men's Project FY24	238.80	\$497,385	\$ -	\$ 15,007,814	
Accepted	36	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Unison BHS S+CR	232.70	\$470,201	\$ -	\$ 15,478,015	
Accepted	37	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Middle Flint BHS S+CR	232.00	\$215,684	\$ -	\$ 15,693,699	
Accepted	38	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Highland Rivers CSB S+CR_C	231.00	\$341,213	\$ -	\$ 16,034,912	
Accepted	39	RRH	Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.	COC Renewal Project 2024	230.00	\$283,958	\$ -	\$ 16,318,870	
Accepted	40	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA AVITA Community Partners S+CR	224.80	\$193,847	\$ -	\$ 16,512,717	
Accepted	41	PSH	New Horizons Community Service Board	Red Hill Adaptive Group Residence Renewal FY 2024	223.50	\$73,698	\$ -	\$ 16,586,415	
Accepted	42	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA CSB of Middle Georgia S+CR	223.20	\$48,571	\$ -	\$ 16,634,986	
Accepted	43	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR1	221.00	\$487,200	\$ -	\$ 17,122,186	Tier
Accepted	44	PSH	Douglas County Community Services Board	Douglas County SHP	217.30	\$124,994	\$ -	\$ 17,247,180	1
Accepted	45	RRH	Project Community Connections, Inc.	PCCI Rapid Re-Housing BoS	216.50	\$1,098,192	\$ -	\$ 18,345,372	
Accepted	46	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR2	211.80	\$402,957	\$ -	\$ 18,748,329	
Accepted	47	RRH	Citizens Against Violence, Inc.	GA-501-REN-Rapid Rehousing DV-CoC FY2022	208.00	\$306,202	\$ -	\$ 19,054,531	
Accepted	48	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR3	207.30	\$275,020	\$ -	\$ 19,329,551	
Accepted	49	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Highland Rivers S+CR3	207.20	\$323,543	\$ -	\$ 19,653,094	
Accepted	50	RRH	Partnership Against Domestic Violence	PADV Gwinnett Housing Project	195.00	\$758,744	\$ -	\$ 20,411,838	
Accepted	51	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Albany Area CSB S+CR_C	193.90	\$458,945	\$ -	\$ 20,870,783	Tier
Accepted	52	RRH	FaithBridge Foster Care Inc.	FaithBridge Rapid Rehousing 2024	189.50	\$585,581	\$ -	\$ 21,456,364	2
Accepted	53	RRH	Lowndes Associated Ministries to People, Inc.	LAMP Rapid Rehousing FY 2022	147.10	\$164,750	\$ -	\$ 21,621,114	
Accepted	54	RRH	Homeless Shelter Action Committee, Inc.	Good Neighbor CoC RRH	209.00	\$250,897	\$250,897	\$ 21,872,011	
Accepted	55	RRH	Ninth District Opportunity, Inc.	FY2024 BoS CoC Rapid Rehousing	188.50	\$302,784	\$302,784	\$ 22,174,795	Tier
Accepted	56	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Viewpoint Health S+CR_C_expansion	182.50	\$305,047	\$305,047	\$ 22,479,842	2
Accepted	57	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR_expansion	181.50	\$82,500	\$82,500	\$ 22,562,342	
Accepted	58	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	South GA CSB S+CR_C_expansion	176.50	\$165,000	\$102,925	\$ 22,727,342	
Accepted	59	RRH	New Horizons Community Service Board	HUD Rural Rapid Rehousing fy 2024	142.70	\$108,903	\$ -	\$ 22,836,245	
Accepted	60	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	AVITA S+CR_C_expansion	175.00	\$250,000	\$ -	\$ 23,086,245	
Accepted	61	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Caring Works BOS S+CR_expansion	165.67	\$169,306	\$ -	\$ 23,255,551	
Accepted	62	Joint TH & PH-RRH	Society of St Vincent de Paul Georgia, Inc.	Support to Home	165.50	\$366,720	\$ -	\$ 23,622,271	
Accepted	63	RRH	The Christian City, Inc.	Healthy Families Community Resource Initiative (HF) RRH	164.67	\$273,882	\$ -	\$ 23,896,153	
Accepted	64	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Albany Area CSB S+CR_C_expansion	156.00	\$184,721	\$ -	\$ 24,080,874	
Accepted	65	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Gateway BHS S+CR_expansion	156.00	\$164,921	\$ -	\$ 24,245,795	
Accepted	66	RRH	Overcomers House, Inc.	Overcomers House Inc Rapid Rehousing Project	151.67	\$240,147	\$ -	\$ 24,485,942	Tier

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Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	Street Beat Drop-In Centers	YHDP	\$253,500		\$ 32,350,043	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	PARK PLACE OUTREACH, INC.	SOP, Rural Homelessness Diversion	YHDP	\$117,000		\$ 32,467,043	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	STRIVE TH-RRH	YHDP	\$452,833		\$ 32,919,876	
Accepted	Not Ranked	RRH	CAMP ROCK OF GEORGIA, INC.	YHDP Camp Rock of Georgia RRH	YHDP	\$198,900		\$ 33,118,776	
Accepted	Not Ranked	PSH	ALBANY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD	YHDP Round 6 Aspire BHDD PSH	YHDP	\$262,500		\$ 33,381,276	
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Basic Info

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- Proposal Outlines (New projects only) - September 3, 2024
- Renewal Project Review Application - September 10, 2024
- YHDP Renewal Project Review Application - September 10, 2024
- New Project Review Application - September 11, 2024
- HUD Project Application in e-snaps - September 27, 2024

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released their FY 2024 and FY 2025 Competition Notice on July 31, 2024. This notice can be found at https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_24_198. As information is released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, it will be posted on the Continuum of Care Competition page at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs, as Collaborative Applicant for the Balance of State CoC, is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability or age. Additional information can be found on DCA's Fair Housing Statement page at <https://dca.ga.gov/fairhousing>. For a reasonable accommodation or if you need an alternative format or language, please contact Tina Moore at: 404-327-6870 or email fairhousing@dca.ga.gov.

2024 Balance of State Continuum of Care Application Documents (2024 Competition Forms Pending)

- 2024 Balance of State Continuum of Care Application
- 2024 Balance of State Continuum of Care Project Priority Listing
- [2024 Balance of State Continuum of Care Project Ranking Chart](#)

BoS CoC Policy

- [2024 Georgia BoS CoC NOFO Competition Policy - Includes DEADLINES](#)
- [Outline of Overarching Policy Priorities Highlighted in 2024 NOFO](#)

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Notification of Projects Accepted

- Applicant email notification of project ranking
- New and Renewal Project Listing (projects, project ranking, project scores, & funding amounts)
- Applicants contact listing (email sent bcc)
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Tina Moore

From: Josh Gray
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 5:03 PM
To: HAD Office of Homeless & Special Needs
Cc: BoSMonitoring
Subject: Georgia BoS CoC 2024 Annual Competition - Public Notification of Project Ranking
Attachments: 2024 CoC Project App Ranking Summary - Tier 1 and Tier 2 Approved.pdf

Good evening 2024 Balance of State CoC Annual Competition Applicants,

By now all direct applicant agencies should have received individualized results for new and renewal projects submitted under the 2024 Balance of State Continuum of Care Annual Competition. We had conference calls with the CoC Review Teams on September 24th, 25th, and 26th, and the scoring results and/or threshold results have been sent to each applicant agency. If you do not see that you have received your results, please contact me.

Attached please find the final Priority Chart showing the project ranking results approved by the Balance of State CoC Board on October 15, 2024, following approval by the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee on October 7, 2024. This information is also posted on DCA's web page at: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2024-coc>.

As noted in the NOFO, HUD will score the FY 2024 CoC Application with the criteria set forth in Section V.B of the NOFO. HUD will select new and renewal project applications in Tier 1 in accordance with the criteria set forth on page 109 of the NOFO, and the CoC Application score and the project application score(s) will determine which projects in Tier 2 will be conditionally selected for award. For projects that ranked close to the funding cutoff for Tier 1, any changes as a result of funding availability or FMR adjustments for projects with rental assistance creates the possibility that the funding line could move, which could move the line between Tier 1 and Tier 2. We hope this won't happen, but we do want agencies to be aware of the possibility.

