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 2023 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2023 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 2023 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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: MN-506 - Northwest Minnesota CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Northwest Minnesota Foundation

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

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

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

		In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:
	1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted–including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or
	2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

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

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

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

	1B-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 the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The NW CoC strives to create a transparent and accessible process for the recruitment of new members. This is done using a variety of tools and forms of communication to assure equitable accessibility. A recruitment letter is distributed to all current members to share within their networks bi-annually. This letter is also distributed via email newsletters and social media resources across the region by the collaborative applicant. The CoC Coordinator and CoC staff invest in relationships with new and established organizations as a way to encourage and recruit broad participation in the CoC. The CoC website has clearly defined CoC information and a link to the membership form for practical access for prospective members. In 2021 the collaborative applicant recruited members to join the Racial Equity Accountability Project to begin dismantling systems of oppression within the homeless response system, this team is made up of individuals of color and with lived experience of homelessness. This ensures the power dynamics were shifted in their favor amongst their peers. The CoC also supports the Youth Action Board (YAB) to continue to influence the written standards that guide the CoC's work in providing equitable service delivery within the YHDP program. The YAB, consisting of 3-5 members, has their own page on the MyPath virtual drop-in center for youth in the NWCoC. https://mypaths.org/yab/.

2.All communication with the NW CoC is sent electronically and may be made available for individuals with disabilities. CoC meetings are held in accessible spaces when in person with virtual options available. Virtual meetings have options for real-time closed captioning. Meetings often include PowerPoints with visual summaries of information shared verbally. The CoC has available upon request translation services, including American Sign Language translation.

3.The CoC Coordinator prepares for the addition of new members all year as new organizations start, or staffing changes happen. The CoC does extensive outreach to recruit individuals with lived experience and individuals representing marginalized communities. To this end, 50% of the CoC Executive Board identify as individuals who have experienced homelessness and 44% represent persons of color or indigenous decent.

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.The NW CoC actively seeks knowledge and input from a broad array of diverse organizations and individuals to help inform the work around homelessness in our region. The NW CoC membership includes representation from, but not limited to, school homeless liaisons, county child welfare, county social services, landlords, reentry programs, mental health, legal services, workforce development, public housing agencies, philanthropic organizations, health providers, health insurance providers, people with lived experience, youth, and supportive housing programs. We create space for interaction and communication at all committee and board meetings, allowing for free exchange of ideas and solutions to remove barriers in our work. Through the work in ending youth homelessness, we intentionally engaged youth living through homelessness in area talking circle sessions. Information gathered from these ongoing talking circles help inform future planning on the homelessness response system in our region and embodies the "nothing for us without us" approach to our work.
2.The NW CoC uses the following formats to communicate information or to solicit information significant to the work being done to eradicate homelessness:
-Emails, social media posts, flyer distribution to solicit membership, publicize meetings and events, inform of NOFO related announcements, etc.
-CoC website to provide CoC related content, promote local, state and federal funding opportunities
-Representation on sub-regional and regional housing/homeless committees with CoC updates and requested input on key planning items
-Monthly meeting engagement with regional shelter entities
-Funder and partner presentations at in-person and virtual meetings to update and inform membership
-The CoC canvasses input via surveys and talking circles from service providers, community partners, and persons with lived experience of homelessness for its needs assessment to inform CoC program planning.
-CoC staff follows up with all inquiries from interested organizations and individuals.
3.All communication within the NW CoC are sent electronically and may be made available for differently abled individuals in the various formats requested. CoC meetings are held in accessible spaces when in person with virtual options and translation services available. Virtual meetings have options for real-time closed captioning. Meetings often include PowerPoints with visual summaries of information shared verbally.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The NW CoC invites interest from currently funded projects and encourages submissions from new organizations on an ongoing basis. Information about the NOFO process, involvement opportunities is made public on the CoC website, press releases, social media and email blasts. Additionally, personal communication to homeless coalitions and at meetings of similar groups is provided. The application process is publicly posted as well as addressed to the entire CoC membership distribution lists.

2.The CoC P & E Committee engaged in a process to streamline the NOFO application scoring process to better address the needs and priorities of the communities being served and the agencies providing service delivery, ensuring that the process encompassed the Strategic Planning Goals and Homeless Policy Priorities endorsed by HUD. The new scoring criteria was available for the applicants at the FY23 NOFO project launch and included the CoC NOFO instruction documents, Anti-discrimination, Housing First and Reallocation policies, CoC appeal process guidelines, and the detailed instructions and timeline. New applicants are required to apply to the CoC to determine eligibility. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to the CoC Coordinator for technical assistance support. The CoC staff hosted a NOFO Information Sessions where applicants could participate and ask questions regarding the NOFO competition process.

3. Applications are scored and ranked by the Rank & Review committee made up of individuals both within and without CoC membership, with adherence to the stipulations detailed in the CoC policy. On September 9th, 2023, the CoC informed all applicants of the project status and ranking based on the recommendations made by the Rank & Review. The detailed instructions outlined the ranking and scoring process for all applicants. The recommendations of the R & R committee are then presented to the CoC Board of Directors for approval.

4.The CoC follows guidance from the MN Disability Council to ensure documents are readable and meetings accessible. This includes the use of headings, lists, meaningful hyperlink, simple tables, alternative text for images and use of accessible PDFs. Virtual meetings include options for closed captioning. Application materials are available electronically. NOFO webpage, emails, and meeting announcements include information to request assistance and alternate submission options with 1:1 support provided.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

		In the chart below:
	1.	select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or
	2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

18.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The NW CoC coordinates with the State of MN ESG program to determine a plan for allocating ESG funds and reporting on and evaluating the performance of ESG recipients and subrecipients. Per CoC policy, the CoC has established and operates a coordinated assessment system, in consultation with the recipients of Emergency Solutions Grants program funds, that provides an initial, comprehensive assessment of the housing and services needs of individuals and families within the CoC's area.
2. The NW CoC has performance standards for the evaluation of CoC and ESG Program funded activities. The CoC reviews and updates, annually, the CoC written governance standards to ensure they reflect ESG program requirements for program administration. In 2020, all MN CoC Coordinators met with ESG staff to plan for data collection for ESG-CV1 participants. The CoC Performance and Evaluation Committee evaluates project performance quarterly and provides regular reports to the CoC Board. ESG subrecipient performance standards reflect the ESG purpose: (1) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; (2) help operate these shelters; (3) provide essential social services to shelter residents; and (4) prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless. Performance issues are addressed by the CoC Coordinator and CoC committees. The CoC staff and committees proactively discuss quality improvement plans for under-performing projects.
3. All CoC's in Minnesota utilize the HMIS State Administrator, Institute of Community Alliances (ICA), for the collection and reporting of the annual Point in Time (PIT) and the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data for the region. ICA coordinates providing this information with the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness, which is integrated into the Minnesota Consolidated Plan.
4. Every five years the State of Minnesota submits a Consolidated Plan to HUD that establishes goals for addressing the housing and community development needs of the state. The CoC participates in providing information, data, barriers and needs of the region's homeless population to be incorporated in the Minnesota Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CoC provides feedback on priorities, policies and alignment through participation in the Minnesota monthly homeless coordination meetings, including state staff, including OEO. The DHS manager is in charge of Certifications of Consistency.

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 families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting 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)

All the MN CoCs, entered into an ongoing Collaborative Agreement with the MN Dept. of Education (MDE) in September 2022. This agreement outlines the roles of CoCs and MDE and our collaborative efforts in ensuring that families and youth experiencing homelessness are informed of their rights under McKinney Vento and have access to resources they need to be stably housed. In the agreement, MDE commits to a) Provide training to CoC Coordinators on how to use MDE aggregate public data on youth experiencing homelessness in Districts and Schools. b) Provide a list of training offered to District and School Homeless Liaisons, to CoC Coordinators. c) Provide to District and School Homeless Liaisons, a list of CoC Coordinators with contact information sortable by county; and encourage Liaisons to communicate and collaborate with their CoC. The CoC commits to MDE to a) By Oct 1 each year, provide MDE a current list of CoC contacts. b) By Oct 1 of each year, provide information on how to become members of a CoC with District and School Homeless Liaisons. c) Invite MDE and educational entities within the CoC to become members of the CoC. d) As needed, provide clear information about date, time, and agenda of agreed upon collaboration meetings. Together, MDE and the CoC commit to collaborate to distribute a bimonthly MN Homeless Education Newsletter to all homeless school liaisons with important training dates, resources, and connections to assist LEAs with serving the needs of youth experiencing homelessness. Additional activities:
•Meet with the NW MN Council on Collaboratives, representing 24 school districts, to provide clear information, guidance and resources to the education systems working with families and youth experiencing homelessness in our region.
•Collaboration with LEAs includes CoC designated staff who target outreach to area school districts, youth education providers, and Head Start programs and have built strong relationships with the homeless school liaisons and admin staff to identify youth and families experiencing homelessness to connect them to resources. CoC youth programs have agreements in place with school districts and youth education providers to supply services to youth experiencing homelessness under McKinney Vento. CoC policy clarifies priority on school connectedness for homeless children and the role of homeless assistance agencies in promoting this.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families 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 become homeless of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

In 2012, the NW CoC adopted a policy Requiring School Enrollment and Connection to Appropriate Services for all children. This policy was updated in September of 2018 to insert "link" households to assure access to State McKinney Vento Services versus just working collaboratively. All CoC-funded agencies follow this policy and must certify this on the required NOFA Threshold Form. The
policy reads:
Educational and supportive service needs of families with minor children will be fully assessed with expediency upon entry to the program. School-aged youth will be enrolled in school immediately, working collaboratively with the designated school homeless liaison in the Local Educational Agency (LEA) to ensure that all educational assessments are completed. To the extent feasible, students in homeless situations should be kept in their school of origin (defined as the school the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled), unless it is against the parent's orders or guardian's wishes. Students in homeless situations must have access to the educational and other services they need to ensure that they have an opportunity to meet the same challenging state student academic achievement standards to which all students are held. Appropriate referrals will be made in the community to address supportive service needs of all family members.

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

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

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

	Organizations	
1.	state domestic violence coalitions	Yes
2.	state sexual assault coalitions	Yes
3.	other organizations that help this population	No

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated 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 NWCoC includes all organizations serving victims of intimate partner violence in policy updates. In 2022, the NWCoC updated all of its administrative policies to better align with system needs. Victim Service Providers have been a part of all planning meetings to ensure the policy decisions will meet their needs. The new policy has language to ensure compliance with VAWA and clarification around project transfers for DV survivors. The State CoC Coordinators have engaged with state organization Violence Free Minnesota to better partner resources.

2.
In 2022, the NW CoC engaged PeaceMaker Resources to provide multi-faceted training for the NW CoC region partners and stakeholders to provide guidance in best trauma-informed practices. The training, while not mandatory, was attended by staff from all agencies delivering services to DV survivors. The training engaged in trauma responsive practices delivered in a culturally responsive manner with a focus on exploring trauma and resiliency through Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and their impact on the origins of physical, social, mental, and societal health and well-being. Further trauma-informed training offerings were made available through Metro-wide Engagement for Shelter & Housing (MESH), National Youth Network and local/regional resources. These offerings were made available both in-person and virtual, many at no cost to the participant, for ease and accessibility.

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

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

	2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).

(limit 2,500 characters)

In NWCoC the project staff and coordinated entry staff attend the same training courses. The CoC requires staff to train annually on trauma informed care and client or victim centered practices. Staff attend statewide training and conferences planned by organizations such as Violence Free Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs. The NWCoC has adopted a formal training that includes trauma informed practices as a center point of the training. A four-part series is being offered with the following topics and objectives:
Session 1 Title: Identity and Connections
Objective: Participants will recognize the origins of our cultural values, assumptions and attitudes and how these perspectives impact our interactions with others.
Session 2 Title: Cultural Humility
Objective: Participants will acquire flexibility, openness, and understanding while navigating across diverse populations and lived experiences.
Session 3 Title: Trauma Informed Practices
Objective: Participants will learn impacts of toxic stress and adverse experiences on brain and nervous system development. Discuss how to create nurturing relationships that support wellbeing and enhance positive interactions.
Session 4 Title: Client Engagement
Objective: The sessions culminate in direct application and practice. Participants apply the concepts, skills and practices shared in all four training sessions towards personal and professional growth.
To expand access to more frequent relevant training, MN CoC's are participating in a statewide initiative to develop a comprehensive, easily accessible training series for all homeless service providers that includes trauma-informed care training. VSP representatives regularly attend CoC meetings, serve on the board, and serve on CoC committees and work groups where they provide ongoing guidance on best practices for working with DV survivors and share training opportunities with CoC providers.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC policy is that all clients are served with respect and assistance cannot be withheld due to the person being or having been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking or being affiliated with a victim. At access, safety is assessed & referrals are immediately made to crisis centers and/or law enforcement when safety is a concern. CES prioritizes fleeing domestic violence or sexual exploitation with other criteria being equal.
1) The CoC's CES prioritizes "fleeing domestic violence and sexual exploitation." CoC protocols state that no programs shall deny or terminate housing or services due to the person being or having been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or for being affiliated with a victim. The CoC affirmatively supports the rights of victims to request a transfer from a specific unit due to concerns for safety. Shelters in MN utilize Day One network to coordinate shelter transfers, and the Day One system follows evidence-informed safety protocols. At access, safety is assessed & referrals are immediately made to crisis centers and/or law enforcement when safety is a concern.
2) The CoC maintains a second CE priority list outside of HMIS for Victim Service providers and people who wish to remain anonymous. Coordinated Entry also incorporates client choice questions (location, housing type, model) to support survivor's safety and ability to make their own significant life choices. The region's DV and housing agencies provide trauma-informed, and victim centered services and training are regularly available on these topics.
3) Providers who strictly serve victims do not use HMIS or the statewide coordinated entry system. Agencies use an alternative database to enter clients onto the coordinated entry priority list. During case conferencing no names are or discussed given to protect confidentiality of the victim.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC utilizes a combination of data to assess the scope of community needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking including: Coordinated Entry Priority Report, HMIS Demographics Report, Victim Service provider agency reports, HUD APR (questions related to the # of persons who are victims and are fleeing), and the MN statewide Coalition for Battered Women Attempting to Flee Survey. The Coordinated Entry (CE) Committee analyzes the number of persons who have experienced or are fleeing DV who access the Coordinated Entry System using HMIS data and the non-HMIS CE list. The CoC HMIS Lead Agency, Institute for Community Alliances, provided a summary of de-identified, aggregate HMIS data in September 2022 that outlines the number of survivors in the CoC that need housing or services, persons currently fleeing DV that need housing or services in the CoC, DV survivors currently served by CoC programs, and persons fleeing DV currently served by the CoC.

