

## 1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

### **Instructions:**

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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** OH-507 - Ohio Balance of State CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** Ohio Development Services Agency

**1A-3. CoC Designation:** CA

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio

## 1B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Engagement

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**1B-1. CoC Meeting Participants. For the period from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018, using the list below, applicant must: (1) select organizations and persons that participate in CoC meetings; and (2) indicate whether the organizations and persons vote, including selecting CoC Board members.**

| Organization/Person Categories                       | Participates in CoC Meetings | Votes, including selecting CoC Board Members |
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| Local Government Staff/Officials                     | Yes                          | Yes  |
| CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction               | Yes                          | Yes  |
| Law Enforcement                                      | Yes                          | No   |
| Local Jail(s)  | Yes                          | Yes  |
| Hospital(s)  | Yes                          | No   |
| EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)                          | Yes                          | No   |
| Mental Health Service Organizations                  | Yes                          | Yes  |
| Substance Abuse Service Organizations                | Yes                          | Yes  |
| Affordable Housing Developer(s)                      | Yes                          | Yes  |
| Disability Service Organizations                     | Yes                          | Yes  |
| Disability Advocates                                 | Yes                          | Yes  |
| Public Housing Authorities                           | Yes                          | Yes  |
| CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations              | Yes                          | Yes  |
| Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations          | Yes                          | Yes  |
| Youth Advocates                                      | Yes                          | Yes  |
| School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons              | Yes                          | Yes  |
| CoC Funded Victim Service Providers                  | Yes                          | Yes  |
| Non-CoC Funded Victim Service Providers              | Yes                          | Yes  |
| Domestic Violence Advocates                          | Yes                          | Yes  |
| Street Outreach Team(s)                              | Yes                          | No   |
| Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Advocates | Yes                          | No   |
| LGBT Service Organizations                           | Yes                          | No   |
| Agencies that serve survivors of human trafficking   | Not Applicable               | No   |
| Other homeless subpopulation advocates               | Yes                          | Yes  |
| Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons                | Yes                          | No   |
| Mental Illness Advocates                             | Yes                          | Yes  |
| Substance Abuse Advocates                            | Yes                          | Yes  |

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| Other:(limit 50 characters) |  |  |
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**1B-1a. Applicants must describe the specific strategy the CoC uses to solicit and consider opinions from organizations and/or persons that have an interest in preventing or ending homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. The Ohio BoSCoC (CoC), through its annual membership, Board, and committee selection process, solicits members who will bring a diverse set of knowledge and expertise to guide the CoC in all areas of work. Along with participation from all 17 CoC planning regions, the CoC seeks members who represent a range of expertise in homelessness/housing, including DV, transition age youth (YYA), and Veterans. Each year the CoC evaluates the current makeup of the Board, Ctes/wkgps, and identifies gaps. It then directly solicits membership that can provide missing insight. For example, currently a rep from Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services serves on the CoC Bd and Steering Cte, which is critical because of the overlap of mental illness and homelessness and work to prioritize those with greatest needs. The Project Eval and Ranking wkgp has non-CoC funded reps to provide objective input and recommendations, including a member from the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing.
2. All CoC mtgs are open to non-members and info about mtg schedules and membership is on CoC website and calendar. Bi-annual membership mtgs and all trainings are announced by listserv and posted on calendar on CoC’s website.
3. An example of taking info into consideration – at a training CoC offered on improving shelter operations and reducing barriers to entry, providers asked for more guidance about how to better handle opiate use and overdoses. CoC staff are developing detailed guidance docs and trainings in response, for all homeless providers.

**1B-2.Open Invitation for New Members. Applicants must describe:  
(1) the invitation process;  
(2) how the CoC communicates the invitation process to solicit new members;  
(3) how often the CoC solicits new members; and  
(4) any special outreach the CoC conducted to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join the CoC.  
(limit 2,000 characters)**

1. The CoC solicits Board and cte membership annually via public announcement to the CoC listserv, posting info on the CoC website, and doing direct outreach to orgs/persons with special expertise or who represent a special population, such as YYA. The announcement outlines the timeline to submit an app to become a CoC Board/cte member and provides a simple app that must be completed. The app helps identify special expertise or experience.

General CoC membership is solicited in CoC planning regions by verbal announcement at local meetings. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the CoC may volunteer. CoC regions report current membership to the CoC annually.

2. The CoC's invitation process is outlined in the CoC Governance Charter, which is available on the CoC's website. Additionally, the invitation process is communicated publicly via the CoC listserv, posting on the CoC website, and direct outreach to org/persons who represent expertise in areas such as homelessness, housing, mental health, or who may represent a special population, such as YYA. Invitations to become general CoC members are communicated verbally in local meetings on an on-going basis. Contact information for each CoC region's rep to the CoC Board is publicly available on the CoC's website. Lastly invitations to become CoC members also occur throughout the year by way of CoC trainings and member meetings, as well as when new workgroups are formed.

3. The CoC solicits new CoC Board and Cte membership annually. General CoC membership is solicited several times throughout the year.

4. To help reduce barriers to participation for those who have experienced homelessness, the CoC has provided detailed info about opportunities to participate in mtgs by phone or webinar. The CoC also reaches out to local providers to seek assistance identifying interested persons and encouraging them to participate, including helping them submit apps for CoC Board/cte membership.

**1B-3.Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. Applicants must describe how the CoC notified the public that it will accept and consider proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding, even if the CoC is not applying for new projects in FY 2018, and the response must include the date(s) the CoC publicly announced it was open to proposals. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. The CoC solicited new project proposals via a request for proposals (RFP) that was open to all nonprofits regardless of current CoC grantee status. Encouraged sharing RFP with any agencies interested in applying. CoC staff shared RFP #1 for FY18 CoC Comp on 3/12/18 by posting on CoC staff website and hosting a publicly accessible webinar. Notice of the 3/12/18 webinar was shared via listserv 3 wks prior and posted on CoC website calendar. Proposals required to be submitted via email using standard proposal form by 6/1/18. Projects notified of decisions via email, outside of e-snaps on 6/29/18. CoC staff released a second RFP for the FY18 Comp b/c of the DV Bonus and regular Bonus, and b/c the first RFP resulted in only one proposal submission (and the proposal did not meet CoC priorities or demonstrate sufficient org capacity to manage a CoC grant). RFP #2 was posted on CoC website and emailed via listserv on 6/28/18, and staff hosted a webinar on 7/12/18. Proposals due to CoC staff via email using standard proposal form by 8/3/18. Notification of webinar released via listserv msg on 6/28/18 and posted on CoC website calendar. RFP due dates were communicated in trainings and in all CoC Competition guidance docs, which were posted on CoC website when RFPs released.

2. The primary factors considered in project selection are community need, use of Housing First practices, prioritizing those with greatest need, and cost effectiveness. CoC staff and Steering Cte review all proposals, score using an

objective tool, and rank projects based on scores. After Comp opens, and based on funding availability, Steering Committee makes recommendations to CoC Board, who review info about all proposals, and make final new project funding recommendations. All projects notified of decisions via email outside of e-snaps of 8/17/18.