After HUD review, depending on availability of funding, and in accordance with the selection criteria outlined in the NOFO, we'll find out if the Balance of State CoC will receive awards for Tier 2 projects. Please remember that projects in Tier 2 that pass HUD's eligibility and threshold review will be re-scored using the criteria in Section I.B.3.h.(2) of the HUD NOFO (pages 29-30). As indicated in the NOFO, HUD will select projects in order of point value until there are no more funds available. In the case of a tie, HUD will fund the projects in the order of CoC application score. In case there is still a tie, HUD will select the project from the CoC that has the highest score on the rating factors described in Section I.B.3.h.(2) of the NOFO. For DV Bonus projects Section I.B.3.j. of the HUD NOFO (Pages 30 - 32) describes HUDs scoring process. The NOFO can be found at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

Per the NOFO, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program projects are renewed non-competitively and included in the priority listing without a ranking.

The next steps are:

- Our staff has already sent notice to renewal applicants requesting corrections and adjustments required within e-snaps.
- Our staff will be in contact with new applicants regarding corrections and adjustments required within e-snaps.

Should you have questions, please contact me (Josh.Gray@dca.ga.gov) or Tina Moore at (tina.moore@dca.ga.gov).

Thank you,



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**2024 Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Project Application Priority Ranking
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Status	Ranking	Project Type	Name of Project Applicant	Project Sponsor/Project Name	Project Score	Amount Requested from HUD	Reallocated funds	Cumulative Balance for Funding		
<p>Renewing PSH & PH (non-YHDP) project applications were scored & ranked using the same scoring criteria. Projects were then grouped and ranked in the following order: Group 1 -Renewing PSH & PH projects currently housing people without significant capacity or performance issues, HMIS, Coord Assessment renewal projects, & operational renewal projects transferred in the last 12-months; Group 2 - New RRH and PSH awarded in 2022 or 2023 competition (not operational for a year) received median points for performance; Group 3 - New projects designated to utilize reallocated funds; Group 4 - Renewal PSH and RRH determined to be significantly underperforming or operating under capacity; Group 5 - New CoC PH Bonus; Group 6 - New DV Bonus housing projects; & Group 7 - New DV Bonus SSO-CE. Higher scoring projects were placed in the CoC's Tier 1 representing the top 90% of the Annual Renewal Amount (ARA) minus the reallocated amount. Group 3 and Group 4 projects that scored lower fell into the bottom of the of the BoS CoC's ARA (a/k/a Annual Renewal Demand or ARD). *YHDP projects were not ranked.</p>										
Accepted	1	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Carrollton Housing Authority S+CR	284.50	\$578,695	\$ -	\$ 578,695	Tier 1	
Accepted	2	PSH	Another Chance of Atlanta, Inc.	ACA PSH Clayton County 2024	283.90	\$168,919	\$ -	\$ 747,614		
Accepted	3	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR	280.80	\$157,966	\$ -	\$ 905,580		
Accepted	4	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Caring Works BOS S+CR	280.50	\$901,345	\$ -	\$ 1,806,925		
Accepted	5	PSH	Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corporation	PH Case Management	279.40	\$31,679	\$ -	\$ 1,838,604		
Accepted	6	PSH	Another Chance of Atlanta, Inc.	ACA PSH Gwinnett County 2024	279.00	\$233,989	\$ -	\$ 2,072,593		
Accepted	7	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Pineland CSB S+CR	279.00	\$206,657	\$ -	\$ 2,279,250		
Accepted	8	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA South GA CSB S+CR_C	278.00	\$672,717	\$ -	\$ 2,951,967		
Accepted	9	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Dalton Whitfield CDC S+CR_C	274.10	\$345,989	\$ -	\$ 3,297,956		
Accepted	10	RRH	Advocates for Bartow's Children, Inc.	RRH Youth Project	272.30	\$423,144	\$ -	\$ 3,721,100		
Accepted	11	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Viewpoint Health S+CR_C	268.50	\$1,467,826	\$ -	\$ 5,188,926		
Accepted	12	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA River Edge CSB S+CR_C2	262.50	\$931,223	\$ -	\$ 6,120,149		
Accepted	13	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Lookout Mountain CSB S+CR	260.50	\$334,828	\$ -	\$ 6,454,977		
Accepted	14	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA MUST Ministries BOS S+CR T	258.50	\$439,678	\$ -	\$ 6,894,655		
Accepted	15	RRH	Safe Harbor Children's Shelter	STRIVE Rapid Rehousing Renewal	257.30	\$146,992	\$ -	\$ 7,041,647		
Accepted	16	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Gateway BHS S+CR	256.80	\$826,101	\$ -	\$ 7,867,748	Tier 1	
Accepted	17	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA New Horizons CSB BoS S+C_C	251.00	\$344,573	\$ -	\$ 8,212,321		
Accepted	18	RRH	S.H.A.R.E. House, Inc.	S.H.A.R.E. House Rapid ReHousing	250.70	\$198,785	\$ -	\$ 8,411,106		
Accepted	19	RRH	Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc.	GMWC RRH Renewal 2024	250.20	\$193,260	\$ -	\$ 8,604,366		
Accepted	20	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Advantage BHS BOS S+CR_C2	246.20	\$625,546	\$ -	\$ 9,229,912		
Accepted	21	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA River Edge CSB S+CR_C	245.50	\$1,203,539	\$ -	\$ 10,433,451		
Accepted	22	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA AVITA S+CR_C	245.40	\$358,402	\$ -	\$ 10,791,853		
Accepted	23	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Union Mission S+C T	243.00	\$91,109	\$ -	\$ 10,882,962		
Accepted	24	PSH	MUST Ministries, Inc.	Cherokee County PSH-PH Case Management	241.80	\$71,904	\$ -	\$ 10,954,866		
Accepted	25	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Travelers Aid S+CR_C	240.00	\$569,232	\$ -	\$ 11,524,098		
Accepted	26	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Travelers Aid S+CR3	240.00	\$197,556	\$ -	\$ 11,721,654		
Accepted	27	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Oconee CSB S+CR	240.00	\$101,538	\$ -	\$ 11,823,192		
Accepted	28	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Oconee CSB S+CR2	240.00	\$221,106	\$ -	\$ 12,044,298		Tier 1
Accepted	29	SSO	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	BoS CoC Coordinated Assessment FY2024	240.00	\$189,176	\$ -	\$ 12,233,474		
Accepted	30	SSO	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	BOS CoC Coordinated Assessment Expansion FY2024	240.00	\$200,000	\$ -	\$ 12,433,474		