The combined data supports providers experiences indicating that there is an under-served victim population and that additional services are needed. As of 6/30/2021, 58 households were currently in need of services due to fleeing domestic violence. In 2022, 21% of the population served through homeless services identified as fleeing from domestic violence. Based on this data, the CoC had a bonus application for the FY2018 NOFA and based on reported need, is making an application for expansion in FY23. The CoC has one agency that is using a comparable database that is HUD funded. This information is collected through review of the APR. No contact information is required for someone fleeing DV to be included into the Coordinated Entry System.

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

		Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:
	1.	whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;
	2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and
	3.	the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.

(limit 2,500 characters)

In July of 2022 the NWCoC approved an updated Coordinated Entry Policy to include transfers for VAWA. The policy reads as follows:
Violence Against Women Act Transfers
"A tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as provided in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR part 5, subpart L is eligible for an emergency transfer, if: the tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains within the same unit. If the tenant is a victim of sexual assault, the tenant may also be eligible to transfer if the sexual assault occurred on the premises within the 90-calendar-day period preceding a request for an emergency transfer. A tenant requesting an emergency transfer must expressly request the transfer in accordance with the procedures described in this plan. Tenants who are not in good standing may still request an emergency transfer if they meet the eligibility requirements in this section."
In 2023, the NWCoC revised and adopted the training and procedure manual for Coordinated Entry to include a section of transfer plan process for VAWA that reads as follows:
A client who at the time of entering a program was fleeing Domestic Violence may transfer to another project to ensure the safety of the client. If a project wishes to request a transfer to another project the Housing Provider will contract the Priority List Manager. The Priority List Manger will provide the Housing Provider a list of current open referral requests for the Housing Provider to review with the client. If there are no current open referral requests the Priority List Manager will send the next available opening to the Housing Provider. Case Conferencing is not required for making a transfer to protect the safety of a victim of domestic violence.
Anyone fleeing domestic violence in the NWCoC is prioritized for DV specific housing services without a referral through coordinated entry. At access if a person indicates fleeing from DV safety is assessed and referrals are immediately made to crisis shelters or if necessary, law enforcement. This ensures no part of the system inadvertently puts someone fleeing back into danger by not providing immediate access to services.

| | 1C-5f. | Access to Housing 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:
	1.	ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area; and
	2.	proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 The NW CoC includes membership from three providers whose mission is to serve populations fleeing intimate partner violence. These providers are also included in representation on the NW CoC Board of Directors and the Coordinated Entry committee. The CoC has three projects that are dedicated to serving individuals fleeing intimate partner violence. Members of the NW CoC are trained in trauma informed practices to best serve individuals and connect with emergency services. This training is offered annually and is, by many of our providers, mandated annual attendance. All CoC members are well connected with the regional and statewide service provider network.
The CoC also ensures that survivors have access to all the housing services available through the following processes:
A)Anyone fleeing domestic violence in the NWCoC is prioritized for DV specific housing services through a separate secure and safe database outside of HMIS.
B) In the Coordinated Entry process Victim Service Providers attend Case Conferencing meetings and advocate for their clients to be served in housing programs with openings. The priority list manager ensures that clients who are on the alternative priority list are not missed at Case Conferencing meetings and are considered for all openings in which they may be eligible.
C)The CoC allows for self-certification for victims of intimate partner violence. CoC case managers have direct partnerships with organizations serving victims.
2 The NW CoC connects with DV providers as active participants in the PIT count and engages with DV providers in a safe and confidential manner. The data collected in the PIT count as well as our region's HMIS data assists the CoC in identifying gaps in service as well as systemic barriers within our homeless response system. Once identified, the CoC uses this information to inform system-wide changes in program and service delivery models.

1C-5g.	Ensuring Survivors With a Range of Lived Expertise Participate in Developing CoC-Wide Policy and Programs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	ensured survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your CoC-wide policy and programs; and
2.	accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

1.	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	No
3.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	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)

In 2022-23, the NW CoC revised the CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy. This process and adopted language, heavily informed by the REAP committee, which comprised in part, of individuals with lived experience of homelessness and members of the LGBTQ+ community.
2. The NW CoC, its member agencies, its recipients of CoC, ESG or HOPWA funds operate under the Low Barrier Policy. This policy states that CoC providers will make enrollment determinations on the basis of limiting barriers to enrollment in services and housing. No client, otherwise eligible, may be turned away from crisis response services or homeless-designated housing due to too little or no income, active or a history of substance use, domestic violence history, resistance to receiving services, the type or extent of disability-related services or supports that are needed, history of evictions or poor credit, lease violations or history of not being a leaseholder, or criminal record–with exceptions for state or local restrictions that prevent projects from serving people with certain convictions. The CoC requires all members and projects to abide by Fair Housing and Anti-Discrimination policies as adopted by the CoC. The CoC evaluates compliance annually during the CoC program competition.
3.
  The CoC Board reviews all issues of agency non-compliance with CoC administrative policy. The CoC supports providers to prevent non-compliance through training and the sharing of resources to create a culture of peer-to-peer accountability in serving individuals. This ensures agencies are not allowed to give undo preference to individuals over others and must be culpable to peers to receive referrals or explain and document a reason for not accepting a referral. The CoC evaluates compliance annually during the CoC program competition. All renewal and new CoC projects are required to identify that they meet HUD's requirements at the time of application, including the NE CoC antidiscrimination
policy, the Equal Access Final Rule and Gender Identify Final Rule. A violation of Fair Housing or Anti-Discrimination Policy is not tolerated by the CoC or its stakeholders.
4.
All CoC projects are currently in compliance with the CoC's anti-discrimination policy. The CoC allows for an appeal process for clients who are denied housing. CoC policy includes that persons applying for and receiving housing or services are given contact information for HUD, MN Department of Human Rights and the CoC staff.

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 and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 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?
Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing & Redevelopment Authority			
Housing & Redevelopment Authority of Bemidji			

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-2 The CoC outreaches PHAs on its housing stakeholder listserv and has PHA members serving on the CoC Board of Directors. The CoC regularly communicates with its largest PHAs and has asked PHAs to consider a Homeless Admission Preference. The CoC has contacted the largest PHA's and conducted follow-up. Message points included the benefits of establishing a preference, sample policies, links to HUD guidance and USICH articles, and offers of support. The CoC continues to advocate PHAs adopt a homeless admission preference and encourage its members to do the same. This work has been made even more possible with the addition of HUD Emergency Housing Vouchers. The NWCoC worked with the two largest HRAs to develop prioritization strategies for these new vouchers, and to ensure vouchers were filled using the coordinated entry system. The NWCoC worked extensively with the two largest PHA's to develop a process to include the Emergency Housing Voucher units into coordinated entry. To develop an effective process, the CoC hosted 4 meetings with the PHAs to develop the process. Because the NWCoC was prioritizing a moving on approach a process had to be created to approve individuals and families to move on from supportive housing programs. To most efficiently use resources available to the client a form was developed to outline which supporting agency would provide what resource to the client as part of the referral from coordinated entry. In order to solidify this process, the CoC coordinator, coordinated entry priority list manager and the HRA's held a training session for the CoC to outline the process. This collaboration was documented through a formal MOU between the NWCoC and the HRA of Bemidji and Northwest Multi-County HRA. The CoC/HRAs developed an MOU to prioritize based on the following criteria:
1. Recently Homeless – Moving On
2. Fleeing DV
3. Homeless
4. At-Risk of homeless
Most recently, the Coc has advocated the regions PHA's adoption of PIH Notice 23-13: Guidance on Housing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness Through the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs and acceptance of the Stability Vouchers which demand a prioritization of individuals experiencing homelessness.

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	Yes
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	No
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:	

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

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

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

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

	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
	If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.	

PHA
This list contains no items

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
   - 24 CFR part 578;
     - FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
   - Section 3 Resources;
   - PHA Crosswalk; and
    - Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

1D-2.	Housing First–Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section 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 2023 CoC Program Competition.	13
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 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	13
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 2023 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; and
	3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC requires all CoC projects to submit a Housing First checklist with their NOFO applications. Projects are required to submit a narrative that explains their Housing First plans to improve. Projects are scored based on the number of Housing First practices that they are currently implementing. Requirements for service participation and participant preconditions are considered in scoring.
2 The performance indicators that are used during CoC evaluation are as follows:
Does Not: require clients to pass a background screening prior to project entry (excluding sexual offender/predator check)
-prohibit persons with specified criminal convictions on a blanket basis to be excluded from admission
-require participants to be sober for a specified period prior to project entry as a condition for admission
-terminate participants for failure to participate in treatment or support services including case management
-terminate participants solely for engaging in substance use
-require participants to obtain income as a condition of remaining in the project
-hold project participants to standards/behaviors not found in mainstream leases
Does: serve individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, family composition, or marital status
- serve and houses transgender individuals according to the gender they identify
- expedite the admission process including help with housing search and help assembling necessary documents to support the application for admission
-make efforts to avoid discharging participants into homelessness including referral back to coordinated entry for those who cannot remain in the project
-provide participant choice in accessing services and are efforts made to connect participants to community-based services
-provide regular opportunities for program participants to provide input on project policies and operations
-project staff are trained to support participant engagement through best practices including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, and trauma informed approaches
3 As part of CoC Coordinated entry policy and practice, housing providers are expected to accept CES referrals, to follow Housing First, and to not deny referrals. All violations to Housing First practices are reported to the CoC Board. Housing First is also evaluated at monthly case consultation meetings with providers to create accountability for providing lower barrier access to housing programs.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 CoC outreach staff meet clients where they are physically, emotionally, and mentally to support them to have stable housing in the community. Outreach efforts include:
-Communication with persons with lived experience to help them connect to services and to identify where other homeless persons may be located;
-Collaboration with schools to identify youth and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness;
-Dedicated Street Outreach program for youth;
-PATH and HASAMi funded street outreach for people with mental illness;
-Access to RHSY services
-Collaboration with NW MN Council of Collaboratives;
-Social media posts, posters in commonly accessed community areas about available resources;
-Collaboration with law enforcement to notify them of resources and collaborate on assisting persons, they identify as homeless;
-Presence at food shelves, community dinners, fairs, etc. to distribute outreach materials, engage persons without housing and help connect them to services;
2 The NWCoC street outreach covers 100% of the geographic region through the Evergreen Project and PATH and HASAMI funded street outreach for people with mental illness. In counties with low population density, housing providers connect with law enforcement, hospitals, social services, the faith communities, etc.
3 Street outreach is conducted on a daily to weekly basis.
4 Outreach focused on those least likely to access services is done by targeting hours, locations and approaches that reach those at the highest risk of unsheltered homelessness. Evergreen focuses on serving homeless youth. Toward that end, we try to access areas we know youth congregate, such as the library or the Skate Park. SO is also performed in all of the area schools. Our predominant method of reaching hard-to-reach youth in need of services is our Drop-In Center. Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-6:00 pm, our location serves as a destination for homeless youth to get a hot meal, obtain food and hygiene supplies, shower, do laundry, and obtain a host of services via internal referrals, as well as referrals to community partner organizations. In 2022 The Nameless Coalition opened doors to a new Day Center tasked with procuring safe, warm shelter for chronic/inebriate homeless individuals who presently do not have adequate sleeping arrangements providing access to personal hygiene facilities, community resources and access to mail service. The Day Center functions as a walk-in, low barrier facility.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	No
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	No
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	No
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	No
5.	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.l.	