3. CoC publicly announced it was accepting proposals on 3/12/18 (RFP #1) and on 6/28/18 (RFP #2)

## 1C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordination

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**1C-1. CoCs Coordination, Planning, and Operation of Projects. Applicants must use the chart below to identify the federal, state, local, private, and other organizations that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness that are included in the CoCs coordination, planning, and operation of projects.**

| Entities or Organizations the CoC coordinates planning and operation of projects                                      | Coordinates with Planning and Operation of Projects |
|---|---|
| Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)   | Yes   |
| Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  | Yes   |
| Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)  | Yes   |
| Head Start Program  | Yes   |
| Funding Collaboratives  | Yes   |
| Private Foundations   | Yes   |
| Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Funded Housing and Service Programs     | Yes   |
| Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Funded Housing and Service Programs | Yes   |
| Housing and service programs funded through other Federal resources   | Yes   |
| Housing and services programs funded through State Government   | Yes   |
| Housing and services programs funded through Local Government   | Yes   |
| Housing and service programs funded through private entities, including foundations                                   | Yes   |
| Other:(limit 50 characters)   |   |
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**1C-2. CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. Applicants must describe how the CoC:**

- (1) consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG funds; and**
  - (2) participated in the evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1) ODSA serves as the state ESG recipient and distributes state ESG funding, serves as the CoC collaborative applicant, and is the entity responsible for the ConPlan jurisdiction for the state. ODSA and COHHIO, the CoC staff lead, work jointly to coordinate ESG, CoC, and other state homeless program

policies/procedures and performance standards and help ensure ESG funded ES and RRH projects comply with performance goals identified in the CoC Performance Mgt Plan. COHHIO sits on the state Con Plan Advisory Cte, which makes recommendations for ESG funding allocation and program implementation for the BoSCoC and state. CoC staff solicit feedback and suggestions from CoC Board re: the ConPlan and state homeless programming in advance of the ConPlan Adv Cte meetings to help ensure CoC ideas are represented. In recent years, CoC staff completed CoC and region-level needs analysis of homeless system and coordinated with ODSA to ensure the analysis informs funding decisions in the CoC. The RRH gaps analysis helped determine the reallocation of nearly \$2M in RRH assistance in the CoC.

2) The CoC provides data to ODSA on a regular basis (HMIS, PIT, HIC) so that ODSA and the CoC can evaluate performance and make funding decisions at both the project and statewide level. The CoC has also established performance measures and goals for all ESG-funded projects in the CoC, and monitors performance quarterly. The CoC also provides HIC/PIT data to Springfield, OH, the other state ESG recipient. ODSA uses CoC monthly reports for each of the 17 BoS Regions to determine the Region's maximizing of ESG funds RRH assistance and need for local technical assistance.

**1C-2a. Providing PIT and HIC Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions. Did the CoC provide Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area?** Yes to both

**1C-2b. Providing Other Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions. Did the CoC provide local homelessness information other than PIT and HIC data to the jurisdiction(s) Consolidated Plan(s)?** Yes

**1C-3. Addressing the Safety Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. Applicants must describe:**

**(1) the CoC's protocols, including the existence of the CoC's emergency transfer plan, that prioritizes safety and trauma-informed, victim-centered services to prioritize safety; and**

**(2) how the CoC maximizes client choice for housing and services while ensuring safety and confidentiality.**

**(limit 2,000 characters)**

1) The CoC prioritizes safety by: 1) In 2018, CoC adopted an Emergency Transfer Plan for DV survivors, that requires homeless providers to try to accommodate unit transfers when a client has been victimized in their current unit and fears for their future safety 2) When currently fleeing victims present to a homeless provider, CoC CE Standards require the provider to offer referral to the local victim services provider. 3) Any time a victim at a non-DV agency expresses concern about having data entered into HMIS, only an anonymous HMIS record is created (with consent) for that client, and no services are

denied. 4) Where an intake/screening of a DV victim is continuing at a non-DV agency, CE Standards require the provider to offer to complete the intake in a more private location. 5) CoC works with OH Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) to offer trainings to CoC providers re: basics of safety planning, trauma-informed care, and other best practices for working with victims of DV

2) To maximize client choice and ensure safety: 1) CoC adopted an Emergency Transfer Plan for DV survivors 2) CoC receives regular TA from ODVN re: data collection practices, trauma-informed care, and recently created a workgroup with ODVN and CoC to further review of CE Standards with focus on promoting safety and client choice for DV victims. 3) Recently ODVN raised concerns that the CoC's common assessment tool (VI-SPDAT) was not trauma-informed. In response, CoC and ODVN staff developed a short-term policy waiving requirement to complete VI-SPDATs on DV victims in shelter and outlining an alternative protocol for DV provider participation in local prioritization meetings. This protocol will help ensure appropriate access to local PH resources for DV victims in need while also ensuring confidentiality and safety. CoC staff and ODVN will begin work on the long-term policy in Oct. 2018.

**1C-3a. Applicants must describe how the CoC coordinates with victim services providers to provide annual training to CoC area projects and Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. (limit 2,000 characters)**

Annually, the CoC partners with Ohio DV Network (ODVN) to provide training related to best practices in serving DV survivors and safety planning. Trainings are web-based and publicly available. Training announcements are shared via CoC listserv and posted on calendar on CoC's website. Training materials/recordings are available on an ongoing basis via posting on CoC website. All homeless services providers are strongly encouraged to attend. The CoC does not have any specialized or dedicated CE staff, as we have multiple access points, so combined trainings are typically sufficient to target staff for service provision and CE purposes. The next webinar covering basics of safety planning and best practices in serving victims of DV for non-Victim Service Providers (VSPs) is scheduled for October 2018.

**1C-3b. Applicants must describe the data the CoC uses to assess the scope of community needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including data from a comparable database. (limit 2,000 characters)**

DV projects submit performance reports from their comparable databases to the CoC annually. CoC staff review the data to evaluate project implementation and performance and for any changes in numbers served/demand. This data is also used to evaluate CoC-funded projects in the annual CoC project evaluation process. The CoC also collects info about DV experience in the PIT Count, and reports aggregate data back out to the full CoC.

To date, CoC has used this comparable database data, along with PIT data and HMIS data, to preliminarily analyze the scale of DV victimization – past and present – among the CoC's homeless population. So far this analysis has shown that approximately 14% - 15% of the adult literal homeless population in



the CoC reports being victims of DV, about 21% of adult RRH clients reported being victims, and about 25% of PSH clients reported being victims. The CoC is able to rely on HMIS data for RRH and PSH client victimization rates b/c more than 98% of the total RRH and PSH inventory is HMIS participating, but also accessible to DV victims who meet eligibility criteria.

**1C-4. DV Bonus Projects. Is your CoC Yes  
 applying for DV Bonus Projects?**

**1C-4a. From the list, applicants must indicate the type(s) of DV Bonus project(s) that project applicants are applying for which the CoC is including in its Priority Listing.**

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| SSO Coordinated Entry | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| RRH                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Joint TH/RRH          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**1C-4b. Applicants must describe:**

- (1) how many domestic violence survivors the CoC is currently serving in the CoC's geographic area;
- (2) the data source the CoC used for the calculations; and
- (3) how the CoC collected the data.  
 (limit 2,000 characters)

1. During the 2018 PIT Count, the CoC served 207 adult DV survivors in ES, 66 adult survivors in TH, and had 273 adult survivors experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The CoC also served 234 adult victims of DV in Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects and 665 DV victims in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) on the 2018 PIT night. The CoC estimates this equates to approximately 2,402 adult victims who are served by ES projects annually, 185 served by TH, and 819 experiencing unsheltered homelessness annually. In CY2017, the CoC served 919 adult DV victims in RRH projects, and 627 adult DV victims in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects.

2. Point-in-Time Count data was the source for the ES, TH, and unsheltered homeless numbers, while HMIS data for the 2018 PIT night and for the CY2017 reporting period was the primary data source for RRH and PSH.