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Accepted	32	HMIS	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Balance of State HMIS Grant FY2024	240.00	\$100,003	\$ -	\$ 13,196,877	
Accepted	33	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA MUST Ministries BOS S+CR	239.80	\$331,192	\$ -	\$ 13,528,069	
Accepted	34	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Douglas CSB S+CR2	239.00	\$982,360	\$ -	\$ 14,510,429	
Accepted	35	PSH	Gateway Behavioral Health Services	Brunswick Homeless Non-Custodial Disabled Men's Project FY24	238.80	\$497,385	\$ -	\$ 15,007,814	
Accepted	36	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Unison BHS S+CR	232.70	\$470,201	\$ -	\$ 15,478,015	
Accepted	37	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Middle Flint BHS S+CR	232.00	\$215,684	\$ -	\$ 15,693,699	
Accepted	38	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Highland Rivers CSB S+CR_C	231.00	\$341,213	\$ -	\$ 16,034,912	
Accepted	39	RRH	Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.	COC Renewal Project 2024	230.00	\$283,958	\$ -	\$ 16,318,870	
Accepted	40	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA AVITA Community Partners S+CR	224.80	\$193,847	\$ -	\$ 16,512,717	
Accepted	41	PSH	New Horizons Community Service Board	Red Hill Adaptive Group Residence Renewal FY 2024	223.50	\$73,698	\$ -	\$ 16,586,415	
Accepted	42	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA CSB of Middle Georgia S+CR	223.20	\$48,571	\$ -	\$ 16,634,986	
Accepted	43	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR1	221.00	\$487,200	\$ -	\$ 17,122,186	Tier
Accepted	44	PSH	Douglas County Community Services Board	Douglas County SHP	217.30	\$124,994	\$ -	\$ 17,247,180	1
Accepted	45	RRH	Project Community Connections, Inc.	PCCI Rapid Re-Housing BoS	216.50	\$1,098,192	\$ -	\$ 18,345,372	
Accepted	46	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR2	211.80	\$402,957	\$ -	\$ 18,748,329	
Accepted	47	RRH	Citizens Against Violence, Inc.	GA-501-REN-Rapid Rehousing DV-CoC FY2022	208.00	\$306,202	\$ -	\$ 19,054,531	
Accepted	48	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR3	207.30	\$275,020	\$ -	\$ 19,329,551	
Accepted	49	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Highland Rivers S+CR3	207.20	\$323,543	\$ -	\$ 19,653,094	
Accepted	50	RRH	Partnership Against Domestic Violence	PADV Gwinnett Housing Project	195.00	\$758,744	\$ -	\$ 20,411,838	
Accepted	51	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Albany Area CSB S+CR_C	193.90	\$458,945	\$ -	\$ 20,870,783	Tier
Accepted	52	RRH	FaithBridge Foster Care Inc.	FaithBridge Rapid Rehousing 2024	189.50	\$585,581	\$ -	\$ 21,456,364	2
Accepted	53	RRH	Lowndes Associated Ministries to People, Inc.	LAMP Rapid Rehousing FY 2022	147.10	\$164,750	\$ -	\$ 21,621,114	
Accepted	54	RRH	Homeless Shelter Action Committee, Inc.	Good Neighbor CoC RRH	209.00	\$250,897	\$250,897	\$ 21,872,011	
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Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint	UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL GEORGIA, INC.	Community Youth Supports	YHDP	\$431,900		\$ 29,648,151	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUCCESS SERVICES INC	Diversion	YHDP	\$107,800		\$ 29,755,951	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	FORSYTH COUNTY COMMUNITY CONNECTION, INC	FoCo Drop in Center	YHDP	\$220,000		\$ 29,975,951	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUCCESS SERVICES INC	Joint TH/RRH	YHDP	\$1,289,200		\$ 31,265,151	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	OPEN ARMS, INC	Open Arms YHDP	YHDP	\$122,700		\$ 31,387,851	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	THE UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME OF	Wellroot Family Services Safety Net	YHDP	\$458,492		\$ 31,846,343	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	Street Beat	YHDP	\$250,200		\$ 32,096,543	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	Street Beat Drop-In Centers	YHDP	\$253,500		\$ 32,350,043	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	PARK PLACE OUTREACH, INC.	SOP, Rural Homelessness Diversion	YHDP	\$117,000		\$ 32,467,043	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	STRIVE TH-RRH	YHDP	\$452,833		\$ 32,919,876	
Accepted	Not Ranked	RRH	CAMP ROCK OF GEORGIA, INC.	YHDP Camp Rock of Georgia RRH	YHDP	\$198,900		\$ 33,118,776	
Accepted	Not Ranked	PSH	ALBANY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD	YHDP Round 6 Aspire BHDD PSH	YHDP	\$262,500		\$ 33,381,276	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	Zach's Place Diversion	YHDP	\$108,000		\$ 33,489,276	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Planning	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	2024 CoC Planning Grant	N/A	\$1,500,000		\$ 34,989,276	

*Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Renewal projects are non-competitive and must not be ranked by CoCs (HUD FY 2024 and FY 2025 NOFO, page 24).

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Subject: Georgia BoS CoC 2024 Annual Competition - Public Notification of Project Ranking
Attachments: 2024 CoC Project App Ranking Summary - Tier 1 and Tier 2 Approved.pdf

Good evening Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Members, Stakeholders and Interested Parties,

Attached please find the final Priority Chart showing the project ranking results approved by the Balance of State CoC Board on October 15, 2024, following approval by the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee on October 7, 2024.

This information is also posted on DCA's web page at: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2024-coc>.

Please note that changes as a result of funding availability or FMR adjustments for projects with rental assistance creates the possibility that the funding line could move, and projects ranking close to the funding cutoff for Tier 1 could move to Tier 2. We hope this won't happen, but we do want stakeholders to be aware of the possibility.

After HUD review, depending on availability of funding, and in accordance with the selection criteria outlined in the NOFO, we'll find out if the Balance of State CoC will receive awards for Tier 2 projects. Please remember that projects in Tier 2 that pass HUD's eligibility and threshold review will be re-scored using the criteria in Section I.B.3.h.(2). of the HUD NOFO (pages 29-30). For DV Bonus projects Section I.B.3.j. of the HUD NOFO (Pages 30 - 32) describes HUDs scoring process. The NOFO can be found at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

Per the NOFO, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program projects are renewed non-competitively and included in the priority listing without a ranking.

Once the full CoC application is complete for the Balance of State CoC, DCA will send a notice letting stakeholders know the CoC Application document is available for review.

Should you have questions, please contact me (Josh.Gray@dca.ga.gov) or Tina Moore at (tina.moore@dca.ga.gov).

(Please note: In addition to CoC members, this notice was sent to all interested parties on the mailing list of the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless. If you would like your contact information removed from the database, please let me know.)