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
	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	164	124

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-2 The CoC maximizes connection to mainstream resources by integrating it in all aspects of the homeless response system starting at access The CoC sends up-to-date information regularly through emails and quarterly resource newsletters. CoC programs use mail, text, social media, and all communication platforms to ensure their participants are aware of program changes. In 2020 the CoC launched the MyPath web application for youth in the region to serve as a virtual drop-in center. Youth can connect with service providers and look for updates on programs. The CoC works to keep information shared in real-time as much as possible. Any program changes or available mainstream benefits are communicated to program participants within a few days. All agencies have robust intake systems to ensure clients are aware of benefits they are made aware of. The CoC uses an Active Listening Guide as the first part of the CES assessment to gain knowledge of what programs a client may need. To keep project staff up to date, the CoC invites representatives from mainstream programs to provide updates at CoC meetings. The CoC project staff participate in weekly provider meetings hosted by State housing, service and health departments. Many of the agencies in the CoC are a one stop shop, meaning they can access housing resources and get access to healthcare and treatment programs. In the Bemidji area of the region Sanford Behavioral Health with the support of the CoC and ESG-CV has expanded its work into housing. There is now a dedicated housing navigator working in the community with people who are homeless and suffering from mental health or chemical health issues. Alluma is another agency that the COC supports to receive ESG-CV funds to expand housing services. This agency serves 7 counites in the region including the Red Lake and White Earth Reservation. Alluma combines mental health, chemical health, and housing into its care model.
3 The NWCoC receives updates on the SOAR and SSI programs to share with clients as Anishinaabe Legal Services are a board member. This ensures program staff are constantly up to date with any changes to the program. Northwest Minnesota Legal Services, Red Lake Reservation Housing Authority, and Community Resource Connection are all active CoC collaborative partners that have available resources for SOAR and SSI programs. CoC projects are also connected to service providers who can offer benefits

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The NW CoC is committed to expanding its relatively low number of congregate and non-congregate shelter beds with client safety being a top priority. This need is being addressed in the following ways:
- The Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) who serves as the Collaborative Applicant for the NWCoC recently granted $250,000 to the Red Lake Nation to begin a youth shelter program on the reservation;
- The NMF granted $10,000 to The Peoples Church in Bemidji, MN in the winter of 2022 to expand day shelter operations, and has granted more than $40,000 over the last three years to support shelter at the Peoples Church;
- In 2021 the NMF granted $100,000 to Mahube-Otwa to expand shelter opportunities for youth in a non-congregate setting. Shelter was provided through master-leasing apartment units to provide shelter. The project only allowed one individual or one family to utilize a leased unit
-Currently, NMF has issued an RFP for grant funding to support emergency shelters seeking funding from Department of Human Services Shelter grants by providing support network of housing development experts, construction experts, grant writing specialists and consultants that can provide projects with Technical Assistance;

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) began working more closely with CoCs as part of the COVID-19 response, and in 2021 was recognized by the CDC foundation as one of three National Centers on Excellence on Public Health & Homelessness. Partnerships are now being extended to address other infectious diseases. CoCs can access a large supply of free COVID-19 tests, personal protective equipment, and supplies for on-sight isolation and quarantine through MDH. MDH and local public health agencies have also supported free on-site COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinics at homeless settings and provided vaccine incentives to people experiencing homelessness. 2. MDH is continuing many programs started during COVID. MDH now has a permanent team in the emerging infectious disease unit who provides guidance & resources for homeless programs as well as correctional and higher education settings. MDH has contracts in place for COVID vaccine clinics, which homeless setting can request via an on-line COVID 19 Vaccination Event Request Form for Congregate settings. MHD has an Infectious Disease Trusted Messenger Program for people experiencing homelessness, where grantees receive education and technical assistance from MDH on how vaccines work, how they were tested, etc.The program has expanded beyond COVID to include other vaccine preventable diseases. MDH also provides grants to support HIV prevention, training, and early intervention services for people experiencing homelessness. It is implementing a new statewide Syringe Services Program (SSP) for People Experiencing Homelessness, and homeless overdose prevention hubs to provide holistic care to people experiencing homelessness who use drugs or are in recovery. MDH has programs that involve working with more individual grantees. MDH has HIV testing and prevention grants – some are specifically to serve people experiencing homelessness. The MDH Hepatitis Unit is working on education around Hepatitis C and homelessness. MDH has a harm reduction specialist who has some grantees specifically working with people experiencing homelessness who are focused on homeless encampments and other settings where unhoused populations can be found. MDH Has a Safe Harbor program for people who are unhoused and are victims of sex trafficking. They also have programs focused on drug overdose risks for people experiencing homelessness.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	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.MDH has started a quarterly webinar series on public health and homelessness. There was a webinar in March related to harm reduction and homelessness, and one focused on syphilis and homelessness in June. When things emerge (such as MPOX), MDH works with MICH and CoCs around communication MDH also maintains a GovDelivery listserv to share infectious disease information with homeless service providers, other congregate settings & attends meetings with homeless providers to share infectious disease updates (e.g., surveillance data, guidance, etc.) & learn of local public health concerns. MDH held meetings with subgroups (e.g., outreach workers, youth shelters) to offer guidance & address specific concerns. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has several current and upcoming grants to promote the health of people experiencing homelessness. MDH now has a permanent team in the emerging infectious disease unit who provides guidance & resources for homeless programs as well as correctional and higher education settings.
2. MDH has contracts with two healthcare partners, Odom Medical Group and M Health Fairview, to provide vaccine clinics for homeless service providers and other congregate settings, like supportive housing, across the state through an online request form. MDH also has an Infectious Disease Trusted Messenger Program for People Experiencing Homelessness. This program provides training and stipends to people experiencing homelessness to provide peer education and support for COVID-19 and other routine vaccinations.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1The NW CES has standard policies, a shared priority list and standardized forms covering 100% of the CoC's entire 12-county region. Over 19 agencies participate in CE including emergency shelters, CAP agencies, mental health and AOD treatment providers, PHAs, Tribal agencies, domestic violence & Veteran providers that connect persons in housing crisis to CE. The CoC utilizes an HMIS Priority List for Coordinated Entry and a separate Priority List for DV survivors, and those participants who refuse to authorize HMIS consent. The CoC requires participation from all HUD funded agencies. Members of the CoC that offer supportive housing services are required to participate in coordinated entry. People may choose to be added to the CE list in the location(s) of their choice in the CoC or statewide. The CoC does not limit access to CE based on residency.

2CES utilizes progressive engagement and triage to identify and prioritize those who are most vulnerable and lack access. CES uses multiple access and assessment sites, including outreach and phone access. Adequate staffing for access points are an ongoing challenge for rural programs. The CoC's YHDP prioritizes navigation services and RRH to ensure access to CES. The CoC has been adding navigation services including partnerships with Heading Home Corps and Sanford Behavioral Health.

3In 2022 the NWCoC completed updates to the Coordinated Assessment. This update has included feedback from all participating projects as well as members with lived experience. Most notably the entire process included the NWCoC Youth Action Board, their feedback being required before the NWCoC Board of Directors could approve a new system. The CoC hosts regular meetings where providers can bring experiences and offer suggestions for improvement, based on the experience of their clients as well as their own. All suggestions are brought to the CoC CES committee for
continuous quality improvement. The NWCoC is working to move to a Dynamic Planning structure to ensure we are using data and metrics to calculate need, and more accurately prioritize resources. During the summer of 2022 the NWCoC started a Racial Equity Accountability Project. This project uses coordinated assessment data and qualitative member data from households who were served by the system, as well as those who the system may have missed. The results of this project elevate issues in the system leading to housing disparities and inform a corrective plan for the CoC

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1The CoC CES uses a "no wrong door" approach to help reach those least likely to apply for assistance. This promotes client choice by allowing CE access through the location of their choice to support comfortability during a vulnerable time. Access sites are advertised in locations frequented by persons experiencing homelessness including food sites, campgrounds, county buildings, and outreach centers. Phone assessments are offered to alleviate travel barriers. Assessors' complete assessments on-site at local jails. The CoC engages organizations where persons experiencing a housing crisis may seek assistance (churches, police, service providers, hospitals, outreach centers, DHS) to educate them on how to connect to CE.

2Persons are assessed to determine priority, program eligibility, and the best intervention to meet their preferences and level of need. CE policy prioritizes those most in need using the following criteria: a) chronic homeless, b) months homeless, c) disability status, d) MN long term homeless, e) length of time on list. Using a strength-based approach information is gathered to understand the barriers a client is facing to ensure they can best be assisted. Clients that will have a harder time finding housing due to barriers others may not face (I.E., racism) are prioritized for available programs:
-Client reports being impacted by discrimination creating housing barriers;
-Client has had past interactions with institutional settings creating housing barriers;
-Client reports that physical and mental health needs are being unmet; and School stability and family reconnection.

3CE assessments identify client preference, needs, and barriers to housing to ensure appropriate referrals. Assessments are immediately entered in HMIS for rapid placement on the priority list. CE staff follow specific timeframes for referrals and follow up as outlined in CoC policies to ensure timely assistance. Assessors maintain regular contact with CE clients, and housing needs for all clients are reviewed at case conferencing.

4CE Navigators provide hands on assistance to clients to identify housing, access resources, and secure documentation to quickly enter a program with an opening. Assessments are provided over the phone or at clients' location of choice. All assessments are completed using a trauma-informed lens. Assessors regularly follow up with clients to stay updated on their housing needs, keep them informed of the process, and provide referrals

1D-9b.	Informing Program Participant about Rights and Remedies through Centralized or Coordinated Entry–Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or 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)

1-3 The NW CoC advertises housing and supportive services to ensure that it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, familial status, or disability in accordance with 24 CFR 578.93(c). This information is provided in multiple places on the NW CoC website along with program participating websites encompassing our entire region of service. The program participant is informed of their rights and appeal protocols during the CE process in the following ways:
-verbal communication
-written communication, fully or in part, in the CES Participation Notice and Consent for Release of Information, the HMIS Release of Information, Coordinated Entry System flyer, and in the policies and administrative documentation
-publicly posted communication is present at all access sites, program participating agencies and NW CoC offices
-all program admissions provide program participants their rights available under federal, state and local fair housing and civil rights laws as well as their rights to appeal and the processes required to do so
In consistency with the Consolidated Plan compliance, the NW CoC reports, as directed, any conditions or actions that may impede fair housing. This is done through timely annual reporting of PIT and HIC counts, program monitoring and compliance, reports on homelessness trends and barriers, etc.

1D-10.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness–Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

You must select a response for element 1–if you select Yes, you must enter a date in element 2 in question 1D-10.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The NWCoC's Racial Equity Accountability Project (REAP) is a three-year effort, hosted by the Minnesota Engagement on Shelter and Housing, to advance racial equity and reduce racial disparities in Minnesota's homeless response system. REAP team has examined multiple measurements, including: Length of Time of Homelessness, Exit Destinations (Temporary & Permanent), Returns to Homelessness, and Coordinated Entry Referrals. This also includes collecting and sharing individual stories and experiences on a qualitative basis. Qualitative information is essential to capture the true, lived experiences of individuals that have lived through homelessness. In the CoC, we believe that individuals are "more than just a number". By collecting people's stories, we can effectively understand the specific aspects of our homeless response system that are affecting racial disparities in the CoC's Homeless Response System.
2. Since July, 2022, the Racial Equity Accountability Team has been analyzing the data outlined above. This has uncovered significant disparities in the regional homeless response system. Specifically, individuals that identify as Indigenous experience significant disparities compared to any other race or ethnicity.
In 2021, individuals that identify as Indigenous spent 150% more time on the priority list than their white counter parts. In 2021, approximately 11% of Indigenous individuals became permanent renters/owners, compared to over 21% of their white counterparts. In 2021, approximately 29% of individuals that identified as non-white exited temporarily to a family member's home. Approximately 18% of individuals that identity as black exited to a temporary destination with friends in 2021. Since 2021, 48% of individuals that have exited homelessness and then returned are Indigenous, compared to 33% of white individuals returning to homelessness. Of the 48% of Indigenous individuals returning to homelessness in 2021, 77% of those returns occurred over 12 months after exiting a supportive housing program. The REAP team also captured personal stories of homelessness to aid in creating action plan to address racial disparities in homeless response system. Over 40 individuals participated in the in-person Community Talking Circles. Experiences with homelessness varied for individuals, ranging from individuals that have lived through homelessness many years ago, to individuals that are currently in a housing crisis.