3. The CoC annually collects sheltered PIT data from all emergency shelters and TH projects in the CoC, including DV-dedicated providers. The CoC also annually collects unsheltered homeless data. Again, the CoC used 2018 PIT Count data (either submitted via survey tool or HMIS) to identify the number of DV victims currently served by ES and TH projects in the CoC. HMIS data is collected from participating providers daily, and the aggregate data pulled from HMIS for the reporting periods as needed.

**1C-4c. Applicants must describe:**

- (1) how many domestic violence survivors need housing or services in the CoC's geographic area;
- (2) data source the CoC used for the calculations; and

**(3) how the CoC collected the data.  
(limit 2,000 characters)**

1. Of the 273 adult DV survivors served by ES and TH projects during the PIT, and the 273 adults who were unsheltered, the CoC estimates that approximately 2,402 adult victims will be served by ES projects annually, 185 will be served by TH, and 819 will experience unsheltered homelessness annually, for a total of 3,406. That number represents about 16% of the total annual homeless population in the CoC (21,373 total experiencing literal homelessness annually in the CoC). Of those, the CoC estimates that 50%, or 1,703 households, would ideally benefit from assistance with RRH.
2. The CoC annualized the DV PIT data for ES, TH, and unsheltered homeless, by multiplying PIT #s by 8.8 for ES, 2.8 for TH, and 3 for unsheltered. The CoC determined these multipliers for annualizing PIT data based on past analysis of HMIS and PIT data for each project type. The CoC estimated the need for RRH assistance based on analysis of HMIS data to identify # of persons/households likely needing RRH or similar intervention, # of those currently in ES who appear to self-resolve, # of those likely needing PSH, etc. Based on that analysis, the CoC estimated that 50% of persons served in ES/TH or unsheltered likely need RRH, and 15% likely need PSH.
3. The CoC used HMIS as the primary data source to estimate % of total homeless population who likely need assistance beyond shelter, and to determine what the appropriate multiplier should be for each project type in order to annualize PIT data where no HMIS is available. PIT data for DV victims in ES, TH, and unsheltered was collected via the annual PIT Count.

**1C-4d. Based on questions 1C-4b. and 1C-4c., applicant must:**

- (1) describe the unmet need for housing and services for DV survivors, or if the CoC is applying for an SSO-CE project, describe how the current Coordinated Entry is inadequate to address the needs of DV survivors;**
  - (2) quantify the unmet need for housing and services for DV survivors;**
  - (3) describe the data source the CoC used to quantify the unmet need for housing and services for DV survivors; and**
  - (4) describe how the CoC determined the unmet need for housing and services for DV survivors.**
- (limit 3,000 characters)**

1. The CoC estimates that 1,703 adult DV victims – each representing one household - will need RRH assistance annually. Currently, based on funding, the CoC is able to assist about 4,300 households annually with RRH assistance, however we estimate that the CoC needs to assist approximately 6,200 households to meet the CoC's overall RRH need. DV survivors represent about 21% of current RRH clients, but those DV RRH clients only represent a little more than half of the annual DV households in need of RRH.
2. The CoC's data shows that of the 4,371 adults served by RRH projects in CY17, 919 were reported to be victims of DV (including currently fleeing), which is about 21% of the total adults served by RRH. As noted above, the CoC estimates that 1,703 DV households will need RRH assistance annually. Based on that data, the CoC estimates the RRH unmet need for DV survivors to be approximately 784 RRH units of assistance.
3. The CoC used HMIS data to determine how to annualize PIT data appropriately to identify the annual # of adult and household DV victims in the homeless system, and to estimate the proportion of homeless served who would likely need assistance by RRH. The CoC also used HMIS data to identify

the number of DV households currently served by RRH projects, since all by one RRH project (very small project) in the CoC report data in HMIS. Lastly, the CoC used PIT data to determine the number of DV households served in ES and TH projects on any given day and over the course of year, as well as to determine unsheltered homeless #s for DV victims on a given day and over the course of a year.

4. The CoC estimated the need for RRH assistance based on analysis of HMIS data to identify # of persons/households likely needing RRH or similar intervention, # of those currently in ES who appear to self-resolve, # of those likely needing PSH, etc. Based on that analysis, the CoC estimated that 50% of persons served in ES/TH or unsheltered likely need RRH.

**1C-4e. Applicants must describe how the DV Bonus project(s) being applied for will address the unmet needs of domestic violence survivors. (limit 2,000 characters)**

As previously described, the CoC estimates that 1,703 DV victim households will likely need RRH assistance in the CoC during the course of a year. Currently, a little more than half those DV households in need are able to access existing RRH resources, which leaves of a need for an additional 784 units of RRH assistance (ie, 784 DV households are estimated to still need assistance)

The DV bonus project will provide RRH assistance to homeless survivors of domestic violence in 27 counties in the CoC via partner agencies. This program will address the unmet needs of a minimum of 160 households. Although this project will not fully address needs gap for DV victims in the CoC, it greatly helps to reduce the size of the gap.

In the proposed DV Bonus project, case managers will work to rapidly re-house families while increasing their access to employment & benefits. Families may receive up to 12 months (average of 5 months) of Rental Assistance (RA). As some may not require the full 12 months, more than the 160 families are expected to be served. Using Motivational Interviewing skills, specially trained staff work with each survivor to individualize their support service plan to address: housing identification, rent & move-in assistance, case management, immediate crisis, barriers, income, goals, strengths & resources to obtain/maintain PH. Grounded in the Housing First Model, this DV bonus project will be committed to address the unmet needs of DV survivors by providing RRH to adults & their children so they may remain unseparated while removing barriers to housing & delivering services without preconditions.

**1C-4f. Applicants must address the capacity of each project applicant applying for DV bonus projects to implement a DV Bonus project by describing:**

- (1) rate of housing placement of DV survivors;**
- (2) rate of housing retention of DV survivors;**
- (3) improvements in safety of DV survivors; and**
- (4) how the project applicant addresses multiple barriers faced by DV survivors.**

**(limit 4,000 characters)**

1. For the CY2017 period, the DV Bonus applicant, Battered Women’s Shelter of Medina and Summit Counties (BWS), maintained a Permanent Housing exit rate for current RRH clients (all DV survivors) of 92%
2. For the CY2017 period, BWS’s current RRH clients retained their PH at a rate of 92% after 6 months and 90% after 12 months.
3. Based on exit surveys conducted in CY2017, 100% of BWS’s program participants who completed surveys reported an increase in knowledge about their safety planning and 100% of completed surveys reported an increased knowledge in victim related community resources. DV Bonus applicant current RRH case managers work diligently to help survivors develop stability plans and housing goals based on the housing first model and to develop individualized safety plans that address each participant’s needs and risk factors.
4. BWS uses multiple evidence-based models, including Trauma-Informed Care, Housing First, and Motivational Interviewing, to improve safety and address the multiple barriers DV survivors often face. Anticipated barriers to housing for clients include eviction histories, limited income, and criminal histories. Families will remain unseparated while accessing services without preconditions. Case Managers will assist clients in determining a housing and safety plan based on the survivor’s self-identified goals and unique circumstances, and offer voluntary, wrap-around services, to help achieve goals identifies in plans. Staff will develop individualized safety plans with survivors that are survivor-driven and updated regularly, as needed. BWS will also follow Promising Practices, Standards for DV Programs in Ohio (ODVN, 2015) best practices. This approach is proven to be effective in serving families experiencing DV as these services facilitate the spirit of empowerment by involving each survivor as the primary planner of their goals to achieve a violence-free life.