Thank you,
Joshua Gray



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**2024 Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Project Application Priority Ranking
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Status	Ranking	Project Type	Name of Project Applicant	Project Sponsor/Project Name	Project Score	Amount Requested from HUD	Reallocated funds	Cumulative Balance for Funding		
<p>Renewing PSH & PH (non-YHDP) project applications were scored & ranked using the same scoring criteria. Projects were then grouped and ranked in the following order: Group 1 -Renewing PSH & PH projects currently housing people without significant capacity or performance issues, HMIS, Coord Assessment renewal projects, & operational renewal projects transferred in the last 12-months; Group 2 - New RRH and PSH awarded in 2022 or 2023 competition (not operational for a year) received median points for performance; Group 3 - New projects designated to utilize reallocated funds; Group 4 - Renewal PSH and RRH determined to be significantly underperforming or operating under capacity; Group 5 - New CoC PH Bonus; Group 6 - New DV Bonus housing projects; & Group 7 - New DV Bonus SSO-CE. Higher scoring projects were placed in the CoC's Tier 1 representing the top 90% of the Annual Renewal Amount (ARA) minus the reallocated amount. Group 3 and Group 4 projects that scored lower fell into the bottom of the of the BoS CoC's ARA (a/k/a Annual Renewal Demand or ARD). *YHDP projects were not ranked.</p>										
Accepted	1	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Carrollton Housing Authority S+CR	284.50	\$578,695	\$ -	\$ 578,695	Tier 1	
Accepted	2	PSH	Another Chance of Atlanta, Inc.	ACA PSH Clayton County 2024	283.90	\$168,919	\$ -	\$ 747,614		
Accepted	3	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR	280.80	\$157,966	\$ -	\$ 905,580		
Accepted	4	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Caring Works BOS S+CR	280.50	\$901,345	\$ -	\$ 1,806,925		
Accepted	5	PSH	Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corporation	PH Case Management	279.40	\$31,679	\$ -	\$ 1,838,604		
Accepted	6	PSH	Another Chance of Atlanta, Inc.	ACA PSH Gwinnett County 2024	279.00	\$233,989	\$ -	\$ 2,072,593		
Accepted	7	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Pineland CSB S+CR	279.00	\$206,657	\$ -	\$ 2,279,250		
Accepted	8	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA South GA CSB S+CR_C	278.00	\$672,717	\$ -	\$ 2,951,967		
Accepted	9	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Dalton Whitfield CDC S+CR_C	274.10	\$345,989	\$ -	\$ 3,297,956		
Accepted	10	RRH	Advocates for Bartow's Children, Inc.	RRH Youth Project	272.30	\$423,144	\$ -	\$ 3,721,100		
Accepted	11	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Viewpoint Health S+CR_C	268.50	\$1,467,826	\$ -	\$ 5,188,926		
Accepted	12	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA River Edge CSB S+CR_C2	262.50	\$931,223	\$ -	\$ 6,120,149		
Accepted	13	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Lookout Mountain CSB S+CR	260.50	\$334,828	\$ -	\$ 6,454,977		
Accepted	14	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA MUST Ministries BOS S+CR T	258.50	\$439,678	\$ -	\$ 6,894,655		
Accepted	15	RRH	Safe Harbor Children's Shelter	STRIVE Rapid Rehousing Renewal	257.30	\$146,992	\$ -	\$ 7,041,647		
Accepted	16	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Gateway BHS S+CR	256.80	\$826,101	\$ -	\$ 7,867,748	Tier 1	
Accepted	17	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA New Horizons CSB BoS S+C_C	251.00	\$344,573	\$ -	\$ 8,212,321		
Accepted	18	RRH	S.H.A.R.E. House, Inc.	S.H.A.R.E. House Rapid ReHousing	250.70	\$198,785	\$ -	\$ 8,411,106		
Accepted	19	RRH	Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc.	GMWC RRH Renewal 2024	250.20	\$193,260	\$ -	\$ 8,604,366		
Accepted	20	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Advantage BHS BOS S+CR_C2	246.20	\$625,546	\$ -	\$ 9,229,912		
Accepted	21	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA River Edge CSB S+CR_C	245.50	\$1,203,539	\$ -	\$ 10,433,451		
Accepted	22	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA AVITA S+CR_C	245.40	\$358,402	\$ -	\$ 10,791,853		
Accepted	23	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Union Mission S+C T	243.00	\$91,109	\$ -	\$ 10,882,962		
Accepted	24	PSH	MUST Ministries, Inc.	Cherokee County PSH-PH Case Management	241.80	\$71,904	\$ -	\$ 10,954,866		
Accepted	25	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Travelers Aid S+CR_C	240.00	\$569,232	\$ -	\$ 11,524,098		
Accepted	26	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Travelers Aid S+CR3	240.00	\$197,556	\$ -	\$ 11,721,654		
Accepted	27	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Oconee CSB S+CR	240.00	\$101,538	\$ -	\$ 11,823,192		
Accepted	28	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Oconee CSB S+CR2	240.00	\$221,106	\$ -	\$ 12,044,298		Tier 1
Accepted	29	SSO	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	BoS CoC Coordinated Assessment FY2024	240.00	\$189,176	\$ -	\$ 12,233,474		
Accepted	30	SSO	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	BOS CoC Coordinated Assessment Expansion FY2024	240.00	\$200,000	\$ -	\$ 12,433,474		

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Accepted	32	HMIS	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Balance of State HMIS Grant FY2024	240.00	\$100,003	\$ -	\$ 13,196,877	
Accepted	33	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA MUST Ministries BOS S+CR	239.80	\$331,192	\$ -	\$ 13,528,069	
Accepted	34	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Douglas CSB S+CR2	239.00	\$982,360	\$ -	\$ 14,510,429	
Accepted	35	PSH	Gateway Behavioral Health Services	Brunswick Homeless Non-Custodial Disabled Men's Project FY24	238.80	\$497,385	\$ -	\$ 15,007,814	
Accepted	36	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Unison BHS S+CR	232.70	\$470,201	\$ -	\$ 15,478,015	
Accepted	37	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Middle Flint BHS S+CR	232.00	\$215,684	\$ -	\$ 15,693,699	
Accepted	38	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Highland Rivers CSB S+CR_C	231.00	\$341,213	\$ -	\$ 16,034,912	
Accepted	39	RRH	Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.	COC Renewal Project 2024	230.00	\$283,958	\$ -	\$ 16,318,870	
Accepted	40	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA AVITA Community Partners S+CR	224.80	\$193,847	\$ -	\$ 16,512,717	
Accepted	41	PSH	New Horizons Community Service Board	Red Hill Adaptive Group Residence Renewal FY 2024	223.50	\$73,698	\$ -	\$ 16,586,415	
Accepted	42	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA CSB of Middle Georgia S+CR	223.20	\$48,571	\$ -	\$ 16,634,986	
Accepted	43	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR1	221.00	\$487,200	\$ -	\$ 17,122,186	Tier
Accepted	44	PSH	Douglas County Community Services Board	Douglas County SHP	217.30	\$124,994	\$ -	\$ 17,247,180	1
Accepted	45	RRH	Project Community Connections, Inc.	PCCI Rapid Re-Housing BoS	216.50	\$1,098,192	\$ -	\$ 18,345,372	
Accepted	46	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR2	211.80	\$402,957	\$ -	\$ 18,748,329	
Accepted	47	RRH	Citizens Against Violence, Inc.	GA-501-REN-Rapid Rehousing DV-CoC FY2022	208.00	\$306,202	\$ -	\$ 19,054,531	
Accepted	48	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR3	207.30	\$275,020	\$ -	\$ 19,329,551	
Accepted	49	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Highland Rivers S+CR3	207.20	\$323,543	\$ -	\$ 19,653,094	
Accepted	50	RRH	Partnership Against Domestic Violence	PADV Gwinnett Housing Project	195.00	\$758,744	\$ -	\$ 20,411,838	
Accepted	51	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Albany Area CSB S+CR_C	193.90	\$458,945	\$ -	\$ 20,870,783	Tier
Accepted	52	RRH	FaithBridge Foster Care Inc.	FaithBridge Rapid Rehousing 2024	189.50	\$585,581	\$ -	\$ 21,456,364	2
Accepted	53	RRH	Lowndes Associated Ministries to People, Inc.	LAMP Rapid Rehousing FY 2022	147.10	\$164,750	\$ -	\$ 21,621,114	
Accepted	54	RRH	Homeless Shelter Action Committee, Inc.	Good Neighbor CoC RRH	209.00	\$250,897	\$250,897	\$ 21,872,011	
Accepted	55	RRH	Ninth District Opportunity, Inc.	FY2024 BoS CoC Rapid Rehousing	188.50	\$302,784	\$302,784	\$ 22,174,795	Tier
Accepted	56	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Viewpoint Health S+CR_C_expansion	182.50	\$305,047	\$305,047	\$ 22,479,842	2
Accepted	57	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR_expansion	181.50	\$82,500	\$82,500	\$ 22,562,342	
Accepted	58	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	South GA CSB S+CR_C_expansion	176.50	\$165,000	\$102,925	\$ 22,727,342	
Accepted	59	RRH	New Horizons Community Service Board	HUD Rural Rapid Rehousing fy 2024	142.70	\$108,903	\$ -	\$ 22,836,245	
Accepted	60	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	AVITA S+CR_C_expansion	175.00	\$250,000	\$ -	\$ 23,086,245	
Accepted	61	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Caring Works BOS S+CR_expansion	165.67	\$169,306	\$ -	\$ 23,255,551	
Accepted	62	Joint TH & PH-RRH	Society of St Vincent de Paul Georgia, Inc.	Support to Home	165.50	\$366,720	\$ -	\$ 23,622,271	
Accepted	63	RRH	The Christian City, Inc.	Healthy Families Community Resource Initiative (HF) RRH	164.67	\$273,882	\$ -	\$ 23,896,153	
Accepted	64	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Albany Area CSB S+CR_C_expansion	156.00	\$184,721	\$ -	\$ 24,080,874	
Accepted	65	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Gateway BHS S+CR_expansion	156.00	\$164,921	\$ -	\$ 24,245,795	
Accepted	66	RRH	Overcomers House, Inc.	Overcomers House Inc Rapid Rehousing Project	151.67	\$240,147	\$ -	\$ 24,485,942	Tier