1D-10b.	Implemented Strategies that Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes

7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-10c.	Implemented Strategies that Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC is taking to address the disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

In March, the REAP Team held its last statewide cohort meeting, which focused on supporting the development of individual action plans for each region. The Racial Equity Accountability team has participated extensively in the process of analyzing system-level data for the Northwest Continuum of Care. By completing the process for analyzing data and information at both the quantitative and qualitative level, the REAP Team has identified specific goals and action items for system-level improvement. Specifically, The REAP Team has identified goals that will inform the Northwest Continuum of Care's Board of Directors and direct services providers about how to continuously improve upon its system of Coordinated Entry and prioritization. This includes developing plans and action items needed to reduce racial disparities in the Northwest Continuum of Care's homeless response system. Specific goals in the REAP CES Action Plan include:

1.Share decision making power for NWCoC Administered funding with individuals living through homelessness:
2.Establishing means for annual data analysis of CES by 2024
3.Develop training model that improves cultural competency skills for direct service providers in the NWCoC

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

	Describe in the field below:
1.	the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and
2.	the tools your CoC uses.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Share decision making power for NWCoC Administered funding with individuals living through homelessness:
-CoC invites REAP team to review of Annual NOFO each year
-Minimum of 2 members (30%) participate in NOFO ranking & review
-Develop a model for recruiting, training and increase accessibility to the ranking and review process for people that have received CoC Services.
5.Establishing means for annual data analysis of CES by 2024
-REAP will collect quantitative CES data to address barriers in the Coordinated Entry Process, and set annual targets for improvement by the spring of 2024
-Collect qualitative data through a Community Talking Circle model on an annual basis by reaching a minimum of 12 individuals
-Development of annual data analysis as it relates to the CoC's Coordinated Entry System
-Develop training model that improves cultural competency skills for direct service providers in the CoC
The CoC will implement a REAP supported training model that directly increases the cultural development skills of direct service staff working with individuals that identify as Black, Indigenous, or people of color
-This goal will assist the CoC to develop stronger, positive relationships with the individuals seeking services in the region
-Contains plans to include individuals living through homelessness to provide feedback to direct service staff on the training needs of CoC staff. This is essential to include the perspectives of all affected by the regional homeless response system
2.The Racial Equity Accountability Team will examine data collected through a variety of methods. This includes data from the following sources:
•American Community Survey Census Bureau
•PIT count
•Coordinated Entry Data
•HUD CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool
•Stella-P
The REAP Team has been collecting and sharing individual stories and experiences on a qualitative basis through a model known as Community Talking Circles, capturing the experiences of individuals that have lived through homelessness. Throughout 2023, the CoC have made significant efforts to conduct improved outreach to individuals with lived experiences of homelessness through Talking Circles, reaching over 100 individuals and doubling membership in REAP and YAB. NMF implemented a Youth Outreach Consultant program to empower youth with lived experience to influence systems by which they are served.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The NWCoC hosts multiple decision-making bodies that are primarily comprised of individuals with lived experience. Apart from the CoC Board of Directors, this includes the Youth Action Board, and The Racial Equity Accountability Project. This includes authentically engaging those with lived experiences of homelessness, and those that are working directly within the homeless response system. These relationships determine the region's ability to successfully develop a system of homeless response that is just and equitable for all the people it serves. Specific goals in the NWCoC for establishing a system for people with lived experiences of homelessness include:
•Ensuring that YAB & REAP Members attend a minimum of 4 NWCoC General Membership Meetings and Youth Committee Meetings per year
•YAB & REAP members attend at least two NWCoC Board of Directors Meetings per year
•YAB & REAP members contribute to, and take ownership of up to 3 policy-based decisions for the NWCoC Board of Directors by attending various meetings listed above
The Northwest Continuum of Care & the Northwest Minnesota Foundation partner closely to provide stipends for community members with lived experience of homelessness or housing insecurity serving on the REAP Team. Members are compensated at $25.00 per hour, and can receive stipend payments through a variety of methods, to eliminate barriers for accessing funding.

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

You must upload the Letter Signed by Working Group 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.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	30	30
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	30	30
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	30	30
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	30	30

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The primary goal of the NWCoC's advisory boards is to facilitate authentic coordination between YAB, REAP and the CoC. The means ensuring that the Racial Equity Accountability Team members and YAB members have acquired the necessary life skills to accomplish their personal career and employment goals. The CoC actively seeks YAB feedback on youth programming, and this feedback is best cultivated by providing members with employment and professional development opportunities to further the career goals of members. By providing members with lived experiences of homelessness with employment and professional development opportunities, the Northwest Continuum of Care can generate buy-in needed to sustain the regional homeless response system. This includes ensuring that YAB & REAP members maintain regular meeting schedules, and members with lived experiences of homelessness and housing insecurity continue to receive compensation for their time and contributions. In addition to compensating members for their time & expertise, this also includes providing members with lived experiences with the training and certifications needed to succeed in this field. This include training such as: the history of homelessness, homelessness 101, peer recovery training, internship opportunities, and opportunities to attend regular information conferences (such as the Youth Action Society Call, and Rural Affinity training sessions).

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The Northwest Continuum of Care & the Northwest Minnesota Foundation utilize existing funding to develop data and information needed to analyze the goals of keeping homelessness rare, brief, and non- recurring. This information is based on the latest cycles of data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is analyzed on a quarterly basis, in coordination with the Northwest Continuum of Care's homeless response system.

2.Throughout 2023, the NWCoC has successfully gathered feedback from multiple individuals living through homelessness that have been served by the CoC's programs. This includes the REAP & Youth Talking Circles, and the Youth Evaluation Survey. Since 2023, the CoC has successfully gathered feedback from over 150 individuals served by CoC programs. With assistance from outside consulting agencies, and the Institute for Community Alliances (ICA), the Northwest Minnesota Foundation has developed a plan for monitoring and evaluating this important data. This data is collected on an ongoing basis, and will remain a fluid component of the CoC's data analysis plans.

3.All of these data-driven components that monitor the regional homeless response system will be evaluated in coordination with the Youth Action Board (YAB), Racial Equity Accountability Project (REAP) and the Northwest Continuum of Care (NWCoC). This data will be evaluated based on the Youth Monitoring Evaluation Plan, and the outcomes of the strategic planning component for the Youth Housing Demonstration Project. Training and HUD's technical assistance (TA) will also be retained to support the Youth Action Board, Racial Equity Accountability Project, and the Northwest Continuum of Care agencies. There is further work that needs to be done on analyzing the average number of days that individuals are experiencing homelessness. NMF staff will continue to work with ICA to refine this metrics, as inconsistency between the data presented on the state's HMIS dashboard and the NWCoC's priority list. This inconsistency was discovered in December, 2022 by the NWCoC, and continues to show that the NWCoC is truly leading the charge in using this data on a regional & statewide level. This demonstrates that the work the NWCoC is doing to lead the charge on analyzing youth homeless data has created a ripple effect at the statewide level.

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

	Describe in the field below at least 2 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)

1-2 In 2022 the NWCoC supported two project applicants on the Red Lake Reservation to apply for state funding to build supportive housing units. The Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) serving as the collaborative applicant to the NWCoC funded multiple projects working to bring down barriers and develop affordable housing.

-In 2021 the NMF made a grant of $125,000 to support the development of an Emerging Developer Program. The goal of the program is to break down barriers for people of color to become housing developers. The first training sessions are being offered in the Fall of 2022.

-In the Spring of 2022, the NMF granted $15,000 to the Northwest Regional Development Center to begin an action planning process to break down barriers to new construction in rural communities of northwest Minnesota.

-In the Spring of 2022, the NMF granted $10,000 to the White Earth Housing Department to begin a comprehensive planning process to address housing on the White Earth Reservation.

-In 2022-23, the NMF provided funding to keep Ridgeway properties available for tenant habitation.

-In 2023, the NMF and the Housing & Homeless programs provided $20,000 in grant funding to assist in keeping housed residents from Red Pine Estates while management mitigates building structure issues with the intent of re-housing residents upon repairs.

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation and NWCoC are members of the Homes 4 All legislative advocacy coalition as are many of the CoC member agencies. The NMF is also a member of the Heading Home Funders Collaborative working to provide a greater investment of state philanthropic resources into rural MN.

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
  - 24 CFR part 578;
  - FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
  - Frequently Asked Questions

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

1.	Enter your CoC's local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC–meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/10/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC's local competition–meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/10/2023

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

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

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	96
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	17
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.	

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.	considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The NW CoC used the HMIS Scoring Tool, SPMs, and project applications to analyze the data. The CoC included a thorough analysis of agencies' response to serving the hardest to house populations. Applicants were required to demonstrate the need for services in the geographic area and ensure they are aligned. Victims fleeing DV were prioritized as identified in the project ranking. Applicants were scored the Rank & Review committee and required scoring metrics. The CoC reviewed performance metrics in conjunction with goals of reducing length of time homeless, increasing income, reducing returns to homelessness, and serving people who were literally homeless. Projects were measured based on SPM benchmarks approved by the CoC.
2. CoC scoring rewards projects for prioritizing chronic homeless (CH), reducing barriers and inequities to housing/service access, and meeting or exceeding performance thresholds. The NWCoC relies on data from the coordinated entry system to review the length of time people spend searching for housing. Projects were assessed and awarded points based on participation in Coordinated Entry, which assesses and prioritizes severity of needs and vulnerabilities for programs.
3.The COC uses a system of prioritization that ensures the individuals with the highest needs are referred to project openings first. The CoC uses a case conferencing model to select individuals and households for openings based on the level of need. Scoring criteria included varied performance thresholds by project type. Ranking prioritizes projects based on total score and allows for adjustments based on geographic need, service type, and target population.
4. The CoC provided opportunities for applicants who serve high barrier persons to receive additional points. Applicants submitting a Housing First Assessment and were awarded points if implementing a housing first/low barrier approach to vulnerable populations including persons with criminal backgrounds, LGBTQ+ population and persons with drug or alcohol addiction. Applicants serving families & youth also were awarded points for exceeding HUD expectations for connection to services and education. Applicants who address inequities to housing and provide culturally specific/responsive services received additional points. The application included an opportunity for projects to provide explanations for areas of low performance that were taken in to consideration.

| | 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 the 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 to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1,2,3) American Indians face the highest disparities in homelessness in the NW CoC and statewide. Tribal program representatives are actively engaged in the CoC board and committees. Tribal program staff participated in the P & Evaluation Committee, who develops the annual scoring and ranking criteria, the Rank & Review Committee, who reviews and ranks projects, and the CoC Board, who votes to approve all final documents. Tribal program staff also received emails with the proposed scoring criteria, Ranking & Reallocation Policy, and the draft project ranking list and were invited to provide input. Tribal program staff participated in draft project ranking, discussed, and finalized for CoC Board approval. All input is reviewed and considered by the CoC and the Ranking & Review Committee prior to approval of criteria and project ranking. 4) Projects were scored based on answers to questions in the project application and identified actions steps taken to address eliminating barriers and addressing inequities. Indigenous people across the NW CoC are not only over-represented in the homeless population they are over-represented in the population of impoverished individuals and families. Our projects are serving more Indigenous people in their housing programs than any other population, which in turn is reducing homelessness for Indigenous people. Maximum points were given to applicants who had identified concrete actions steps and were currently working to address inequities and eliminate barriers. Projects were also scored based on documentation of providing culturally specific and responsive programming, with partial points available for applicants who have developed plans but had not fully implemented this programming. Projects that are using outside the box ideas and creative thinking to increase landlords in support of the project were awarded maximum points.

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 NW CoC has a robust reallocation process, clearly defined and publicized to inform project applicants in the Reallocation Policy that was approved by the CoC board in 2023. Under HEARTH, CoC Regulations, a reallocation project can be funded if it is an eligible project component listed in the current fiscal year NOFO and meets all of HUD's threshold requirements. The reallocation process allows project reduction, rejection, and reallocation during project review & ranking. A project
may initiate voluntary reallocation in writing for any reason. Competitive reallocation is CoC-initiated based on criteria developed by the CoC and approved by the CoC Board July 2023. Reallocation
criteria is applied to similar projects equally, and full or partial reallocation is based on the extent of noncompliance and efforts to resolve issues with the criteria. Rationale for all reallocation is recorded with the Project List and communicated in writing to the applicant with the score report and ranking notice. Funds made available through reallocation are shown on the posted approved ranking, posted to the CoC website page and announced via email. Reallocated funds are allocated to new projects based on identified local priorities and geographic needs. Reallocation requires the project and CoC to plan for maintaining housing for current participants.
2-3 The Rank & Review committee identified one renewal project that voluntarily reallocated funding in the FY2023 competition. The Rank & Review committee reallocated a portion of funding from a low-performing project to increase a higher performing project in the FY2023 competition.
4. N/A

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2018 and FY 2023.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

| | Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023? | No |

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

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
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 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/12/2023

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 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/12/2023

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 accepted or rejected status; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Requested Funding Amounts; and 6. Reallocated funds.	Yes

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.	09/12/2023

1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders 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.	09/12/2023

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.	WellSky

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/28/2023

2A-4.	Comparable Database 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;	
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database–compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards; and	

3.	state whether your CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Minnesota's statewide coalition for victim-service providers (VSPs), Violence Free MN, recently led a grant-funded initiative to assist VSPs in assessing their software vendors. The goal was to assess whether their available databases were truly HMIS comparable databases. Violence Free MN staff also liaised with vendors directly. Staff from the HMIS Lead Agency were actively involved in this initiative, providing guidance with respect to HMIS data standards. HMIS staff participated in meetings with VSPs, and funders as needed. The CoC's HMIS Lead Agency, the Institute for Community Alliances. Continues to engage with Violence Free Minnesota, working with a new position funded through a grant from the Office of Justice Programs (MN Department of Public Safety). This new role aims to identify data collection, technology, and privacy barriers for VSPs and evaluate how these barriers may have prevented VSPs from obtaining sufficient funding. With this partnership between the statewide coalition and HMIS Lead, ICA agreed to provide technical guidance for VSPs via Helpdesk as they work to ensure compliance (while maintaining clear separation of client data; VSP data is not in HMIS nor shared with the HMIS lead directly). This will benefit the CoC by continuing to develop partnerships between the HMIS Lead and VSPs. The DV housing and service providers in the CoC are using a HUD-compliant database, compliant with the FY2023 HMIS Data Standards.
2) Yes, the NW MN CoC is compliant with the 2023 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.	