**1C-5. PHAs within CoC. Applicants must use the chart to provide information about each Public Housing Agency (PHA) in the CoC’s geographic areas:**

- (1) Identify the percentage of new admissions to the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Programs in the PHA who were experiencing homelessness at the time of admission;
- (2) Indicate whether the PHA has a homeless admission preference in its Public Housing and/or HCV Program; and
- (3) Indicate whether the CoC has a move on strategy. The information should be for Federal Fiscal Year 2017.

| Public Housing Agency Name | % New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program during FY 2017 who were experiencing homelessness at entry | PHA has General or Limited Homeless Preference | PHA has a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g. move on? |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Butler MHA                 | 12.00%   | Yes-Both                                       | No   |
| Greene MHA                 | 36.00%   | Yes-Both                                       | No   |
| Sandusky MHA               | 17.00%   | Yes-HCV  | No   |
| Trumbull MHA               | 0.01%  | Yes-Both                                       | No   |
| Wayne MHA                  | 10.00%   | Yes-Both                                       | No   |

**If you select "Yes--Public Housing," "Yes--HCV," or "Yes--Both" for "PHA has general or limited homeless preference," you must attach documentation of the preference from the PHA in order to receive credit.**

**1C-5a. For each PHA where there is not a homeless admission preference in their written policy, applicants must identify the steps the CoC has taken to encourage the PHA to adopt such a policy. (limit 2,000 characters)**

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**1C-5b. Move On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers. Does the CoC have a Move On strategy with affordable housing providers in its jurisdiction (e.g., multifamily assisted housing owners, PHAs, Low Income Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments, or local low-income housing programs)?** No

**1C-6. Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT). Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to address the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender individuals and their families experiencing homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoC is addressing needs of LGBT persons in the following ways: 1) CoC Written Standards include a policy requiring all homeless assistance projects to make their resources available to individuals and families without regard to actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Additionally, the program standards clearly prohibit all projects from denying admission to individuals and families based on age, sex, gender, LGBT status, marital status, or disability. 2) COHHIO, which serves as the CoC Lead, provides annual training on the Equal Access Rule to all CoC projects, and these webinars/training materials are publicly available on the CoC's website on an ongoing basis. 3) CoC also coordinates with other COHHIO training/TA staff to conduct state-wide trainings on the final rule, anti-discrimination policies, to offer in-person Safe and Supported Trainings, and continue to work with projects, clients, and housing providers on an individual basis to guide them as they put the rule into practice.

**1C-6a. Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training. Applicants must indicate if the CoC implemented a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy and conducted CoC-wide anti-discrimination training on the Equal Access Final Rule and the Gender Identity Final Rule.**

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| 1. Did the CoC implement a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy that applies to all projects regardless of funding source?   | Yes |
| 2. Did the CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)? | Yes |
| 3. Did the CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs in Accordance with an Individual's Gender Identity (Gender Identity Final Rule)?   | Yes |

**1C-7. Criminalization of Homelessness. Applicants must select the specific strategies the CoC implemented to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in the CoC’s geographic area. Select all that apply.**

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| Engaged/educated local policymakers:     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Engaged/educated law enforcement:        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Engaged/educated local business leaders: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implemented communitywide plans:         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| No strategies have been implemented:     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other:(limit 50 characters)              |                                     |
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|  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**1C-8. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System. Applicants must:**  
 (1) demonstrate the coordinated entry system covers the entire CoC geographic area;  
 (2) demonstrate the coordinated entry system reaches people who are least likely to apply homelessness assistance in the absence of special outreach;  
 (3) demonstrate the assessment process prioritizes people most in need of assistance and ensures they receive assistance in a timely manner; and  
 (4) attach CoC’s standard assessment tool.  
 (limit 2,000 characters)

1) The CoC’s CE system covers 100% of the CoC’s geography. CoC’s 80 counties are divided into 17 regions, and each region has its own CE Plan that complies with the CoC’s CE Standards. CoC staff worked with regions to write CE Plans compliant CE Standards, especially those standardized elements such as common assessment tool, how/when assessment is completed, and how to prioritize for PH resources.

2) CoC’s CE Standards require providers to complete the common assessment tool (VI-SPDAT) with unsheltered persons and persons in ES (more than 5 days & w/o a housing plan in place). Upon assessment, people are referred to PH resources they may be eligible for. By requiring assessment/referrals on all ES/unsheltered clients with no housing plan, the CoC is ensuring more equitable access to PH for those in need. The CoC also requires regional PH prioritization groups to use the custom HMIS RRH and PSH Eligibility and Prioritization Report to identify eligible homeless for local PH resources. This Report identifies all currently homeless persons eligible for RRH or PSH, and provides info needed for prioritization decision including VI-SPDAT score, homeless episodes/history, disability, household type/size, income, etc.

Requiring Prioritization wkgps to use this Report helps ensure those most in need are prioritized for resources even if shelter provider failed to make a referral.

3) CoC's CE Standards require PSH providers to follow the Order of Priority adopted by the CoC and reflected in the CoC's Written Standards and also require RRH providers to prioritize those with most severe needs and longest homeless histories. CE standards require regions to form Prioritization Wrkgps to determine who to prioritize for next available PSH or RRH, based on Order of Priority. All homeless persons must be assessed with the VI-SPDAT, score recorded in HMIS, and score used as part of prioritization process. CE Standards require Prioritization Wkgps to meet at least monthly.

## 1D. Continuum of Care (CoC) Discharge Planning

**Instructions:**

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

**1D-1. Discharge Planning–State and Local. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has a discharge policy to ensure persons discharged from the systems of care listed are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs. Check all that apply (note that when "None:" is selected no other system of care should be selected).**

|                          |                                     |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Foster Care:             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Health Care:             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Mental Health Care:      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Correctional Facilities: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| None:                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**1D-2. Discharge Planning Coordination. Applicants must indicate whether the 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. Check all that apply (note that when "None:" is selected no other system of care should be selected).**

|                          |                                     |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Foster Care:             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Health Care:             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Mental Health Care:      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Correctional Facilities: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| None:                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |



## 1E. Continuum of Care (CoC) Project Review, Ranking, and Selection

### Instructions

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

**1E-1. Project Ranking and Selection. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC used the following to rank and select project applications for the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition:**

- (1) objective criteria;**
- (2) at least one factor related to achieving positive housing outcomes;**
- (3) a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim services providers; and**
- (4) attach evidence that supports the process selected.**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Used Objective Criteria for Review, Rating, Ranking and Section                          | Yes |
| Included at least one factor related to achieving positive housing outcomes              | Yes |
| Included a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim service providers | Yes |

**1E-2. Severity of Needs and Vulnerabilities. Applicants must describe:**

- (1) the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities the CoC considered when reviewing, ranking, and rating projects; and**
- (2) how the CoC takes severity of needs and vulnerabilities into account during the review, rating, and ranking process.**

**(limit 2,000 characters)**

1. The Ohio CoC evaluated all renewal CoC projects and used the resulting scores to preliminarily prioritize projects in the CoC project listing. As part of this, the CoC considered the following items related to severity of need or vulnerability - % of clients entering with no income, and % of clients entering from emergency shelter or unsheltered locations only (not TH or imminently at risk).
2. In addition to including specific project evaluation items that reflect client vulnerability/need, the CoC took these things into account in the following ways:
  - 1) To reflect differences in needs of populations served by project type, the CoC established different performance goals for different project types, including for goals looking at % PH exits, % returns to homelessness, % obtaining/gaining income. For example, CoC set lower goals for PSH projects related to increasing income since clients are disabled and many are unable to maintain employment. CoC set lower goals for % PH exits for safe havens, given their purpose of bringing the most vulnerable off the streets.
  - 2) Grantees could receive up to 25 points in the project eval process for providing program documents that clearly evidence the use of Housing First practices (which

include reducing barriers to entry) and, for PSH projects, evidence of adherence to the CoC’s Written Standards’ Orders or Priority. 3) In March 2018, CoC board identified a goal and set of priorities to guide final project ranking decisions in the CoC Competition. Priorities include preserving projects, even those that may be very low-ranking, where those projects are the only homeless assistance project in their communities. These ranking priorities are detailed in the CoC’s 2018 CoC Competition Plan and Timeline doc that was posted on the CoC’s website 3/12/18, and shared via listserv message and publicly available webinar that was hosted 3/12/18.