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Accepted	67	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Pineland CSB S+CR_expansion	149.00	\$78,460	\$ -	\$ 24,564,402	2
Accepted	68	RRH	City of Hinesville	Homeless Prevention Program RRH	148.33	\$165,717	\$ -	\$ 24,730,119	
Accepted	69	RRH	Union Mission, Inc.	Union Mission Rural RRH 2024	138.50	\$472,048	\$ -	\$ 25,202,167	
Accepted	70	RRH	Lowndes Associated Ministries to People, Inc.	LAMP Young Adults RRH	133.25	\$207,882	\$ -	\$ 25,410,049	
Accepted	71	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Lookout Mountain CSB S+CR_expansion	120.50	\$206,258	\$ -	\$ 25,616,307	
Accepted	72	RRH	United Way of Central Georgia, Inc.	The Way Home RRH	116.00	\$884,631	\$ -	\$ 26,500,938	
Accepted	73	RRH	Douglas County CSB	Housing First Rapid Re-Housing	166.17	\$592,567	\$ -	\$ 27,093,505	
Accepted	74	SSO-CE	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	BoS Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry Project	171.50	\$546,159	\$ -	\$ 27,639,664	
Rejected	Not Ranked	RRH	South GA Partnership to End Homelessness	SGPEH Rapid Re-Housing	N/A	\$0	\$ -	\$ 27,639,664	
Fully Reallocated	Not Ranked	PSH	AIDS Athens	AIDS Athens PSHP	225.30	\$0	(\$91,618)	\$ 27,639,664	
Fully Reallocated	Not Ranked	PSH	Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.	Gwinnett PSH 0265 (2023)	N/A	\$0	(\$231,679)	\$ 27,639,664	
Fully Reallocated	Not Ranked	RRH	Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.	Gwinnett RRH 2 (0318) 2023	N/A	\$0	(\$720,856)	\$ 27,639,664	
Rejected	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	United Way of Central Georgia, Inc.	The Way Home Joint TH-RRH	N/A	\$0		\$ 27,639,664	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	ADVOCATES FOR BARTOW'S CHILDREN, INC.	Advocates Joint TH-RRH	YHDP	\$716,887		\$ 28,356,551	YHDP
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	ADVOCATES FOR BARTOW'S CHILDREN, INC.	Advocates Youth Drop In Center	YHDP	\$167,400		\$ 28,523,951	
Accepted	Not Ranked	HMIS	GEORGIA HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTH	BoS YHDP Application FY2021	YHDP	\$93,500		\$ 28,617,451	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	HOPE THRU SOAP INC	BOS YHDP HTS Drop In Center	YHDP	\$211,050		\$ 28,828,501	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	HOPE THRU SOAP INC	BOS YHDP HTS Navigation	YHDP	\$137,500		\$ 28,966,001	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	HOPE THRU SOAP INC	BOS YHDP HTS Outreach	YHDP	\$250,250		\$ 29,216,251	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint	UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL GEORGIA, INC.	Community Youth Supports	YHDP	\$431,900		\$ 29,648,151	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUCCESS SERVICES INC	Diversion	YHDP	\$107,800		\$ 29,755,951	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	FORSYTH COUNTY COMMUNITY CONNECTION, INC	FoCo Drop in Center	YHDP	\$220,000		\$ 29,975,951	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUCCESS SERVICES INC	Joint TH/RRH	YHDP	\$1,289,200		\$ 31,265,151	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	OPEN ARMS, INC	Open Arms YHDP	YHDP	\$122,700		\$ 31,387,851	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	THE UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME OF	Wellroot Family Services Safety Net	YHDP	\$458,492		\$ 31,846,343	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	Street Beat	YHDP	\$250,200		\$ 32,096,543	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	Street Beat Drop-In Centers	YHDP	\$253,500		\$ 32,350,043	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	PARK PLACE OUTREACH, INC.	SOP, Rural Homelessness Diversion	YHDP	\$117,000		\$ 32,467,043	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	STRIVE TH-RRH	YHDP	\$452,833		\$ 32,919,876	
Accepted	Not Ranked	RRH	CAMP ROCK OF GEORGIA, INC.	YHDP Camp Rock of Georgia RRH	YHDP	\$198,900		\$ 33,118,776	
Accepted	Not Ranked	PSH	ALBANY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD	YHDP Round 6 Aspire BHDD PSH	YHDP	\$262,500		\$ 33,381,276	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	Zach's Place Diversion	YHDP	\$108,000		\$ 33,489,276	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Planning	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	2024 CoC Planning Grant	N/A	\$1,500,000		\$ 34,989,276	

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August 28, 2024 - The FY 2024 Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition is now open. The Georgia Balance of State CoC Board of Directors is seeking applications from eligible renewal and new projects as outlined in the policy and related materials listed below. All prospective applicants, new, renewal and YHDP, may review full details of the 2024 application requirements as they are released on this page. Some important deadlines include (please see policy document and linked materials for full details):

- Proposal Outlines (New projects only) – September 3, 2024
- Renewal Project Review Application – September 10, 2024
- YHDP Renewal Project Review Application – September 10, 2024
- New Project Review Application – September 11, 2024
- HUD Project Application in e-snaps – September 27, 2024

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released their FY 2024 and FY 2025 Competition Notice on July 31, 2024. This notice can be found at https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_24_198. As information is released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, it will be posted on the Continuum of Care Competition page at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

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2024 Balance of State Continuum of Care Application Documents (2024 Competition Forms Pending)

- 2024 Balance of State Continuum of Care Application
- 2024 Balance of State Continuum of Care Project Priority Listing
- [2024 Balance of State Continuum of Care Project Ranking Chart](#)

BoS CoC Policy

- [2024 Georgia BoS CoC NOFO Competition Policy - Includes DEADLINES](#)
- [Outline of Overarching Policy Priorities - Highlighted in 2024 NOFO](#)