	Enter 2023 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:	

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	352	32	318	99.38%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	137	12	133	106.40%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	114	10	114	109.62%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	187	0	187	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	513	0	513	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)

N/A

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2023 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 February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/25/2023

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/28/2023

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)

1,2,3) The NW CoC engaged homeless youth, youth service providers, and other stakeholders who serve homeless youth in the 2023 PIT Count in the following ways:
•Homeless youth program staff are actively engaged in the CoC Board and committees.
•CoC youth staff bring the perspectives and feedback of youth experiencing homelessness to Board and committee meetings to inform policies, priorities, and decision making as part of the CoC commitment to end youth homelessness.
•CoC homeless youth program staff are actively involved in the PIT Committee
•CoC youth providers are engaged in all steps of the PIT count including planning, outreach/marketing, conducting surveys and communicating data.
•CoC PIT leads engaged with current and former clients to inform outreach strategies, identify locations where other homeless youth may be, and provide guidance on approaching youth. They shared this input with the PIT Committee and local PIT planning groups.
•Youth service providers did targeted outreach to youth experiencing homelessness throughout the PIT count period.
•CoC staff engaged with homeless school liaisons to identify and count homeless youth and families in regional school districts.
•The CoC, along with other MN CoCs and our HMIS Lead Agency, coordinated with the MN Department of Education to develop school-based guidance for the PIT. This guide was distributed to PIT surveyors and to homeless school liaisons to better identify and count homeless youth within the schools.

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 2022 and 2023, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and
3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
4.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The following changes were made to the sheltered and unsheltered PIT count implementation between 2021 and 2022.
Alignment with HUD 2022 Data Standards Changes
A) All tools and reports were updated to reflect the HUD 2022 Data Standards Changes.
B) Aside from data standards changes, data collected for sheltered count was uniform with recent years.
HMIS Reporting
A) Utilized a custom data quality report to focus on PIT night data quality
B) The PIT data within HMIS benefitted from the established statewide DQ monitoring process, including follow up efforts by coordinators and funders
3. The methodology changes likely make minimal impact on PIT numbers rather improved system performance for survey delivery.

2C. System Performance

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC developed its existing tool by reviewing the region's prevention programs data and by working closely with the State's Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program, which covers the entire 12-county region. In January 2019, the CoC Coordinator and CES Committee had a technical assistance consultant present on the State's new prevention targeting tool, which identifies risk factors for homelessness and those households most likely to become homeless within 30 days. In October of 2021 the NWCoC voted to officially adopt the Minnesota Prevention and Assessment Tool as the prevention targeting tool.

2) The CoC utilizes a triage questionnaire as a diversion tool and a prevention targeting tool to help reduce first time homelessness. In 2021 the Northwest Indian Community Development Center was added as a grantee for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program. This increased the capacity of a culturally specific organization to serve more families with prevention and diversion services. This brings the total grantees serving the region to nine total agencies. The agencies consist of three tribal nations, five community action programs, and the NWICDC previously mentioned. Community partners are also engaged and informed on how to make referrals to the Coordinated Entry System for Diversion and Prevention services. The CoC educates, monitors and supports providers in promoting housing stability to prevent returns to homelessness. A key strategic ingredient is staff

training. The CoC placed renewed emphasis on marketing the CES system and engaging members in understanding how other systems understand CES to be the gateway to homeless services. This will positively impact how CoC agencies coordinate with discharge planners in hospitals, jails, in-patient alcohol/drug/& mental health treatment, and foster care programs to reduce first-time homelessness.

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 CoCs' geographic area?	No

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless–CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	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 utilizes coordinated entry to reduce length of time homeless, which is impacted by lack of shelters in this region (there are only 4 in a 12-county region) and a lack of affordable housing in these rural/frontier counties that lack sufficient population density to provide market incentives for development. With COVID-19 resources shelter availability increased some with additional shelter beds. In the past 2 years, the CES implemented a Priority List (PL) manager position, which was hired in March of 2018. This has created consistent monitoring of the system and referrals. In October of 2021 the NWCoC moved away from the use of the VI-SPDAT and adopted a new assessment tool and process for assessing individuals. In the first six months of implementing the new process the COC
saw an 84% decrease in the number of unsuccessful referrals. This significantly decreased the amount of time it was taking to move through the priority list. The new system includes training that emphasizes it is the agency's responsibility to maintain contact with clients to offer services, not the clients who are in crisis responsibility. Clients who are not immediately housed are offered mainstream services in the meantime, and agencies will explore all housing opportunities. The NWCoC acknowledges that the length of time people remain homeless is increasing. This again, is due to lack of affordable housing and increasing need. The NWCoC Collaborative Applicant is working on strategies through grants and lending to increase housing development by 1,500 units in the northwest region by 2024. The NWCoC has committed to reducing the length of time homeless as a planning priority for system improvement.
2. The CoC utilizes a Long-term Homeless and CH Assessment available in HMIS and used as preference criteria for CE. Agencies are asked to target available housing opportunities to people identifying barriers to accessing housing and have been homeless the longest. Long-term homeless and PSH resources are typically used to serve populations with the most severe service needs when available.
3) Barbara Johnson, CoC Coordinator with the Northwest Minnesota Foundation serving the Northwest Continuum of Care (NWCOC) and the NWCoC Housing Access/Coordinated Entry Committee.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing–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)

34% of persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH exited to permanent housing destinations. 92% of people in all PH projects except PH-RRH remained in applicable PH projects or exited to PH destinations. The CoC uses CE to improve linkage to appropriate resources. Persons accessing CE complete an assessment to determine the level of assistance needed to obtain/sustain PH. CE assessors and navigators provide subsidized housing lists and assistance completing PH applications. CE case consultation includes individual housing plans for clients on the CE list to better connect clients to
housing that meets their needs/choices. CE policies allow for client choice in housing placement to increase likelihood of stability and for persons currently in a program to transfer to a program that better fits their needs.
1) Staff in ES, TH, RRH programs set goals with participants to achieve stability to successfully move to PH. They engage with landlords to expand private market options. ES, TH, and RRH providers assist tenants to apply for Family Choice Vouchers and have partnerships with PHAs. One PHA prioritizes homeless households for vouchers. One PHAs receives CE referrals for Bridges vouchers to house persons with serious mental illness who experience homelessness. Two PHAs offers Emergency Housing Vouchers.
2) From FY20 to FY21 the NWCoC performance for persons in PH projects retaining or exiting to positive destinations maintained an 86% success rate. As the NWCoC continues to prioritize serving population with severe service needs through coordinated entry it is anticipated that this number will not dramatically shift. When serving the hardest to serve populations it is anticipated that there will be some unsuccessful exits. The NWCoC has a target of keeping this number between 90%- 95%. The NWCoC continues to work on a training plan for case managers that includes, housing first, trauma informed care, cultural humility, conflict de-escalation, and other topics identified to provide the most for clients.
3) Barbara Johnson, CoC Coordinator with the Northwest Minnesota Foundation serving the Northwest Continuum of Care (NWCOC) and the NWCoC Housing Access/Coordinated Entry Committee.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Each agency assesses individuals and families returning to homelessness during Coordinated Entry assessments and later during the intake process. CoC members also use the HMIS Returns to Homelessness Report, which helps agencies analyze services and course correct to prevent future returns.
2. The CoC's primary strategy in the past five years has been a significant emphasis on staff training in Housing First, Trauma-Informed Care, Client Centered Services and other training for direct service staff that makes a powerful impact on support provided to households and individuals experiencing homelessness. The low rates of return to homelessness (less than 5% across all component types for 13-24 months) are indicative that this strategy has been successful. It is anticipated that some individuals may return to homeless as the NWCoC continues to serve populations with the most severe service needs. The CoC also works with individual CoC-funded projects to use their HMIS data for course correction, to analyze outcomes, and determine what needs to change to improve clients' lives and prevent returns to homelessness.
3) Barbara Johnson, CoC Coordinator with the Northwest Minnesota Foundation serving the Northwest Continuum of Care (NWCOC) and the NWCoC Housing Access/Coordinated Entry Committee.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

. The primary way to increase employment income is to increase employment. CoC agencies work diligently to assist program participants to build employment readiness by continuing their education, developing job skills, and planning for childcare and transportation. The CoC has worked extensively to increase membership of workforce development centers. The YHDP project focuses on ensuring youth are connected to income generating resources.

2. The CoC has also been working to ensure that COC committees have representation from workforce development agencies. The CoC has coverage of 100% of the region with representation from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act partners. The Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Program (RMCEP) is a member of the YHDP planning committee. One CoC community action agency provides WIOA services in 7 counties in the Region. CoC VA providers have employment specialists on staff. The region's youth providers,have DEED funding for its youth employment specialist. Another CoC CAP agency has a YouthBuild Program which enables youth ages 16-24 who haven't yet graduated high school to learn job skills for half a day, attend school for half a day and receive pay for the full 8 hours. YouthBuild and Evergreen YFS recently partnered to provide housing for YouthBuild participants in recognition of the fact that lack of housing is a significant barrier to consistent YouthBuild participation and successful completion. The NWICDC also includes employment and training services with a culturally specific focus to the program delivery. The CoC places special
emphasis on coordinating with Workforce Investment Employment and Economic Development funded providers. Employment staff attended CoC focus groups in the region and participated on training webinars. CoC agencies coordinate services with these providers, actively referring clients, and participating in job fairs. Increasing income is a top priority of the NWCoC to focus on planning for system improvement. These strategies are proving effective. The NWCoC has a focus to work on data being captured which has shown that the CoC is making progress on increasing income for individuals and families. In 2022 there was a 25% of adult leavers realized an increase in employment cash benefits.

3) Barbara Johnson, CoC Coordinator with the Northwest Minnesota Foundation serving the Northwest Continuum of Care (NWCOC) and the NWCoC Housing Access/Coordinated Entry Committee.

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 uses multiple strategies to improve non-employment cash income. All CoC members are encouraged to use the combined benefits application to increase access to mainstream benefits. The CoC emphasizes that mainstream benefits connections are a core housing case manager role. CoC stakeholders play an important role. The CoC has increased county participation in the CoC, with social services directors attending meetings regularly. The CoC increased outreach to Public Health in order to increase use of WIC services in the region. A challenge is many clients have maxed out which benefits they are available to receive once in PSH. These benefits do increase overtime and the CoC is encouraging providers to do more frequent income assessments to ensure this increase are being captured, even if they are small. Increasing income is a top priority of the NWCoC to focus on planning for system improvement. The strategy to work on data being captured has shown that the CoC is making progress on increasing income for individuals and families. In 2022, 41% of adult leavers realized an increase in non-employment cash income.
2) Barbara Johnson, CoC Coordinator with the Northwest Minnesota Foundation serving the Northwest Continuum of Care (NWCOC) and the NWCoC Housing Access/Coordinated Entry Committee.

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

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

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
Park Place PSH	PH-PSH	12	Both
TVOC PSH Expansion	PH-PSH	13	Housing

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project?   Park Place PSH

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):   FDU6Y7GFNJZ5

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 12

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project?   TVOC PSH Expansion

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):   FJ19RYB7Q3D6

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 13

5. Select the type of leverage: Housing

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
  - 24 CFR part 578;
   - FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

  Not applicable

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

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  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

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

3C-2.	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)

Not Applicable

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

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  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applications.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.l.	

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

4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.l.	

	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 2023 Priority Listing.	

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

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

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

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

You must enter a value for elements 1 and 2 in question 4A-3.

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

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(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
Tri-Valley Opport...

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

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

	Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant applying for one or more New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects included on your CoC's FY 2023 Priority Listing for New Projects:

1.	Applicant Name	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council
2.	Project Name	DV Expansion
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	15
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	FJ19RYB7Q3D6
5.	Amount Requested	$54,215
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	

You must enter a response for elements 1 through 7 in question 4A-3b.

4A-3b.1.	Applicant Experience in Housing Placement and Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.l.(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 both rates;
2.	whether the rates accounts for exits to safe housing destinations; and
3.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects).

(limit 1,500 characters)

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

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

5.	moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain–address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Domestic Violence clients will be provided housing navigation services to assist in finding housing. Move-in assistance may be a huge need as clients may be moving to a new community and/or leaving the previous housing situation with little or nothing. Limited time rental assistance will provide a period of time for participants to get employment, get settled, complete applications for additional community services. Staff will encourage those eligible to apply for Section 8 vouchers and work alongside household with the local HRA. Case management will provide opportunities to connect clients with additional resources, overcome barriers that stand in the way, negotiate with landlords, monitor stability and work to resolve crisis situations as they arise. Parents with school age children and unaccompanied youth will be connected to school homeless liaisons to ensure
children and youth are enrolled in school and connected to needed services. Parents needed a cultural liaison at school will be connected to the correct liaison. Households needing to flee outside of the area for stable housing for safety reasons will be provided contact numbers to reach out to in other service areas. TVOC has complied a list of the landlords that we have worked with through the CERA and CHAPS programs. Staff will reach out to these landlords to inform them about the housing programs TVOC has as well as other programs TVOC provides. Explaining the process of CE, the housing programs will help Landlords know to reach out to TVOC. We believe that Landlords that understand the bigger needs and barriers of persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness are more likely to rent to participants with barriers. Developing relationships with these landlords either by phone, emails, or in person can also provide households with one extra step of support. Staff will mail flyers to rental agencies and landlords that state the TVOC housing programs and how they could benefit from partnering with TVOC. Staff will outreach to community leaders to explain our housing programs and Coordinated Entry process to find other available units in the Marshall and Norman area. Staff will partner with local housing authorities to locate landlords and rental agencies. Staff will make site visits monthly to local towns in Marshall and Norman counties sharing flyers and visiting with community members. Staff will invite local landlords to join groups such as the healthy homes in

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

	Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:
1.	taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;
2.	making determinations and placements into safe housing;
3.	keeping information and locations confidential;
4.	training staff on safety and confidentially policies and practices; and
5.	taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.