- 1E-3. Public Postings. Applicants must indicate how the CoC made public:**
- (1) objective ranking and selection process the CoC used for all projects (new and renewal);**
  - (2) CoC Consolidated Application—including the CoC Application, Priority Listings, and all projects accepted and ranked or rejected, which HUD required CoCs to post to their websites, or partners websites, at least 2 days before the CoC Program Competition application submission deadline; and**
  - (3) attach documentation demonstrating the objective ranking, rating, and selections process and the final version of the completed CoC Consolidated Application, including the CoC Application with attachments, Priority Listing with reallocation forms and all project applications that were accepted and ranked, or rejected (new and renewal) was made publicly available, that legibly displays the date the CoC publicly posted the documents.**

| Public Posting of Objective Ranking and Selection Process |                          | Public Posting of CoC Consolidated Application including: CoC Application, Priority Listings, Project Listings |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| CoC or other Website                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | CoC or other Website   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Email   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Email  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mail  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mail   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advertising on Radio or Television                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Advertising on Radio or Television   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**1E-4. Reallocation. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has cumulatively reallocated at least 20 percent of the CoC’s ARD between the FY 2014 and FY 2018 CoC Program Competitions.**

**Reallocation: No**

**1E-4a. If the answer is “No” to question 1E-4, applicants must describe how the CoC actively reviews performance of existing CoC Program-funded projects to determine the viability of reallocating to create new high performing projects. (limit 2,000 characters)**

Annually, the CoC evaluates CoC project performance in advance of the CoC Competition. This evaluation includes reviewing data on PH exit rates; length of time homeless; rates of connection to income, non-cash benefits, health insurance; cost effectiveness; utilization; and implementation of housing first practices; and adherence to the PSH Order of Priority. Projects are then preliminarily ranked in order of project evaluation score. CoC also seeks to identify projects consistently falling in or near Tier 2 to attempt to identify other organizations in the same geographic area who might be better able to implement projects while also continuing to help meet local need. When the CoC is able to identify more than one agency in a geographic area (CoC covers 80 counties) that have capacity to manage CoC-funded projects, CoC will encourage lower performing providers to consider voluntary reallocation. Additionally, the CoC board has adopted a project ranking goal and set of priorities to guide Tier 2 project ranking decisions. The goal and priorities allow for re-ranking of Tier 2 projects in order to preserve resources in parts of the CoC with no other or very few homeless programs. However, low-ranking/poor performing projects operating in parts of the CoC with other resources will not be re-ranked for preservation purposes, and in many cases, the CoC Board ranks new projects above those lowest performance projects, essentially ensuring reallocation to new projects. Overall though, the reallocation process is challenging in a large, 80 county CoC where no specific part of the CoC's geography has many CoC-funded projects to begin with.

**1E-5. Local CoC Competition. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC:**  
**(1) established a deadline for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline—attachment required;**  
**(2) rejected or reduced project application(s)—attachment required; and**  
**(3) notify applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline—attachment required. :**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| (1) Did the CoC establish a deadline for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline? Attachment required.  | Yes |
| (2) If the CoC rejected or reduced project application(s), did the CoC notify applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline? Attachment required. | Yes |
| (3) Did the CoC notify applicants that their applications were accepted and ranked on the Priority Listing in writing outside of e-snaps, at least 15 before days of the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline?  | Yes |

## **2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation**

**Intructions:**

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

**2A-1. Roles and Responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead. Does your CoC have in place a Governance Charter or other written documentation (e.g., MOU/MOA) that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead? Attachment Required.** Yes

**2A-1a. Applicants must:** (1) provide the page number(s) where the roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead can be found in the attached document(s) referenced in 2A-1, and (2) indicate the document type attached for question 2A-1 that includes roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead (e.g., Governance Charter, MOU/MOA). (1) p. 2-5 (2) Governance Charter

**2A-2. HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual. Does your CoC have a HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual? Attachment Required.** Yes

**2A-3. HMIS Vender. What is the name of the HMIS software vendor?** Mediware

**2A-4. HMIS Implementation Coverage Area. Using the drop-down boxes, applicants must select the HMIS implementation Coverage area.** Single CoC

**2A-5. Bed Coverage Rate. Using 2018 HIC and HMIS data, applicants must report by project type:**  
**(1) total number of beds in 2018 HIC;**  
**(2) total beds dedicated for DV in the 2018 HIC; and**

**(3) total number of beds in HMIS.**

| Project Type                            | Total Beds in 2018 HIC | Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV | Total Beds in HMIS | HMIS Bed Coverage Rate |
|---|------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Emergency Shelter (ES) beds             | 2,326                  | 659                                | 1,318              | 79.06%                 |
| Safe Haven (SH) beds                    | 10                     | 0                                  | 10                 | 100.00%                |
| Transitional Housing (TH) beds          | 868                    | 118                                | 682                | 90.93%                 |
| Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds             | 1,050                  | 5                                  | 1,045              | 100.00%                |
| Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds | 3,643                  | 0                                  | 2,910              | 79.88%                 |
| Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds      | 20                     | 0                                  | 20                 | 100.00%                |

**2A-5a. To receive partial credit, if the bed coverage rate is 84.99 percent or lower for any of the project types in question 2A-5., applicants must provide clear steps on how the CoC intends to increase this percentage for each project type over the next 12 months. (limit 2,000 characters)**

As of 2018, the only ES providers not participating in HMIS are those with no public funding at all. Over the next 12 months the CoC will outreach to those ES providers receiving no public funding and with no requirement to participate in HMIS to push for participation. CoC will explain the importance/benefit of participation by all projects, emphasize its benefit within Coordinated Entry especially, and offer to waive the user fees if needed. These initiatives should increase bed coverage by the beginning of the 2019 federal fiscal year.

Currently, the only PSH projects not participating in HMIS are VASH projects. Over the next 12 months the CoC will work with the VISN 10 Network Homeless Coordinator and the CoC's Homeless Vets Workgroup to develop a plan and timeline for VASH HMIS participation. CoC will target initial HMIS participation conversations to those VASH providers already participating in HMIS for other projects and explore any need to waive participation fees.

**2A-6. AHAR Shells Submission: How many 2017 Annual Housing Assessment Report (AHAR) tables shells did HUD accept?** 12

**2A-7. CoC Data Submission in HDX. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted the 2018 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data into the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX). (mm/dd/yyyy)** 04/30/2018

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

### Instructions:

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

**2B-1. PIT Count Date. Applicants must enter the date the CoC conducted its 2018 PIT count (mm/dd/yyyy).** 01/23/2018

**2B-2. HDX Submission Date. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted its PIT count data in HDX (mm/dd/yyyy).** 04/30/2018

## 2C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count: Methodologies

**Instructions:**

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

**2C-1. Change in Sheltered PIT Count Implementation. Applicants must describe any change in the CoC’s sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology and data quality changes from 2017 to 2018. Specifically, how those changes impacted the CoC’s sheltered PIT count results.  
 (limit 2,000 characters)**

The Ohio BosCoC reported a small 1% decrease in sheltered homelessness between 2017 and 2018 PIT counts. The CoC did not make any methodology or data quality changes to the sheltered PIT count in 2018.