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**2024 Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Project Application Priority Ranking
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Status	Ranking	Project Type	Name of Project Applicant	Project Sponsor/Project Name	Project Score	Amount Requested from HUD	Reallocated funds	Cumulative Balance for Funding		
<p>Renewing PSH & PH (non-YHDP) project applications were scored & ranked using the same scoring criteria. Projects were then grouped and ranked in the following order: Group 1 -Renewing PSH & PH projects currently housing people without significant capacity or performance issues, HMIS, Coord Assessment renewal projects, & operational renewal projects transferred in the last 12-months; Group 2 - New RRH and PSH awarded in 2022 or 2023 competition (not operational for a year) received median points for performance; Group 3 - New projects designated to utilize reallocated funds; Group 4 - Renewal PSH and RRH determined to be significantly underperforming or operating under capacity; Group 5 - New CoC PH Bonus; Group 6 - New DV Bonus housing projects; & Group 7 - New DV Bonus SSO-CE. Higher scoring projects were placed in the CoC's Tier 1 representing the top 90% of the Annual Renewal Amount (ARA) minus the reallocated amount. Group 3 and Group 4 projects that scored lower fell into the bottom of the of the BoS CoC's ARA (a/k/a Annual Renewal Demand or ARD). *YHDP projects were not ranked.</p>										
Accepted	1	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Carrollton Housing Authority S+CR	284.50	\$578,695	\$ -	\$ 578,695	Tier 1	
Accepted	2	PSH	Another Chance of Atlanta, Inc.	ACA PSH Clayton County 2024	283.90	\$168,919	\$ -	\$ 747,614		
Accepted	3	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR	280.80	\$157,966	\$ -	\$ 905,580		
Accepted	4	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Caring Works BOS S+CR	280.50	\$901,345	\$ -	\$ 1,806,925		
Accepted	5	PSH	Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corporation	PH Case Management	279.40	\$31,679	\$ -	\$ 1,838,604		
Accepted	6	PSH	Another Chance of Atlanta, Inc.	ACA PSH Gwinnett County 2024	279.00	\$233,989	\$ -	\$ 2,072,593		
Accepted	7	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Pineland CSB S+CR	279.00	\$206,657	\$ -	\$ 2,279,250		
Accepted	8	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA South GA CSB S+CR_C	278.00	\$672,717	\$ -	\$ 2,951,967		
Accepted	9	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Dalton Whitfield CDC S+CR_C	274.10	\$345,989	\$ -	\$ 3,297,956		
Accepted	10	RRH	Advocates for Bartow's Children, Inc.	RRH Youth Project	272.30	\$423,144	\$ -	\$ 3,721,100		
Accepted	11	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Viewpoint Health S+CR_C	268.50	\$1,467,826	\$ -	\$ 5,188,926		
Accepted	12	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA River Edge CSB S+CR_C2	262.50	\$931,223	\$ -	\$ 6,120,149		
Accepted	13	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Lookout Mountain CSB S+CR	260.50	\$334,828	\$ -	\$ 6,454,977		
Accepted	14	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA MUST Ministries BOS S+CR T	258.50	\$439,678	\$ -	\$ 6,894,655		
Accepted	15	RRH	Safe Harbor Children's Shelter	STRIVE Rapid Rehousing Renewal	257.30	\$146,992	\$ -	\$ 7,041,647		
Accepted	16	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Gateway BHS S+CR	256.80	\$826,101	\$ -	\$ 7,867,748	Tier 1	
Accepted	17	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA New Horizons CSB BoS S+C_C	251.00	\$344,573	\$ -	\$ 8,212,321		
Accepted	18	RRH	S.H.A.R.E. House, Inc.	S.H.A.R.E. House Rapid ReHousing	250.70	\$198,785	\$ -	\$ 8,411,106		
Accepted	19	RRH	Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc.	GMWC RRH Renewal 2024	250.20	\$193,260	\$ -	\$ 8,604,366		
Accepted	20	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Advantage BHS BOS S+CR_C2	246.20	\$625,546	\$ -	\$ 9,229,912		
Accepted	21	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA River Edge CSB S+CR_C	245.50	\$1,203,539	\$ -	\$ 10,433,451		
Accepted	22	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA AVITA S+CR_C	245.40	\$358,402	\$ -	\$ 10,791,853		
Accepted	23	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Union Mission S+C T	243.00	\$91,109	\$ -	\$ 10,882,962		
Accepted	24	PSH	MUST Ministries, Inc.	Cherokee County PSH-PH Case Management	241.80	\$71,904	\$ -	\$ 10,954,866		
Accepted	25	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Travelers Aid S+CR_C	240.00	\$569,232	\$ -	\$ 11,524,098		
Accepted	26	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Travelers Aid S+CR3	240.00	\$197,556	\$ -	\$ 11,721,654		
Accepted	27	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Oconee CSB S+CR	240.00	\$101,538	\$ -	\$ 11,823,192		Tier 1
Accepted	28	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Oconee CSB S+CR2	240.00	\$221,106	\$ -	\$ 12,044,298		
Accepted	29	SSO	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	BoS CoC Coordinated Assessment FY2024	240.00	\$189,176	\$ -	\$ 12,233,474		
Accepted	30	SSO	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	BOS CoC Coordinated Assessment Expansion FY2024	240.00	\$200,000	\$ -	\$ 12,433,474		

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Accepted	31	HMIS	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Statewide HMIS Renewal FY2024	240.00	\$663,400	\$ -	\$ 13,096,874	
Accepted	32	HMIS	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Balance of State HMIS Grant FY2024	240.00	\$100,003	\$ -	\$ 13,196,877	
Accepted	33	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA MUST Ministries BOS S+CR	239.80	\$331,192	\$ -	\$ 13,528,069	
Accepted	34	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Douglas CSB S+CR2	239.00	\$982,360	\$ -	\$ 14,510,429	
Accepted	35	PSH	Gateway Behavioral Health Services	Brunswick Homeless Non-Custodial Disabled Men's Project FY24	238.80	\$497,385	\$ -	\$ 15,007,814	
Accepted	36	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Unison BHS S+CR	232.70	\$470,201	\$ -	\$ 15,478,015	
Accepted	37	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Middle Flint BHS S+CR	232.00	\$215,684	\$ -	\$ 15,693,699	
Accepted	38	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Highland Rivers CSB S+CR_C	231.00	\$341,213	\$ -	\$ 16,034,912	
Accepted	39	RRH	Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.	COC Renewal Project 2024	230.00	\$283,958	\$ -	\$ 16,318,870	
Accepted	40	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA AVITA Community Partners S+CR	224.80	\$193,847	\$ -	\$ 16,512,717	
Accepted	41	PSH	New Horizons Community Service Board	Red Hill Adaptive Group Residence Renewal FY 2024	223.50	\$73,698	\$ -	\$ 16,586,415	
Accepted	42	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA CSB of Middle Georgia S+CR	223.20	\$48,571	\$ -	\$ 16,634,986	
Accepted	43	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR1	221.00	\$487,200	\$ -	\$ 17,122,186	Tier
Accepted	44	PSH	Douglas County Community Services Board	Douglas County SHP	217.30	\$124,994	\$ -	\$ 17,247,180	1
Accepted	45	RRH	Project Community Connections, Inc.	PCCI Rapid Re-Housing BoS	216.50	\$1,098,192	\$ -	\$ 18,345,372	
Accepted	46	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR2	211.80	\$402,957	\$ -	\$ 18,748,329	
Accepted	47	RRH	Citizens Against Violence, Inc.	GA-501-REN-Rapid Rehousing DV-CoC FY2022	208.00	\$306,202	\$ -	\$ 19,054,531	
Accepted	48	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA McIntosh Trail CSB S+CR3	207.30	\$275,020	\$ -	\$ 19,329,551	
Accepted	49	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Highland Rivers S+CR3	207.20	\$323,543	\$ -	\$ 19,653,094	
Accepted	50	RRH	Partnership Against Domestic Violence	PADV Gwinnett Housing Project	195.00	\$758,744	\$ -	\$ 20,411,838	
Accepted	51	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	GHFA Albany Area CSB S+CR_C	193.90	\$458,945	\$ -	\$ 20,870,783	Tier
Accepted	52	RRH	FaithBridge Foster Care Inc.	FaithBridge Rapid Rehousing 2024	189.50	\$585,581	\$ -	\$ 21,456,364	2
Accepted	53	RRH	Lowndes Associated Ministries to People, Inc.	LAMP Rapid Rehousing FY 2022	147.10	\$164,750	\$ -	\$ 21,621,114	
Accepted	54	RRH	Homeless Shelter Action Committee, Inc.	Good Neighbor CoC RRH	209.00	\$250,897	\$250,897	\$ 21,872,011	
Accepted	55	RRH	Ninth District Opportunity, Inc.	FY2024 BoS CoC Rapid Rehousing	188.50	\$302,784	\$302,784	\$ 22,174,795	Tier
Accepted	56	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Viewpoint Health S+CR_C_expansion	182.50	\$305,047	\$305,047	\$ 22,479,842	2
Accepted	57	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR_expansion	181.50	\$82,500	\$82,500	\$ 22,562,342	
Accepted	58	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	South GA CSB S+CR_C_expansion	176.50	\$165,000	\$102,925	\$ 22,727,342	
Accepted	59	RRH	New Horizons Community Service Board	HUD Rural Rapid Rehousing fy 2024	142.70	\$108,903	\$ -	\$ 22,836,245	
Accepted	60	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	AVITA S+CR_C_expansion	175.00	\$250,000	\$ -	\$ 23,086,245	
Accepted	61	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Caring Works BOS S+CR_expansion	165.67	\$169,306	\$ -	\$ 23,255,551	
Accepted	62	Joint TH & PH-RRH	Society of St Vincent de Paul Georgia, Inc.	Support to Home	165.50	\$366,720	\$ -	\$ 23,622,271	
Accepted	63	RRH	The Christian City, Inc.	Healthy Families Community Resource Initiative (HF) RRH	164.67	\$273,882	\$ -	\$ 23,896,153	
Accepted	64	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Albany Area CSB S+CR_C_expansion	156.00	\$184,721	\$ -	\$ 24,080,874	
Accepted	65	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Gateway BHS S+CR_expansion	156.00	\$164,921	\$ -	\$ 24,245,795	
Accepted	66	RRH	Overcomers House, Inc.	Overcomers House Inc Rapid Rehousing Project	151.67	\$240,147	\$ -	\$ 24,485,942	Tier