(limit 2,500 characters)

TVOC is not a licenses Domestic Violence provider. Through the trainings staff have taken to better serve participants that have experienced Domestic Violence, TVOC understands the first contact with a survivor is important. It is imperative to provide resources available and guidance on steps to take. A personal safety plan can empower survivors to have control over traumatic instances. With that in mind, TVOC has a questionnaire to help participants prepare their own personal safety plans to utilize before, during and after fleeing. Staff work to develop a relationship with the participant meeting them where they are at mentally and physically. With trauma informed lens and Motivational Interviewing, staff stress the importance of safety and suggest the development of a personal safety plan. Staff emphasize that the plan be person-centered and led by the participant. Questions that are asked are tailored for the stages of fleeing which include: staying or living with the abuser, leaving the abuser, before/during an attack, living alone. Working with participant to develop survivor centered
responses to violence is important as they are the experts and have experiences of intuition to lead their decisions in making a personal safety plan. Staff ensure a safe environment, show they are trustworthy by following through on contacts and assistance, makes participants feel supported and build trust. Staff recognize participants individual strengths and experiences. Importance is placed on shared decisions as a team between
staff and participant. Shared decisions cultivate resilience, self-advocacy and empowerment skills for participants.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Safety and confidentiality for the household is the first priority. During first contact with participant, staff provide immediate resources and referrals to safe places such as Care and Share Homeless Shelter, DV specific shelters in neighboring communities and hotel vouchers provided by TVOC and community partners. Referrals to DV licensed providers are provided based on the participants choice and comfort level. Staff will encourage participant to develop a personal safety plan, with guidance questions for participant to consider. Community Health Services has committed to a partnership with this project to provide a full safety plan and to provide services specific to DV households throughout the household's time on the program. Once participant is in a safe environment, understanding that the household will take time to build a trusting relationship with staff, staff proceed at the participants speed. Staff meet at the participants preferred location and via their preferred mode in completing the intake process. Staff explain the differences between the RRH and TH programs so households can make an informed choice. Staff provide services using trauma informed care. Households are given the option to participate in the Coordinated Entry prioritization list process or the DV prioritization list. Staff provide support using best practices to ensure assistance in obtaining all mainstream resources based on the participants choice. Staff will maintain confidentiality and privacy throughout the participants stay on the program. Staff will assist with hotel vouchers, housing search, securing housing, landlord advocacy, assistance with mainstream resources and connections to DV services.

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

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

Through Motivational interviewing with participants, staff use this approach to achieve behavioral change by increasing a participant's motivations to make a positive change. Staff can also learn the health challenges of the participant to determine the proper referral for services and encourage long term use of the services to avoid crisis use of the services. Staff will determine if the participant is in imminent danger to health or safety and if it requires immediate help through observations and communication with participant. Staff will assist participant in developing short term, realistic treatment and prevention goals through a harm reduction lens. TVOC believes in housing first and offering this service could reduce that amount of time a participant spends in a treatment center or decrease that amount of time spent in inpatient as Housing First has low barriers and meets the participant where they are at. Participants living in rural areas have fewer services available. To overcome this barrier TVOC will provide transportation assistance, will outreach to develop relationships with health care providers, and coordinate services with community providers. Staff will continue to support the participant based on wants and needs to solve any issue that may arise during the time on the program. Intake is completed through a trauma informed care lens, preference is given to client regarding time, place and mode. Based on household needs, immediate referrals are made. Depending on household preference regarding sharing information, households are entered into HMIS placing them on the Prioritization List. Staff advocate for client during case conferencing with partners, if a TH-RRH slot is open, a referral is sent to assigned staff. Staff will contact the client and immediately provide housing navigation and Landlord advocacy. They will assist with securing vital documents needed. Staff can provide transportation or provide other means of transportation to view units. Once unit has been selected by client, staff will complete a housing inspection to ensure safety of unit. Staff will continue supportive services throughout the time on the TH-RRH program. Staff will call, text, email or visit client in person, based on client's preference and needs. Staff and client work together with goals, barriers, and ensuring mainstream benefits are obtained and work to resolve any issues that arise. TVOC has a MNSURE navigator to assist with insurance. Staff will assist with obtaining and completing applications using staff's computer and internet access and deliver the completed forms. Staff will provide an interpreter service if needed and will outreach to local LGBTQ+, BIPOC communities as needed. Staff provide transportation or offer other means of transportation to ensure clients can make appointments. Through motivational interviewing and working as a team, this builds a trusting relationship with clients and provides client centered choices.

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

1) Promote and support the Fair Housing Act 2) Improve Housing Stability 3) Prioritizing 4) Addressing affordable housing shortages with property owners/management and area state representatives.

TVOC understands that you can't address inequities without having to address housing shortages, and you can't address housing shortages without addressing racial disparities. With this in mind TVOC implements strategies to address the racial or cultural disparities within our community.

TVOC staff provides and educates participants on the Fair Housing Act. Staff work with property owners/management to ensure participants are not discriminated against, offering mediation services or referrals to legal aid if needed. Staff address Fair housing act with property owners/management to educate if necessary or as a reminder.

TVOC works with participant to achieve housing stability through intensive case management, rental assistance, housing navigation, referring to support services and mainstream resources, maintaining their residence and budgeting based on participants wants and needs

TVOC fully participates with CoC Coordinated Entry process, prioritization list, case conferencing where staff advocate for participants. Serving participants with the most vulnerabilities through an equity lens addresses housing inequities.

TVOC address the affordable housing shortage through relationships built with local property owners/managements. Staff stress the need for housing and the need for rents to stay within the local FMR/standards through conversations. Staff educate property owners/managements on housing subsidies available and the limits they may have. Staff also encourage owners to develop, purchase additional properties to fill the need our community has. Staff educate property owners of possible local, state, federal funds for upkeep or remolding of existing units. Staff have sent letters to local state representatives encouraging support of bills that address housing disparities/inequities.

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

	Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:
1.	prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;
2.	establish and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
3.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
4.	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;
5.	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;
6.	provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
7.	offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

TVOC believes in the Housing First model and does not present barriers to housing. TVOC participates in the Northwest CoC Coordinated Entry System and Prioritization List which uses a Housing First approach. Coordinated Entry Assessment to assess those most in need of services regardless of conditions such as income, employment, sobriety, disability, etc. Each applicant on the Priority List is discussed at Case Conferencing meetings to ensure all applicants have an opportunity to be served. Those with the greatest need are prioritized closer to "real time" rather than "when their name comes up on the list". Housing assistance is offered without preconditions other than experiencing homelessness and having severe service needs. Safety and rapid housing placements are the primary goals. Staff offer housing search and Landlord advocacy to secure housing for those with greatest barriers. TVOC also has a Landlord Mitigation Fund to offer landlords. Participants are offered support services based on the participants needs. Services can be provided by Marshall, Norman County Social Services, Alluma or by TVOC staff. Participating in support services is not required. Services can be added if client needs or wants at any time the need arises. Staff checks in monthly at the minimum for "just a checking with you" contact and provides additional visits and contacts as the household requires. Rapid Re-housing and Transitional Housing will be provided to Domestic Violence clients in West Polk County, Marshall County and Norman County. Rapid Re-housing and Transitional Housing connect persons experiencing Domestic Violence with permanent housing through the use of time limited rental assistance, deposit assistance, housing navigation services, move-in assistance and case management services. Case management will be based on client needs and be respectful of the situation the client has recently come out of. Men, women and children escaping domestic violence have an increased risk of facing homelessness. Often survivors of domestic violence rely on shelters, transitional housing programs and rapid re-housing programs to meet their housing needs. The flee from violence often leaves them traumatized, but with limited resources to enter stable housing. A RRH-TH project provides the client with much needed, support, resources and connections to mainstream resources. In the three counties being served by this project there is not a specific Domestic Violence shelter program to serve clients. A program specifically tailored for DV households provides the opportunity for DV survivors to receive services without being in competition with other households experiencing homelessness.

4A-3h.	Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation of New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(f)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Through intakes and relationship building, TVOC has learned how important it is to learn from and hear from people with lived experience. TVOC continues to make changes with programs and forms to better meet the needs of individuals/families experiencing homelessness and have severe service needs. TVOC will send out a survey questionnaire to shelters and community service providers and current program participants to acquire more information. The survey can also use this opportunity to request participation in groups and meetings. TVOC has and will continue to invite persons with lived experience to meetings on program development and changes. TVOC staff currently support a participant with lived experience to be involved with the Minnesota Task Force on Shelter draft standards. The participant with lived experience was supported before the meeting, during the meeting and after the meeting. The participant gave her experience and suggestions on improving shelters in Minnesota. TVOC will continue to encourage participants to become involved with NWCoC programs. TVOC has staff that are a part of the committees for NWCoC. TVOC has had staff active with the YHDP Youth Action Board. Staff have supported youth with lived experience to participate in youth meetings. TVOC supported the CoC REAP project in its initial formation. A TVOC staff person participated on the REAP Board member review committee to assist with the formation of the board.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1.	You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
2.	You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.
3.	We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported–please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
4.	Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
5.	Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
6.	If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
	. We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).
	. We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
7.	After you upload each attachment, use the Download feature to access and check the attachment to ensure it matches the required Document Type and to ensure it contains all pages you intend to include.
8.	Only use the "Other" attachment option to meet an attachment requirement that is not otherwise listed in these detailed instructions.

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes		
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	1D-2a. Housing Fi...	09/21/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	1E-1. Web Postin...	09/21/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	1E-2. Local Compe...	09/21/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	1E-2a. Scored For...	09/21/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5. Notificatio...	09/21/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5a. Notificat...	09/21/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	1E-5b. Local Comp...	09/21/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes		
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Submission Summary

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

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4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants   Please Complete

4B. Attachments Screen   Please Complete

Submission Summary   No Input Required

Notes:

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants list contains 1 incomplete item.

Northwest Minnesota Continuum of Care
CoC Program Competition ("NOFO")
Housing First Assessment

Housing First projects are effective in assisting all subpopulations of people experiencing homelessness to access and sustain stable housing.

As part of the local CoC Program Competition for new and renewal projects, applicants are required to answer the following questions related to the proposed project's eligibility criteria and project rules. Each question will be scored as indicated. After completing the assessment, the applicant will calculate their total score. This form must be submitted as part of your NW CoC project application. This assessment is required for CoC-funded housing projects only.

A goal of this assessment is to identify training and system needs to ensure our homeless response system includes opportunities for everyone. ==Because of program requirements and property management requirements, we acknowledge that not all applicants will be able to answer yes to all of the following questions.==

Organization	
Project Name	
Date Completed	

LOW BARRIER ACCESS:	
1) Does the project require clients to pass a background screening prior to project entry (excluding sexual offender/predator check)?	Yes ☐ No ☐ [No = 1 point]
2) Does the project prohibit all persons with specified criminal convictions on a blanket basis to be excluded from admission (excluding registered sexual offenders)?	Yes ☐ No ☐ [No = 1 point]
3) Does the project require participants to be sober for a specified period prior to project entry as a condition for admission?	Yes ☐ No ☐ [No = 1 point]
4) Does the project serve individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, family composition, or marital status?	Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]

5) Does the project serve and house transgender individuals according to the gender they identify?	Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]
6) Does the project expedite the admission process including help with housing search (scattered site only) and help assembling necessary documents to support the application for admission?	Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]

HOUSING RETENTION:

7) Does the project terminate participants for failure to participate in treatment or support services including case management?	Yes ☐ No ☐ [No = 1 point]
8) Does the project terminate participants solely for engaging in substance use?	Yes ☐ No ☐ [No = 1 point]
9) Does the project require participants to obtain income as a condition of remaining in the project?	Yes ☐ No ☐ [No = 1 point]
10) Does the project make all efforts to avoid discharging participants into homelessness including referral back to coordinated entry for those who cannot remain in the project?	Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]
11) Are project participants held to standards/behaviors not found in mainstream leases (such as not being allowed visitors, curfews, required to do chores, or not being allowed to have alcoholic beverages in their unit)?	Yes ☐ No ☐ [No = 1 point]

PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT:

12) Does the project provide participant choice in accessing services and are efforts made to connect participants to community-based services?	Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]
13) Does the project provide regular opportunities for program participants to provide input on project policies and operations?	Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]
14) Are project staff trained to support participant engagement through best practices including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, and trauma informed approaches?	Yes ☐ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]

TOTAL SCORE: _____

accepting applications for the 2023 annual Notice of Funding Opportunity for the CoC Program Competition.

The Northwest Minnesota Continuum of Care is now accepting applications for eligible renewal projects as listed on the 2023 Grant Inventory Worksheet and for new projects created through reallocation, CoC bonus, and/or DV bonus funding. Agencies who have not previously received CoC funding are encouraged to apply.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, governmental entities, and public housing agencies with projects aimed at addressing homelessness in the region.

The Northwest Continuum of Care is required to hold a local CoC Program Competition to evaluate, select and rank all projects the NWCoC wants to include in the region's national consolidated application to HUD.