**2C-2. Did your CoC change its provider coverage in the 2018 sheltered count?** Yes

**2C-2a. If “Yes” was selected in 2C-2, applicants must enter the number of beds that were added or removed in the 2018 sheltered PIT count.**

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Beds Added:   | 248        |
| Beds Removed: | 68         |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>180</b> |

**2C-3. Presidentially Declared Disaster Changes to Sheltered PIT Count. Did your CoC add or remove emergency shelter, transitional housing, or Safe Haven inventory because of funding specific to a Presidentially declared disaster, resulting in a change to the CoC’s 2018 sheltered PIT count?** No

**2C-3a. If “Yes” was selected for question 2C-3, applicants must enter the number of beds that were added or removed in 2018 because of a Presidentially declared disaster.**

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Beds Added:   | 0        |
| Beds Removed: | 0        |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>0</b> |

**2C-4. Changes in Unsheltered PIT Count Implementation. Did your CoC change its unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology and data quality changes from 2017 to 2018? If your CoC did not conduct and unsheltered PIT count in 2018, select Not Applicable.** No

**2C-5. Identifying Youth Experiencing Homelessness in 2018 PIT Count. Did your CoC implement specific measures to identify youth experiencing homelessness in its 2018 PIT count?** Yes

**2C-5a. If “Yes” was selected for question 2C-5., applicants must describe: (1) how stakeholders serving youth experiencing homelessness were engaged during the planning process; (2) how the CoC worked with stakeholders to select locations where youth experiencing homelessness are most likely to be identified; and (3) how the CoC involved youth experiencing homelessness in counting during the 2018 PIT count. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. To identify youth (YYA) in 2018 PIT Count, CoC staff provided special training and TA to CoC regions and stakeholders re: CoC PIT requirements, helped identify addtl locations where YYA might be found, identified addtl volunteers, and identified new strategies for getting YYA involved in the PIT. CoC worked with YYA providers to identify addtl locations for unsheltered PIT counts and service-based counts. CoC staff also provided training to the full CoC on strategies for engagement with YYA, identifying times and locations where YYA congregate, and collaboration among community partners such as child welfare agencies, schools, libraries, churches, and food establishments in conducting the count.

2. CoC provided special training/TA to the CoC’s 5-county YHDP region and coordinated with the YYA provider to identify new locations to count, identify new volunteers, and to utilize social media to solicit addtl volunteers, and provide homeless YYA an opp to self-identify via private message (provider then followed-up).

3. CoC coordinated with local homeless YYA provider to engage YYA in PIT Count planning and counting effort by using social media to solicit new volunteers. CoC invited YHDP YAB members to participate in PIT Count and planning efforts and to be paid for their time, like for other YAB work.

4. Via local PIT count trainings and planning mtgs, CoC and providers, including homeless YYA providers, collaborated to identify some new service-based count locations and identified some new unsheltered locations to visit during PIT Count night. CoC and stakeholders further engaged with other community partners including schools, libraries, restaurants/cafes, and other community organizations to help identify possible locations where YYA might congregate. Any newly identified locations were added to the list of locations to visit for either the unsheltered PIT count or service-based count.



**2C-6. 2018 PIT Implementation. Applicants must describe actions the CoC implemented in its 2018 PIT count to better count:**

- (1) individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness;**
- (2) families with children experiencing homelessness; and**
- (3) Veterans experiencing homelessness.**

**(limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoC continues to use PIT Survey tools based on HUD sample tool, to help ensure that survey questions are likely to elicit info that accurately reflects chronic homeless status and Vet status. The CoC also continues to use service-based counts as a key piece of the overall PIT count effort to help identify individuals and families not captured in PIT night unsheltered count, which continues to be particularly critical for rural and suburban communities. The Homeless Veterans Workgroup, comprised of VASH, SSVF, GPD, and VA representatives, helps conduct ongoing outreach to identify homeless Vets throughout the year. In prep for the PIT Count, SSVF and VA engage in intensified local outreach efforts to identify any newly homeless Vets and work with their local communities to ensure all homeless Vets on the By Name List are appropriately counted and then ultimately connected to housing and services. In the past year, the CoC created a custom Unsheltered Provider in HMIS which is used to report client-level data on unsheltered homeless identified in areas not covered by street outreach. In prep for the 2018 PIT count, CoC provided unsheltered provider data to communities to have them confirm that all local unsheltered persons in the Unsheltered Provider were, in fact, still unsheltered, and to use the info about unsheltered locations to identify new unsheltered locations to visit on the PIT night.

## 3A. Continuum of Care (CoC) System Performance

### Instructions

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

### 3A-1. First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX. In the box below, applicants must report the number of first-time homeless as reported in HDX.

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Number of First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX. | 12,077 |
|---|--------|

#### 3A-1a. Applicants must:

- (1) describe how the CoC determined which risk factors the CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;
- (2) describe the CoC’s strategy 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 the CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time. (limit 2,000 characters)

Between FY16 and FY17 the CoC reported a decrease in first time homelessness of 585 persons, or 4.6%.

1. To identify risk factors of becoming homeless, CoC reviewed national research, HMIS data, and collected qualitative data from providers. This info identified greater risk for homelessness among those in doubled-up situations, and for those with previous episodes of homelessness.
2. In the past years, the CoC implemented multiple strategies to address those at risk of homelessness. For example, CoC collaborated with the state homeless assistance funder to ensure that homelessness prevention resources are available in every county in the CoC. The CoC WRitten Program Stds require targeting of prevention dollars to people in doubled-up situations and with past episodes of homelessness, as one way to better target those most at risk. The CoC also spent the first 6 months of 2018 rolling out improved diversion standards and training staff at CE access points. This improved diversion protocol relies on mediation and problem-solving conversations as a means to help divert and prevent homelessness, where appropriate, and will collect more data on diverted households than ever before. In future months/years, the CoC will use collected data to better understand risk factors for homelessness, and inform refinement of diversion and prevention strategies.
3. CoC Director at COHHIO is responsible for overseeing the strategy to reduce/end first-time homelessness.

#### 3A-2. Length-of-Time Homeless as Reported in HDX. Applicants must:

- (1) provide the average length of time individuals and persons in families remained homeless (i.e., the number);

- (2) describe the CoC’s strategy to reduce the length-of-time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;**
  - (3) describe how the CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and**
  - (4) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. In FY17 the CoC’s average LOT persons remained homeless in ES, SH, and TH was 62 days, a decrease in ALOS of 7% from the previous FY.

2. To help further reduce LOT homeless, the CoC has done the following 1) established LOS goals for all project types except PSH, and monitors project-level performance on those goals quarterly. 2) Renewal TH, RRH, and SH projects are evaluated and scored on their ALOS in the annual CoC project eval process. 3) CoC has also established a ‘length of time to house’ goal for RRH projects that seeks to rapidly re-house all RRH clients within 21 days of entry into homeless system, and monitors quarterly 4) CoC Written Standards require Housing First practices in all project types 5) As part of CE Standards and Written Standards, all PH projects are required to prioritize those with greater needs and longer homeless histories, which includes following HUD’s Order of Priority for PSH Projects, and the CoC uses VI-SPDAT data to help determine who has more severe needs and may need prioritized.