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Accepted	67	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Pineland CSB S+CR_expansion	149.00	\$78,460	\$ -	\$ 24,564,402	2
Accepted	68	RRH	City of Hinesville	Homeless Prevention Program RRH	148.33	\$165,717	\$ -	\$ 24,730,119	
Accepted	69	RRH	Union Mission, Inc.	Union Mission Rural RRH 2024	138.50	\$472,048	\$ -	\$ 25,202,167	
Accepted	70	RRH	Lowndes Associated Ministries to People, Inc.	LAMP Young Adults RRH	133.25	\$207,882	\$ -	\$ 25,410,049	
Accepted	71	PSH	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	Lookout Mountain CSB S+CR_expansion	120.50	\$206,258	\$ -	\$ 25,616,307	
Accepted	72	RRH	United Way of Central Georgia, Inc.	The Way Home RRH	116.00	\$884,631	\$ -	\$ 26,500,938	
Accepted	73	RRH	Douglas County CSB	Housing First Rapid Re-Housing	166.17	\$592,567	\$ -	\$ 27,093,505	
Accepted	74	SSO-CE	Georgia Housing and Finance Authority	BoS Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry Project	171.50	\$546,159	\$ -	\$ 27,639,664	
Rejected	Not Ranked	RRH	South GA Partnership to End Homelessness	SGPEH Rapid Re-Housing	N/A	\$0	\$ -	\$ 27,639,664	
Fully Reallocated	Not Ranked	PSH	AIDS Athens	AIDS Athens PSHP	225.30	\$0	(\$91,618)	\$ 27,639,664	
Fully Reallocated	Not Ranked	PSH	Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.	Gwinnett PSH 0265 (2023)	N/A	\$0	(\$231,679)	\$ 27,639,664	
Fully Reallocated	Not Ranked	RRH	Travelers Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.	Gwinnett RRH 2 (0318) 2023	N/A	\$0	(\$720,856)	\$ 27,639,664	
Rejected	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	United Way of Central Georgia, Inc.	The Way Home Joint TH-RRH	N/A	\$0		\$ 27,639,664	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	ADVOCATES FOR BARTOW'S CHILDREN, INC.	Advocates Joint TH-RRH	YHDP	\$716,887		\$ 28,356,551	YHDP
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	ADVOCATES FOR BARTOW'S CHILDREN, INC.	Advocates Youth Drop In Center	YHDP	\$167,400		\$ 28,523,951	
Accepted	Not Ranked	HMIS	GEORGIA HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTH	BoS YHDP Application FY2021	YHDP	\$93,500		\$ 28,617,451	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	HOPE THRU SOAP INC	BOS YHDP HTS Drop In Center	YHDP	\$211,050		\$ 28,828,501	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	HOPE THRU SOAP INC	BOS YHDP HTS Navigation	YHDP	\$137,500		\$ 28,966,001	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	HOPE THRU SOAP INC	BOS YHDP HTS Outreach	YHDP	\$250,250		\$ 29,216,251	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint	UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL GEORGIA, INC.	Community Youth Supports	YHDP	\$431,900		\$ 29,648,151	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUCCESS SERVICES INC	Diversion	YHDP	\$107,800		\$ 29,755,951	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	FORSYTH COUNTY COMMUNITY CONNECTION, INC	FoCo Drop in Center	YHDP	\$220,000		\$ 29,975,951	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUCCESS SERVICES INC	Joint TH/RRH	YHDP	\$1,289,200		\$ 31,265,151	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	OPEN ARMS, INC	Open Arms YHDP	YHDP	\$122,700		\$ 31,387,851	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	THE UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME OF	Wellroot Family Services Safety Net	YHDP	\$458,492		\$ 31,846,343	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	Street Beat	YHDP	\$250,200		\$ 32,096,543	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	Street Beat Drop-In Centers	YHDP	\$253,500		\$ 32,350,043	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	PARK PLACE OUTREACH, INC.	SOP, Rural Homelessness Diversion	YHDP	\$117,000		\$ 32,467,043	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Joint TH & PH-RRH	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	STRIVE TH-RRH	YHDP	\$452,833		\$ 32,919,876	
Accepted	Not Ranked	RRH	CAMP ROCK OF GEORGIA, INC.	YHDP Camp Rock of Georgia RRH	YHDP	\$198,900		\$ 33,118,776	
Accepted	Not Ranked	PSH	ALBANY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD	YHDP Round 6 Aspire BHDD PSH	YHDP	\$262,500		\$ 33,381,276	
Accepted	Not Ranked	SSO	SAFE HARBOR CHILDRENS CEN	Zach's Place Diversion	YHDP	\$108,000		\$ 33,489,276	
Accepted	Not Ranked	Planning	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	2024 CoC Planning Grant	N/A	\$1,500,000		\$ 34,989,276	

*Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Renewal projects are non-competitive and must not be ranked by CoCs (HUD FY 2024 and FY 2025 NOFO, page 24).

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Housing Leveraging Commitments

Leveraged Housing Summary						
Agency	Project Name	Source of Commitment	Number of units committed	Total Number of units/Participants	Percentage leveraged	Dates units will be available
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia, Inc.	Support to Home	Local Government	5	15	33%	6/1/2025



ST. VINCENT de PAUL GEORGIA

Re: Fiscal Year 2024 CoC Program Competition
CoC New Project Application: St. Vincent de Paul Georgia's Support to Home Joint TH/RRH Program

Dear U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:

St. Vincent de Paul Georgia has been awarded FY2024 HOME grant funds from Gwinnett County in the amount of \$156,900 to administer the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program.

This funding will be used for the Rapid Rehousing component of the joint TH/RRH Support to Home Program. Therefore, the rental assistance request in this application is \$88,908 for five units (2 1-bdrm and 3 2-bdrm) and we will use the \$156,900 TBRA for the additional 5 units of rental assistance needed for this program. This TBRA award is a 25% match of \$91,680 for this \$366,720 application.

We look forward to partnership with HUD in utilizing these valuable resources to serve those most in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mariel Risner Sivley'.

Mariel Risner Sivley
Director of Housing

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Healthcare Formal Agreements

Leveraged Healthcare Summary				
Agency	Project name	Value of Commitment	Total Funds Requested	Date Healthcare Resources Will be Provided
Georgia Housing Finance Authority	Viewpoint Health S+CR_C Expansion	\$76,400.00	\$305,047.00	May 1, 2025 thru April 30, 2026
Georgia Housing Finance Authority	Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR Expansion	\$29,833	\$82,500.00	September 1, 2025 thru August 31, 2026 (and each renewal year)



October 18, 2024

Leveraging for Healthcare Commitment

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing on behalf of View Point Health's permanent supportive housing (S+C_C) expansion project to commit at least 25% of award – approximately \$76,400 – to fully utilize healthcare resources for all participants enrolled in the project. The service dates that the healthcare resources will be provided are from May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026. The eligibility for project participants will be based on Continuum of Care (CoC) fair housing program requirements and will not be restricted by the healthcare provider.

<i># Served</i>	<i>Service Description</i>	<i>Cost Per</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
100	Phsyical Healthcare Sreenings - Internal Medicine	\$195	\$ 19,500
90	Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessment	\$145	\$ 13,050
130	Medication Copay Support - For Prescriptions Only	\$30	\$ 3,900
36	Emergency - Full Coverage - Medication Support	\$200	\$ 7,200
130	Care Coordination Resource Development	\$115	\$ 14,950
50	Emergent Medical Supplies to Reduce Hospitalization	\$300	\$ 15,000
70	Medical Transportation (Uber Health)	\$40	\$ 2,800
	TOTAL		\$ 76,400

Respectfully,

Chad Jones
 Vice President for Business Development
 View Point Health



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October 20, 2024

Project Name: Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR_expansion

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in reference to Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc. FY24 NOFO permanent supportive housing expansion project. The combined healthcare leverage estimated value is \$29,833. These services will be available between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026 and for each renewable year.

The eligibility for project participants will be based on Continuum of Care (CoC) program fair housing program requirements and will not be restricted by the healthcare service provider.