2023 Annual NOFO
CoC Competition

Notification of Intent to Apply is due August 4th, 2023 and full project applications are due August 25th, 2023.

Total funding available through HUD is expected to be around $1.5 million for the Northwest Continuum of Care's region.

Draft Application Materials:

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Northwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (NWCoC)
2023 Project Applicant Scorecard

Prepared by Planning & Evaluation Committee

Annually, CoC program applicants will be scored and ranked per CoC policy and HUD guidance. The purpose is to ensure that HUD funded programs are providing the highest quality housing and services and that the programs are focused onachieving outcomes to end homelessness.

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HUD COC Threshold Eligibility Criteria

Criteria	ELIGIBLE	NOT ELIGIBLE	INFORMATION SOURCE	Eligible?
GENERAL APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY				
Eligible Entity	Nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and TDHE	Any entity that does not meet criteria identified in earlier column.	Project Application	
SAM Registration	Applicants is registered with https://www.sam.gov/SAM before submitting their application	Applicants is not registered with https://www.sam.gov/SAM before submitting their application	SAMS Esnaps submission	
Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts	Applicant does not have outstanding delinquent federal debt	Applicant has outstanding delinquent federal debt	Applicant disclosure	
Debarments and/or Suspensions	Applicant is not debarred; suspended; proposed for debarment; or voluntarily excluded from doing business with the Federal government.	Applicant is debarred; suspended; proposed for debarment; or voluntarily excluded from doing business with the Federal government.	Applicant disclosure	
Match	25% match for everything but leasing	No required match	Project Application Budget	
HMIS Participation	Project participates (or plans to participate) in HMIS (or other comparable database for DV providers)	Project does not participate or plan to participate in HMIS (or other comparable database for DV providers)	Project Application ICA/CoC verification	

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Criteria	ELIGIBLE	NOT ELIGIBLE	INFORMATION SOURCE	Eligible?
GENERAL ELIGIBILITY				
Eligible Population	Meets HUD requirements	Does NOT meet HUD requirements	Project Application	
Geographic Location	Applicant project is in NW CoC geographic area.	Applicant project is not in NW CoC geographic area.	Project Application	
Project Type	Meets HUD Requirements	Does NOT meet HUD requirements	Project Application	
Coordinated Entry Participation	Applicant participates in the Coordinated Entry System, including attending training, completing CES assessments and receiving referrals through Coordinated Entry as outlined in the NW CoC Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures (IF NEW APPLICANT, applicant agrees to these expectations)	Applicant does not participate in the NW CoC Coordinated Entry System (IF NEW APPLICANT, applicant DOES NOT agree to these expectations)	CE Staff Verification	

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Eligibility	ELIGIBLE	NOT ELIGIBLE	INFORMATION SOURCE	Eligible?
Fair Housing/Equal Access	Applicant assures that CoC program staff will complete Fair Housing training annually.	Applicant does not assure that CoC program staff will complete Fair Housing training annually.	Project Application	
Housing First	Applicant agrees to follow CoC Housing First policies	Applicant does not agree to follow CoC Housing First policies	Project Application	
CoC Policies	Applicant agrees to follow NW CoC Guidelines and Written Standards	Applicant does not agree to follow NW CoC Guidelines and Written Standards	Project Application	
Financial/Administrative Management	Applicant has no outstanding HUD monitoring findings.	Applicant has no outstanding HUD monitoring findings that are not in the process of being resolved.	Project Application Esnaps Application	

Applicant Performance (Renewal Projects Only)

ELIGIBLE POINTS	SCORING SECTIONS	LOW CRITERIA	MEDIUM CRITERIA	HIGH CRITERIA	INFORMATION SOURCE	REVIEWER SCORE
2	**Geographic priority areas.**	Project is not in a NW CoC priority area. (0 points)		Project is in a NW CoC priority area. (2 points)	Project Application NW CoC geographic priorities	
8	**Budget Expenditure**	Spent 89% or less of grant award (0 points)	Spent 90-94% of grant award (4 points)	Spent 95% or more of grant award. (8 points)	ELOCCS Reports	
4	**Quarterly Drawdowns**	Drawdowns not made quarterly (0 points)		Drawdowns made quarterly (4 points)	ELOCCS Reports	

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8	Data Quality	Most recent total QDQ score below 80%. (0 points)	Most recent total QDQ score between 81 -90% (4 points)	Most recent total QDQ score above 90%. (8 points)	HMIS QDQ Reports	
8	**Bed Utilization (Renewal Housing Projects Only)**	Average of less than 85% ofproject beds. (0 points)	Average of 85-90% of project beds. (4 points)	Average of more than 90% of project beds (8 points)	Project APR	

HUD Needs & Priorities (All Applicants)

ELIGIBLE POINTS	SCORING SECTIONS	LOW CRITERIA	MEDIUM CRITERIA	HIGH CRITERIA	INFO SOURCE	REVIEWER SCORE
4	**Removing Barriers to Housing/Housing First**	Applicant scores less than 7 points on Housing First Assessment (0 points)	Applicant scores between 7 and 10 points on Housing First Assessment (2 points)	Applicant scores 11 or more points on Housing First Assessment (4 points)	Housing First Assessment	
2	**Protocols for Serving LGBTQ+**	Applicant does not follow protocols for serving LGBTQ+ populations, as outlined in NW CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy. (0 points)		Applicant follows protocols for serving LGBTQ+ populations, as outlined in NW CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy. (2 points)	Project Application	
2	**Healthcare Partnerships**	Applicant does not partner with healthcare agencies. (0 points)	Applicant has healthcare partnership. (1 point)	Applicant has a formal agreement with a healthcare partner. (2 points)	Project Application	

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ELIGIBLE POINTS	SCORING SECTIONS	LOW CRITERIA	MEDIUM CRITERIA	HIGH CRITERIA	INFO SOURCE	REVIEWER SCORE
2	**Public Housing Authorities (PHA)/Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Partnerships**	Agency does not coordinate with PHA. (0 points)	Agency coordinates with PHA but it is unclear how clients access vouchers. (1 point)	Agency has a clear and executable plan to ensure clients have access to Housing Choice Vouchers and other subsidized housing options. (2 points)	Project Application	
2	**Culturally Specific/ Responsive Programming**	Project does not provide culturally specific/responsive programming. (0 points)	Project has plans to provide culturally specific/responsive programming. (1 point)	Project provides culturally specific/responsive programming. (2 points)	Project Application	
2	**Addressing inequities in access to housing**	Agency does not have plan/existing plan is not sufficient to address inequities in access. (0 points)	Agency has plan to address inequities to accessing housing but action steps have not been implemented (1 point)	Agency has action steps identified and is currently working to address inequities to accessing housing. (2 points)	Project Application	
2	**Serving Special Populations**	No beds/slots are reserved for Unaccompanied youth ages 24 & Under; Families ages 25+ with school-age children; Veterans; Chronic Homeless; DV Survivors; or Singles ages 25+ (0 points)	Less than 25% of beds/slots are reserved for Unaccompanied youth ages 24 & Under; Families ages 25+ with school-age children; Veterans; Chronic Homeless; DV Survivors; or Singles ages 25+ (1 point)	25% or more of beds/slots are reserved for Unaccompanied youth ages 24 & Under; Families ages 25+ with school-age children; Veterans; Chronic Homeless; DV Survivors; or Singles ages 25+ (2 points)	Esnaps Application	

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2	**Adapting Programs to Meet Emerging Needs/ Innovation**	Project does not have evidence of meeting emerging needs. (0 points)	Project is doing some things to meet emerging needs. (1 point)	Project is actively innovating to meet emerging needs. (2 points)	Project Application	

Service Quality Plan (All Applicants)

ELIGIBLE POINTS	SCORING SECTIONS	LOW CRITERIA	MEDIUM CRITERIA	HIGH CRITERIA	INFO SOURCE	REVIEWER SCORE
2	**Case Management Training**	No training attended by staff. (0 points)	Staff participated in training. (1 point)	Staff participated in training and Agency is implementing strategies from training. (2 points)	Project Application	
4	**Collaboration with mainstream and key support services**	Does not collaborate with mainstream and key support services (0 points)	Uses best practices for connecting participants to mainstream resources (2 points)	Goes "above and beyond" with activities to collaborate and to help participants secure other resources. (4 points)	Project Application	
2	**Educational Assurances (Family programs only)**	Does not comply with NW CoC policy. (0 points)	Applicant complies with NWCoC policy. (1 point)	Applicant demonstrates a clear partnership with school district. (2 points)	Project Application	
2	**Separation Policy (Family programs only)**	Does not comply with policy. (0 points)		Agency complies with NWCoC policy. (2 points)	Project Application	

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2	**Safety and support for victims is a part of services/plan.**	Applicant doesnot have a safety plan. (0 points)	Applicant has a safety plan. (1 point)	Applicant has a safety plan and is implementing the plan strategies. (2 points)	Project Application	
4	**Plan to increase Income**	Applicant doesnot have a plan for increasing income. (0 points)	Applicant identifies some key strategies to connect clients to income resources. (2 points)	Applicant identifies creative and outside the box solutions to addressing the challenge of increasing income. (4 points)	Project Application	

CoC Participation (All Applicants)

ELIGIBLE POINTS	SCORING SECTIONS	LOW CRITERIA	MEDIUM CRITERIA	HIGH CRITERIA	INFO SOURCE	REVIEWER SCORE
2	**General Membership Meeting Attendance**	Applicant agency attended one meeting or less. (0 points)	Agency attended two or three meetings. (1 point)	Agency attended all four meetings. (2 points)	General Membership Meeting Minutes	
2	**Agency staff participation in CoCCommittees**	No staff participating on CoC Committee in last-year. (0 points)	Agency staff participated in at least one committee. (1 point)	Agency staff participated in more than one COC Committee. (2 points)	Committee Meeting Minutes	
4	**Participate in Case Conferencing**	Does not participate. (0 points)		Participates in Case Conferencing. (4 points)	Case Conferencing Meeting Notes	

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System Performance (Renewal Applicants)

ELIGIBLE POINTS	SCORING SECTIONS	LOW CRITERIA	MEDIUM CRITERIA	HIGH CRITERIA	INFO SOURCE	REVIEWER SCORE
8	Returns to Homelessness	15% or more of participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to PH (0 points)	10-15% of participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to PH (4 points)	Less than 10% of participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to PH. (8 points)	HMIS Returns to Homelessness Report	
2	Earned Income--Maintain/Increase (Leavers and Stayers)	Less than 10% for PSH, Less than 40% for TH/RRH (0 points)	10-19% for PSH, 40-49% for TH, RRH (1 point)	20% or more for PSH, 50% or more for TH, RRH (2 points)	APR	
2	Non-Employment Income--Maintain/Increase (Leavers and Stayers)	Less than 50% for PSH, Less than 40% for RRH, Less than 5% for TH (0 points)	50-74% for PSH, 40-49% for RRH, 5-9% for TH (1 point)	75% or more for PSH, 50% or more for RRH, 10% or more for TH (2 points)	APR	
4	Increase Overall Income	Less than 20% (0 points)	20-29% (2 points)	30% or more (4 points)	APR	
8	Retention/Successful exits (PSH only)	Under 85% (0 points)	85-90% (4 points)	Over 90% (8 points)	APR	
8	Exits to permanent housing (TH/RRH only)	70% or less of participants exited to permanent destinations. (0 points)	71-80% of participants exited the program to permanent destinations. (4 points)	More than 80% of participants exited the program to permanent destinations. (8 points)	APR	

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New Projects

ELIGIBLE POINTS	SCORING SECTIONS	LOW CRITERIA	MEDIUM CRITERIA	HIGH CRITERIA	INFORMATION SOURCE	REVIEWER SCORE
4	**CoC Priorities**	(1 point)	(2 points)	(4 points)	Application Project Type	

SCORING

- Renewal Applicant Performance: 30 POINTS = 28%
- HUD Priorities: 18 POINTS =17%
- CoC Participation: 8 POINTS = 7%
- Service Quality Plan: 16 POINTS =15%
- System Performance: 32 POINTS = 30%
- New Project Priorities: 4 POINTS = 4%

Total Points: 108 points

Northwest Minnesota Continuum of Care

2023 Scoring Criteria

For Notice of Funding Opportunity Application

Northwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (NWCoC)2023 Project Applicant Scorecard (Prepared by Review Committee)

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PROJECT PERFORMANCE

To provide both project-specific outcome information and CoC-wide contributions, each program will be evaluated basedon data entered into HMIS, the HUD Annual Performance Report (APR), the Project Application submitted for the CoC proposal, and other requested supporting documentation to assure quality and accurate evaluation. The APR scoring criteria assess outcomes that directly relate to goals set by the HEARTH Act. The performance measures now comprise HUD's performance measures against which every Continuum will be assessed.

The APR period is the last grant period ending in 2021 or 2022, whichever is most recent.

NOTES

The CoC Planning Project is not scored.

THRESHOLD INSTRUCTIONS

For any eligibility criteria not met, please provide notes explaining deficiency. Note that CoC policy states that project applications submitted not meeting the eligibility threshold will not be eligible to be included in the CoC Project Listing.