3. To help identify/ house hh with longest LOTs homeless: 1) CoC CE standards require ESs and Outreach to refer to all PH resources those persons with longest LOTs and most severe needs. 2) CoC created a custom report in HMIS, the RRH and PSH Eligibility and Prioritization Report, that identifies all persons/hh in a specified geography who are currently in ES/unsheltered who appear to be eligible for RRH or PSH, and provides info on homeless history, current LOS, disability, chronic status, etc. All CoC regions must use this Report as part of prioritization processes/meetings, with a focus on prioritizing those with longest LOTs. This Report further helps ensure those with longer LOTs and more severe needs get prioritized for RRH/PSH, even if the ES/unsheltered provider didn’t make the formal referral for some reason.

4. CoC Director at COHHIO is responsible for overseeing the strategy to reduce LOT homeless

**3A-3. Successful Permanent Housing Placement and Retention as Reported in HDX. Applicants must:**

- (1) provide the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing that exit to permanent housing destinations; and**
- (2) provide the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.**

|  | Percentage |
|--|------------|
| Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid re-housing that exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.                 | 73%        |
| Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid re-housing, that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX. | 97%        |

**3A-3a. Applicants must:**

**(1) describe the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and (2) describe the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.**

**(limit 2,000 characters)**

1. CoC strategy to increase PH exits includes 1) CoC established PH exit goals for SO, ES, TH, RRH and monitors performance quarterly. 2) Projects evaluated on % who exit to PH in the annual CoC project eval process. 3) CoC expanded RRH funding across the CoC, including coordinating with state homeless administrator/state ESG grantee to create new, competitive RRH pool in 2018 targeting RRH for singles and youth. State ESG grantee agreed to use CoC’s needs analysis to ensure funding awards based on local need. 4) CoC adopted comprehensive RRH program standards (align with NAEH RRH standards). Also developed complementary web-based RRH training guide that offers training/guidance around all aspects of the RRH standards and helps standardize basic RRH staff on-boarding training. 5) CoC Written Standards require Housing First practices in all projects. 6) CE Standards and Written Standards require all PH projects to prioritize those with greater needs and longer homeless histories, and PSH projects must follow HUD’s Order of Priority

2. CoC strategy to increase PH retention includes 1) CoC established PH retention goals for PSH and monitors performance quarterly. 2) Renewal projects are evaluated and scored on % of clients who exit to/retain PH in the annual CoC project eval process. 3) CoC Written Standards require Housing First practices in all projects 6) As part of CE Standards and Written Standards, all PSH projects are required to prioritize those with greater needs and longer homeless histories, including following HUD’s Order of Priority 4) CoC offered training on move-on strategies for PSH providers 5) In past 6 months, CoC began monitoring HMIS data on length of time to house for PSH clients, and in next year will develop addtl guidance/training on strategies for reducing the time between program entry and residential move-in date

3. CoC Director at COHHIO is responsible for overseeing the strategy to increase exits/retention of PH

**3A-4. Returns to Homelessness as Reported in HDX. Applicants must report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6- and 12-month period as reported in HDX.**

|   | Percentage |
|---|------------|
| Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6- and 12-month period as reported in HDX | 5%         |

**3A-4a. Applicants must:**

**(1) describe how the CoC identifies common factors of individuals and persons in families who return to homelessness; (2) describe the 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 the CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families returns to homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. To identify common factors contributing to returns to homelessness (RTH), the CoC has done the following: 1) Review national research and CoC HMIS data for patterns related to returns to homelessness; this research has identified the following common factors – exits from homeless project to family/friends, and no income or no increase in income by exit are correlated with greater RTH. 2) Review project-level HMIS data on returns to homelessness to identify other local issues/conditions that may be impacting RTHs

2. CoC strategy to reduce RTH includes: 1) CoC established RTH goals for all project types and monitors performance quarterly 2) Established system-level goals for RTH and monitors quarterly 3) Renewal CoC projects are evaluated on their RTH rates as part of the annual CoC project evaluation process 4) In annual CoC project evaluation process, renewal TH, SH, and RRH projects are evaluated on % of clients who exit to their own housing, not to living with family/friends, and higher exits to own housing equate to more points 5) As part of CE Standards and Written Standards, all PH projects are required to prioritize those with greater needs and longer homeless histories (including multiple past episodes), including PSH projects following HUD's Order of Priority. 6) CoC established increasing income/non-cash benefits goals for all project types and monitors performance quarterly 7) Renewal CoC projects are evaluated on their increasing income/non-cash benefits rates as part of the annual CoC project evaluation process

3. CoC Director at COHHIO is responsible for overseeing the strategy to reduce returns to homelessness.

**3A-5. Job and Income Growth. Applicants must:**

**(1) describe the CoC's strategy to increase access to employment and non-employment cash sources;**  
**(2) describe how the CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and**  
**(3) provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase job and income growth from employment.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

In FY17 CoC increased percentage of adult stayers who increased total income by 33% over FY16; from 24% increasing total income in FY16 to 32% increasing total income in FY17.

1. CoC's strategy to increase employment and income includes: 1) CoC established goals for all project types related to increasing cash income, including employment income and cash benefits, and performance is monitored quarterly. 2) Renewal CoC projects are evaluated on their performance on those goals as part of the annual CoC project evaluation process. 3) CoC has trained and provided info to providers about using the Ohio Benefit Bank and the state's SOAR program to apply for benefits. 4) CoC also has trained providers about strategies for increasing client's access to employment and income.

2. CoC works with mainstream emp orgs in the following ways: 1) Providers work with employment orgs such as Ohio Means Jobs, local Supported Employment programs, and the Bureau of Vocation Rehab on regular and

frequent basis to help clients with job search and placement. 2) Some providers have MOUs or agreements in place with emp orgs to help fast-track receipt of services through those orgs for referrals from homeless system.  
3. CoC Director at COHHIO is responsible for overseeing the strategy to increase employment and income

**3A-6. System Performance Measures Data Submission in HDX. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted the System Performance Measures data in HDX, which included the data quality section for FY 2017 (mm/dd/yyyy)** 05/29/2018

## 3B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Performance and Strategic Planning Objectives

### Instructions

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- 3B-1. DedicatedPLUS and Chronically Homeless Beds. In the boxes below, applicants must enter:**
- (1) total number of beds in the Project Application(s) that are designated as DedicatedPLUS beds; and**
  - (2) total number of beds in the Project Application(s) that are designated for the chronically homeless, which does not include those that were identified in (1) above as DedicatedPLUS Beds.**

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Total number of beds dedicated as DedicatedPLUS  | 62           |
| Total number of beds dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness | 1,968        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>2,030</b> |

**3B-2. Orders of Priority. Did the CoC adopt the Orders of Priority into their written standards for all CoC Program-funded PSH projects as described in Notice CPD-16-11: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing? Attachment Required.** Yes

**3B-2.1. Prioritizing Households with Children. Using the following chart, applicants must check all that apply to indicate the factor(s) the CoC currently uses to prioritize households with children during FY 2018.**

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| History of or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Number of previous homeless episodes   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unsheltered homelessness   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Criminal History   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Bad credit or rental history   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Head of Household with Mental/Physical Disability  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**3B-2.2. Applicants must:**

- (1) describe the CoC’s current strategy to rapidly rehouse every household of families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless;**
- (2) describe how the CoC addresses both housing and service needs to ensure families successfully maintain their housing once assistance ends; and**
- (3) provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing the CoCs strategy to rapidly rehouse families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