# Served	Service Description	Provider	Cost Per Service	# Sessions	Total Cost
15	Individual therapy sessions by licensed provider	Jodi Mosher, LCSW & Kimberly Allen, MA, LMFT	\$88	166	\$14,608
15	Individual substance abuse assessments	Jacki Roberts, Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor II	\$125	15	\$1,875
6	Individual substance abuse counseling sessions	Jacki Roberts, Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor II	\$50	90	\$4,500
15	Health assessments	Medlink, GA LLC	\$110	15	\$1,650
3	Chronic disease management	Grace Gate Clinic	\$2,400	1	\$7,200
Total					\$29,833

Please let me know if you need any additional information. I can be reached at sdow@gacircleofhope.org or 706-776-3406 ext 1801.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Dow".

Suzanne Dow, Executive Director

Jodi Mosher

Licensed Clinical
Social Worker

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October 20, 2024

Subject: Leveraging Healthcare Resources Commitment

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to submit this letter to express our commitment to the Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR expansion project.

I am enthusiastic about partnering with Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc. to serve participants with therapy services. My commitment entails providing therapy services for all 15 program participants who express interest in availing themselves of these services. I currently contract with Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc. at a reduced hourly rate of \$75. The standard rate for similar services is \$163. The breakdown of my commitment is as follows:

10 Therapy sessions x 7 clients @ \$88 (difference of value - rate paid)

The total estimated value of this in-kind contribution is \$6,160, and these resources will be made available between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026. These resources will be accessible throughout the entire grant term and for each renewable year.

The project eligibility for program participants in the new project will be based on CoC program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the health care service provider.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jodi Mosher, LCSW (GA CSW003401)

Jackie Roberts
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October 20, 2024

Subject: Leveraging Healthcare Resources Commitment

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to submit this letter to express our commitment to the Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR expansion project.

I am enthusiastic about partnering with Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc. to provide participants with substance abuse assessment and counseling services. My commitment entails providing services for all 15 program participants who express interest in availing themselves of these services. I currently contract with Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc. at a reduced hourly rate of \$75 per assessment and \$50 per counseling session. The standard rate for similar services is \$200 per assessment and \$100 per counseling session. The breakdown of my commitment is as follows:

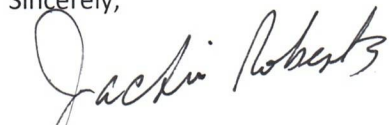
Substance abuse assessments x 15 clients @ \$125 (difference of value – rate paid) = \$1,875

15 Individual counseling sessions x 6 clients @ \$50 (difference of value – rate paid) = \$4,500

The total estimated value of this in-kind contribution is \$6,375, and these resources will be made available between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026. These resources will be accessible throughout the grant term and for each renewable year.

The project eligibility for program participants in the new project will be based on CoC program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the health care service provider.

Sincerely,



Jackie Roberts
Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor II
Certified Clinical Trauma Professional

Kimberly Allen
205 Laurel Dr
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706-768-7713

October 20, 2024

Subject: Leveraging Healthcare Resources Commitment

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to submit this letter to express our commitment to the Georgia Mountain Women's Center S+CR expansion project.

I am enthusiastic about partnering with Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc. to provide therapy services to participants. My commitment entails providing therapy services for program participants who express interest in availing themselves of these services. I currently contract with Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc. at a reduced hourly rate of \$75. The standard rate for similar services is \$163. The breakdown of my commitment based on 8 participants is as follows:

12 Therapy sessions x 8 clients @ \$88 (difference of value – rate paid)

The total estimated value of this in-kind contribution is \$8,448, and these services will be available between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026. These resources will be accessible throughout the entire grant term and for each renewable year.

The project eligibility for program participants in the new project will be based on CoC program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the health care service provider.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Allen, MA, LFMT
Licensed Family & Marriage Therapist



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Letter of Agreement for Healthcare Services

September 9, 2024

Michelle Black
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Ms. Black,

This letter of agreement outlines the terms and conditions under which MedLink Georgia, Inc. (hereafter referred to as the "Provider") agrees to deliver healthcare services to the families residing in the Supportive Housing Programs of Georgia Mountain Women's Center (Circle of Hope), under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) housing program.

Scope of Services

The Provider agrees to offer the following healthcare services to the families of the Supportive Housing Programs:

1. **General Health Screenings and Check-ups:** Routine health assessments for adults and children to monitor and manage common health conditions.
2. **Chronic Disease Management:** Support for residents managing chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and asthma.
3. **Mental Health Services:** Counseling and therapy for individuals or families to address mental health concerns such as anxiety, depression, or trauma.
4. **Substance Abuse Treatment and Referrals:** Guidance and referrals to substance abuse programs when needed.
5. **Health Education Workshops:** Providing health education sessions to promote wellness and preventive care.

Value of Services

The Provider agrees to deliver the services described above at the following estimated value:

- **In-Kind Service Contribution:** The healthcare services provided will be valued at approximately \$150.00 per office visit or approximately \$900.00 per family per year, based on the standard rates for similar services in the community for a two person household.
- **Discounted Services:** Where applicable, the Provider agrees to offer services at a reduced rate of \$40 per office visit, not including any medications to ensure affordability for the residents of the Supportive Housing Programs.

Duration of Agreement

This agreement shall be effective from September 28, 2024 and either party may terminate with a 30 day written notice.

Responsibilities of Georgia Mountain Women’s Center (Circle of Hope)

- Facilitate referrals of Supportive Housing Programs families to the Provider for healthcare services.
- Provide necessary documentation to verify families’ eligibility under the HUD program.
- Coordinate logistics such as transportation for families needing access to off-site healthcare services.

Responsibilities of the Provider

- Ensure the delivery of high-quality healthcare services to the Supportive Housing Programs families.
- Maintain confidentiality and compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- Submit quarterly reports to documenting the number of residents served and the value of services provided.

Signatures

Both parties agree to the terms and conditions above by signing this agreement.

Michelle Black

Michelle Black
Resource Development Manager
Georgia Mountain Women’s Center (Circle of Hope)
Date: 9/10/2024

Dave Ward

Dave Ward
President and CEO
MedLink Georgia, Inc.
Date: 09/10/2024

Letter of Agreement for Healthcare Services

Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc. dba-Circle of Hope
PO Box 833
Cornelia, Ga. 30531
706-776-3 406

September 9, 2024

Grace Gate Clinic
1040B Historic Hwy 441N
Demorest, GA 30535
Phone: 706-8 39-4080

Dear Grace Gate Clinic,

This letter of agreement outlines the terms and conditions under which Grace Gate Clinic (hereafter referred to as the "Provider") agrees to deliver healthcare services to the families residing in the Supportive Housing Programs of Georgia Mountain Women's Center (Circle of Hope) under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) housing program.

Scope of Services

The Provider agrees to offer the following healthcare services to the families of the Supportive Housing Programs:

1. **General Health Screenings and Check-ups:** Routine health assessments for 18 years and above to monitor and manage common health conditions.
2. **Chronic Disease Management:** Support for residents managing chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and asthma.
3. **Health Education Workshops:** Providing health education sessions to promote wellness and preventive care.

Grace Gate exists to provide free, quality and timely health care with the love of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit through competent and trained volunteers for the medically underserved in a compassionate environment that promotes the healing of mind, body and spirit.

Opening the gates of grace to provide free medical care in the love of Christ to those in need. Grace Gate is a non-profit that provides free primary care for low-income, uninsured adults who qualify through an application and review process.

Grace Gate provides medical care and disease management education to patients with non-acute illnesses and chronic diseases. Patients are seen by appointment only. No emergency care is provided.

Value of Services

The Provider agrees to deliver the services described above at the following estimated value:

- **In-Kind Service Contribution:** The healthcare services provided will be valued at approximately \$2,400.00 per adult per year, based on the standard rates for similar services in the community.

Duration of Agreement

This agreement shall be effective from September 9, 2024, to September 9, 2025, unless extended by mutual written consent. Either party may terminate this agreement with 30 days' written notice.

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Georgia Mountain Women's Center (Circle of Hope)
Date: 9/09/2024



Melissa Miller
Executive Director
Grace Gate Clinic
Date: 9.9.24