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) 2022
MN0255L5K062211

Scoring Criteria

Applicant Performance (Renewal Projects Only)

Eligible Points	Scoring Sections	Low Criteria	Medium Criteria	High Criteria	Information Source	Reviewer Score	Reviewer Comments
2	**Geographic Priority Areas**	Project is not in a NWCoC Priority Area **0 points**		Project is in a NWCoC Priority Area **2 points**	Project application- NWCoC geographic priorities	2	**Reviewed**
8	**Budget Expenditure**	Spent 89% or less of grant award **0 points**	Spent 90-94% of grant award **4 points**	Spent 95% or more of grant award **8 points**	ELOCCS Reports	8	**Reviewed, 100% funding years 2018-2020**
4	**Quarterly Drawdowns**	Drawdowns not made quarterly **0 points**		Drawdowns made quarterly **4 points**	ELOCCS Reports	4	**Reviewed**
8	**Data Quality**	Most recent total QDQ score below 80% **0 points**	Most recent total QDQ score between 81-90% **4 points**	Most recent total QDQ score above 90% **8 points**	HMIS QDQ Reports	8	**Reviewed, 100%**
8	**Bed Utilization (Renewal Housing Projects only)**	Average of less than 85% of project beds **0 points**	Average of 85-90% of project beds **4 points**	Average of more than 90% of project beds **8 points**	Project APR	8	**Reviewed, 150%**

HUD Needs & Priorities (All Applicants)

Eligible Points	Scoring Sections	Low Criteria	Medium Criteria	High Criteria	Information Source	Reviewer Score	Reviewer Comments
4	**Removing Barriers to Housing/Housing First**	Applicant scores less than 7 points on Housing First Assessment **0 points**	Applicant scores between 7-10 points on Housing First Assessment **2 points**	Applicant scores 11 points or higher on Housing First Assessment **4 points**	Housing First Assessment	4	**Reviewed**

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2	Protocols for servicing LGBTQ+	Applicant does not follow protocols for serving LGBTQ+ populations, as outlined in the NWCoC Anti-Discrimination Policy **0 points**		Applicant does follow protocols for serving LGBTQ+ populations, as outlined in the NWCoC Anti-Discrimination Policy **2 points**	Project Application	2	**Reviewed**
2	Healthcare Partnerships	Applicant does not partner with healthcare agencies **0 points**	Applicant has healthcare partnership **1 point**	Applicant has a formal agreement with a healthcare partner **2 points**	Project Application	1	**Reviewed**
2	**Public Housing Authorities (PHA)/Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Partnerships**	Agency does not coordinate with PHA **0 points**	Agency coordinates with PHA but it is unclear how clients access vouchers **1 point**	Agency has a clear and executable plan to ensure clients have access to Housing Choice Vouchers and other subsidized housing options **2 points**	Project Application	2	
2	**Culturally Specific/Responsive Programming**	Project does not provide culturally specific/responsive programming **0 points**	Project has plans to provide culturally specific/responsive programming. **1 point**	Project provides culturally specific /responsive programming. **2 points**	Project application	2	
2	**Addressing inequities in access to housing**	Agency does not have plan/existing plan is not sufficient to address inequities in access **0 points**	Agency has plan to address inequities to accessing housing but action steps have not been implemented. **1 point**	Agency has action steps identified and is currently working to address inequities to accessing housing. **2 points**	Project Application	2	

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2	**Adapting programs to meet emerging needs/innovation**	Project does not have evidence of meeting emerging needs **0 points**	Project is doing some things to meet emerging needs **1 point**	Project is actively innovating to meet emerging needs **2 points**	Project Application	2	
Service Quality Plan (All Applicants)							
2	**Case management training**	No training attended by staff **0 points**	Staff participated in training **1 point**	Staff participated in training and agency is implementing strategies from training **2 points**	Project Application	2	
4	**Collaboration with mainstream and key support services**	Does not collaborate with mainstream and key support services **0 points**	Uses best practices for connecting participants to mainstream resources **2 points**	Goes "above and beyond" with activities to collaborate and to help participants secure other resources **4 points**	Project Application	3.33	
2	**Educational assurances (family programs only)**	Does not comply with NWCoC policy **0 points**	Applicant complies with NWCoC policy **1 point**	Applicant demonstrates a clear partnership with school district **2 points**	Project Application	2	

2	Separation policy (family programs only)	Does not comply with NWCoC policy 0 points		Agency complies with NWCoC policy 2 points	Project Application	2	
2	Safety and support for victims is a part of services plan	Applicant does not have a safety plan 0 points	Applicant has a safety plan 1 points	Applicant has a safety plan and is implementing the plan strategies 2 points	Project Application	2	
4	Plan to increase income	Applicant does not have a plan for increasing income 0 points	Applicant identifies some key strategies to connect clients to income resources 2 points	Applicant identifies creative and "outside the box" solutions to addressing the challenge of increasing income 4 points	Project Application	4	
CoC Participation (All applicants)							
2	General membership meeting attendance	Applicant agency attended one meeting or less 0 points	Applicant agency attended two or three meetings 1 points	Applicant agency attended four or more meetings 2 points	General Membership Meeting Minutes	2	Reviewed
2	Agency staff participation in CoC Committees	No staff participating on CoC Committees in past year 0 points	Agency staff participated in at least one CoC committee 1 point	Agency staff participated in more than one CoC committee 2 point	Committee Meeting Minutes	2	Reviewed
4	Participate in Case Conferencing	Does not participate 0 points		Participates in Case Conferencing 4 points	Case Conferencing Meeting Notes	4	Reviewed
System Performance (Renewal Applications)							
8	Returns to Homelessness	15% or more of participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to PH **0 points**	10-15% or more of participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to PH 4 **points**	Less than 10% of participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to PH 8 **points**	HMIS Returns to Homelessness Report	8	Reviewed

2	Earned Income- Maintain/Increase (Leavers and Stayers)	Less than 10% for PSH, Less than 40% for TH/RRH **0 points**	10-19% for PSH, Less than 40-49% for TH/RRH **1 points**	20% or more for PSH, 50% or more for TH/RRH **2 points**	APR	1	Reviewed, 11%
2	Non-employment income- Maintain/Increase (Leavers and Stayers)	Less than 50% for PSH, Less than 40% for TH/RRH, Less than 5% for TH **0 points**	50-74% for PSH, 40-49% for TH/RRH, 5-9% for TH **1 points**	75% or more for PSH, 50% or more for TH/RRH, 10% or more for TH **2 points**	APR	1	Reviewed, 68%
4	Increase overall income	Less than 20% **0 points**	20-29% **2 points**	30% or more **4 points**	APR	4	Reviewed, 42.11%
8	Retention/successful exits (PSH only)	Under 85% **0 points**	85-90% **4 points**	Over 90% **8 points**	APR	4	Reviewed, 81.8%
8	Exits to permanent housing (TH/RRH only)	70% or less of participants exited to permanent destinations **0 points**	71-80% of participants exited to permanent destinations **4 points**	More than 80% of participants exited to permanent destinations **8 points**	APR	N/A	This section reviewed by NWCoC Staff

region.

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- NWCoC Anti-Discrimination Policy
- NWCoC Appeal Process
- Scoring Criteria
- 2023 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW)

** Please submit any feedback on the draft application materials no later than July 18th, 2023, to Barbara Johnson by email at barbaraj@nwmf.org

Final application materials will be posted by July 21st, 2023.

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				Tier 1					
Rank	Score	Agency	Program	Project Component Type	Total Points Received	Points Possible	% of Possible	Recommended Award Amount	ARD
1	1	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.	Tri-Valley PSH 2022	PH	86.3	96	90%	$ 129,566.00	$ 129,566.00
2	2	Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc.	FY2022 Conifer Estates Permanent Supportive Housing	PH	83	96	86%	$ 45,091.00	$ 45,091.00
3	6	NMF/Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc	Northwest Coordinated Entry Prioritization 2022	SSO	41	50	82%	$ 36,217.00	$ 36,217.00
4	8	Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc.	FY2022 AI Permanent Supportive Housing	PH	78	96	81%	$ 70,001.00	$ 70,001.00
5	9	Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc.	FY2022 Beltrami Permanent Supportive Housing	PH	74.3	96	77%	$ 125,718.00	$ 125,718.00
6	10	Institute for Community Alliances	MN HMIS Northwest Renewal FY22	HMIS	17	22	77%	$ 10,658.00	$ 10,658.00
7	12	Violence Intervention Project	RRH VIP 2022	Joint TH & PH-RRH	58	76	76%	$ 38,270.00	$ 38,270.00
8	14	Violence Intervention Project	RRH TH VIP FY 2022	Joint TH & PH-RRH	58	76	76%	$ 85,355.00	$ 85,355.00
9	15	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc	RRH TH Tri-Valley 2022	Joint TH & PH-RRH	70	96	73%	$ 50,360.00	$ 50,360.00
10	16	Inter- County Community Council*	ICCC PSH Renewal 2022	PH	69.7	96	73%	$ 30,000.00	$ 46,717.00
11	13	Institute for Community Alliances*	HMIS Expansion	HMIS	17	22	77%	$ 15,000.00	
12	3	Center City Housing	Park Place PSH	PH	27	32	84%	$ 50,000.00	
13	5	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc	PH Expansion	PH	84.7	96	88%	$ 6,602.00	
			Total Tier 1					$ 692,838.00	$ 637,953.00
				Tier 2					
13	5	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.	PH Expansion	PH	84.7	96	88%	$ 53,099.00	
			Total Tier 2					$ 53,099.00	$ -
				CoC Bonus Funding					
13	5	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.	PH Expansion	PH	84.7	96	88%	$ 18,740.00	
14	4	NMF/Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc	Coordinated Entry Prioritization Expansion	SSO	42	50	84%	$ 27,680.00	
			Total CoC Bonus Funding					$ 46,420.00	
				DV Bonus Funding					
15	9	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.	DV Expansion	Joint TH & PH-RRH	69	96	72%	$ 54,215.00	

					Tier 1					
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5	9	Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc.	FY2022 Beltrami Permanent Supportive Housing	PH	74.3	96	77%	$ 125,718.00		$ 125,718.00
6	10	Institute for Community Alliances	MN HMIS Northwest Renewal FY22	HMIS	17	22	77%	$ 10,658.00		$ 10,658.00
7	12	Violence Intervention Project	RRH VIP 2022	Joint TH & PH-RRH	58	76	76%	$ 38,270.00		$ 38,270.00
8	14	Violence Intervention Project	RRH TH VIP FY 2022	Joint TH & PH-RRH	58	76	76%	$ 85,355.00		$ 85,355.00
9	15	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc	RRH TH Tri-Valley 2022	Joint TH & PH-RRH	70	96	73%	$ 50,360.00		$ 50,360.00
10	16	Inter- County Community Council*	ICCC PSH Renewal 2022	PH	69.7	96	73%	$ 30,000.00		$ 46,717.00
11	13	Institute for Community Alliances*	HMIS Expansion	HMIS	17	22	77%	$ 15,000.00		
12	3	Center City Housing	Park Place PSH	PH	27	32	84%	$ 50,000.00		
13	5	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc	PH Expansion	PH	84.7	96	88%	$ 6,602.00		
				Total Tier 1				$ 692,838.00		$ 637,953.00
					Tier 2					
13	5	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.	PH Expansion	PH	84.7	96	88%	$ 53,099.00		
				Total Tier 2				$ 53,099.00		$ -
					CoC Bonus Funding					
13	5	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.	PH Expansion	PH	84.7	96	88%	$ 18,740.00		
14	4	NMF/Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc	Coordinated Entry Prioritization Expansion	SSO	42	50	84%	$ 27,680.00		
				Total CoC Bonus Funding				$ 46,420.00		
					DV Bonus Funding					
15	9	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.	DV Expansion	Joint TH & PH-RRH	69	96	72%	$ 54,215.00		
				Total DV Bonus Funding				$ 54,215.00		
					Not Ranked					
		Institute for Community Alliances	MN HMIS Northwest YHDP Renewal FY22	HMIS	18	22	82%	$ 12,679.00		
		Nortwest Indian Community Development Center	YHDP #2 Revnewal	YHDP	60	96	63%	$ 300,571.00		
		Inter- County Community Council	ICCC YHDP Renewal 2022	YHDP	57.5	96	60%	$ 396,175.00		
				Total YHDP Budget Request				$ 709,425.00		$ 709,425.00
					Planning Grant (unranked)					
		Northwest Minnesota Foundation	NW CoC Planning Grant	Planning				$ 72,768.00		

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YHDP:	$ 709,425.00
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CoC Bonus:	$ 101,875.00
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CoC Planning:	$ 72,768.00
Annual Renewal Demand/Bonus/Planning Funding Resources Combined:	$ 1,687,030.00
Total Funding Requested:	$ 1,628,765.00

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1	1	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.	Tri-Valley PSH 2022	PH	86.3	96	90%	$ 129,566.00	$ 129,566.00
2	2	Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc.	FY2022 Conifer Estates Permanent Supportive Housing	PH	83	96	86%	$ 45,091.00	$ 45,091.00
3	6	NMF/Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc	Northwest Coordinated Entry Prioritization 2022	SSO	41	50	82%	$ 36,217.00	$ 36,217.00
4	8	Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc.	FY2022 AI Permanent Supportive Housing	PH	78	96	81%	$ 70,001.00	$ 70,001.00
5	9	Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc.	FY2022 Beltrami Permanent Supportive Housing	PH	74.3	96	77%	$ 125,718.00	$ 125,718.00
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