1. CoC’s strategy to re-house families in 30 days includes: 1) CoC established 30 day length of stay goals for shelters, 21 day re-housing goals for RRH providers, and monitors performance quarterly. 2) CE Standards require VI-SPDAT to be done ASAP on hh still in shelter after 5 days and with no self-identified housing plan (for those with multiple episodes of homelessness, VI-SPDAT done immediately), to help identify families with greatest needs and refer to RRH or PSH quickly. 3) Written Standards require Housing First practices in all project types, including reducing barriers to entry and targeting resources based on need. 4) CoC has worked with the state ESG recipient to increase ESG funds for RRH and funded new RRH projects through the CoC Comp 3 of the last 5 years 5) CoC adopted comprehensive RRH program standards (align with NAEH RRH standards) and developed complementary web-based RRH training guide with trainings in multiple formats around all aspects of the RRH standards, which further helps standardize basic RRH staff on-boarding training. 6) RRH Standards include requirement that all RRH projects have staff dedicated to housing search and location

2. CoC addresses ongoing housing/service needs by: 1) RRH Standards require at least monthly assessment of client need to determine duration/amount of financial assistance and services, and the provision of individualized assistance 2) RRH providers required to develop and collaboratively work on individualized housing stability plans with RRH clients 3) CoC encourages RRH providers to keep RRH client files open for limited time after financial assistance ends, if provider has concerns about stability 4) RRH standards require providers to encourage clients to follow-up with provider, if experiencing instability after RRH assistance ends and to provide contact info

3. CoC Director at COHHIO is responsible for overseeing the strategy

**3B-2.3. Antidiscrimination Policies. Applicants must check all that apply that describe actions the CoC is taking to ensure providers (including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing (PSH and RRH) within the CoC adhere to antidiscrimination policies by not denying admission to or separating any family members from other members of their family or caregivers based on age, sex, gender, LGBT status, marital status, or disability when entering a shelter or housing.**

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| CoC conducts mandatory training for all CoC and ESG funded service providers on these topics.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CoC conducts optional training for all CoC and ESG funded service providers on these topics.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC and ESG funded facilities within the CoC geographic area that may be out of compliance, and taken steps to work directly with those facilities to come into compliance. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CoC has sought assistance from HUD through submitting AAQs or requesting TA to resolve non-compliance of service providers.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |



**3B-2.4. Strategy for Addressing Needs of Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC’s strategy to address the unique needs of unaccompanied homeless youth includes the following:**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Human trafficking and other forms of exploitation   | No  |
| LGBT youth homelessness   | Yes |
| Exits from foster care into homelessness  | Yes |
| Family reunification and community engagement   | Yes |
| Positive Youth Development, Trauma Informed Care, and the use of Risk and Protective Factors in assessing youth housing and service needs | Yes |

**3B-2.5. Prioritizing Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness Based on Needs. Applicants must check all that apply from the list below that describes the CoC’s current strategy to prioritize unaccompanied youth based on their needs.**

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| History or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Number of Previous Homeless Episodes   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unsheltered Homelessness   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Criminal History   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Bad Credit or Rental History   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**3B-2.6. Applicants must describe the CoC's strategy to increase:  
 (1) housing and services for all youth experiencing homelessness by providing new resources or more effectively using existing resources, including securing additional funding; and  
 (2) availability of housing and services for youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness by providing new resources or more effectively using existing resources.  
 (limit 3,000 characters)**

1. CoC strategy to increase YYA resources includes 1) In 2017, CoC awarded YHDP funding for a 5-county area of the CoC. YHDP project apps for \$2.2 million submitted to HUD July 2018; awaiting grant execution now. 2) Coordinated with state homeless administrator/state ESG grantee to create new, competitive RRH pool in 2018 targeting \$ to singles and YYA. 3) To encourage applicants to prioritize YYA for new resources, CoC outlined commitment and plan to provide multiple trainings re: serving YYA in RRH and using best practices like Trauma-informed Care and Positive Youth Development models, and to provide ongoing TA during project start-up for those awarded these competitive RRH funds 4) in next year, CoC intends to analyze available data to identify areas of CoC with more homeless YYA, and target providers in those areas for intensive TA to help them better serve and outreach to YYA

2. CoC strategy to increase resources for unsheltered YYA 1) As part of CE development, CoC created new unsheltered provider in HMIS and CE protocol that outline how to collect and use data for unsheltered homeless, including YYA, and process for completing assessments and referring to PH resources ASAP. Unsheltered homelessness is a prioritization consideration as well. 2) CoC custom HMIS RRH and PSH Eligibility and Prioritization Report identifies unsheltered in a given area who appear to be eligible for RRH or PSH, and provides info on homeless history, current LOS, disability, chronic status, age, etc. As part of CE standards, all CoC regions must use this Report as part of prioritization processes/meetings, with a focus on prioritizing those with greatest needs, including those unsheltered. 3) YHDP funding will create new YYA outreach project in YHDP area, using a mobile outreach/services team across the region. CoC intends to utilize lessons learned to identify ways to increase outreach efforts to unsheltered YYA in other parts of the CoC, even where additional/new resources may not exist 4) In next year, CoC intends to analyze available data to identify areas of CoC with more homeless YYA, and target providers in those areas for intensive TA to help them better serve and outreach to YYA

**3B-2.6a. Applicants must:**

- (1) provide evidence the CoC uses to measure both strategies in question 3B-2.6. to increase the availability of housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness;**
  - (2) describe the measure(s) the CoC uses to calculate the effectiveness of the strategies; and**
  - (3) describe why the CoC believes the measure it uses is an appropriate way to determine the effectiveness of the CoC's strategies.**
- (limit 3,000 characters)**

1. Beginning in 2019, CoC intends to measure strategies to increase YYA resources the following way: 1) CoC will identify projects awarded new competitive RRH funds to serve YYA and the estimated # of RRH units for YYA supported, and will identify additional projects that agree to be part of CoC's TA effort to increase and improve provision of housing/services to YYA with existing resources 2) CoC will set goals with all identified projects focused on increasing YYA project entries and PH exits 3) CoC will report out on progress quarterly, using data to inform refinement of work and/or development of improvement plans as means to ensure resources are available to YYA and sufficiently/effectively advertised/outreached. The overall goal will be to see more YYA served in the CoC, with particular focus on the projects with YYA dedicated resources and those receiving CoC TA related to serving YYA with existing resources 4) For YHDP projects specifically, CoC is currently working with YHDP Team to develop project start-up plan that includes regular monitoring of project entries, clients served, prior residence, etc.

2. CoC will calculate effectiveness of strategies the following ways: 1) compare # of project entries for new YYA RRH units and targeted providers in 2019 reporting periods with CY2018 reporting periods to see if YYA entries are increasing 2) Compare PH exit rates for YYA in those projects with non-YYA served by same projects to help ensure equitable outcomes. Where outcomes are not equitable, will develop improvement plans with providers and seek to determine if inequitable outcomes are a result of need for better service provision or some other issue

3. The CoC believes that many YYA experiencing homelessness are not

currently being served by our system for reasons including 1) CoC doesn't do effective outreach to homeless YYA, especially those unsheltered 2) Providers don't use best practices when serving YYA, which makes their programs less appealing to homeless YYA. To ensure our housing/services is accessible and responsive to the needs of YYA, our strategies to increase resources should show both that more YYA are being served by our projects and that they are being successfully housed. Increased YYA entries indicate improvements in outreach efforts to YYA. Successful housing outcomes, including outcomes that are comparable to outcomes of non-YYA households, indicates that the supportive services provided are more developmentally appropriate and responsive to YYA needs.

**3B-2.7. Collaboration–Education Services. Applicants must describe how the CoC collaborates with:**

- (1) youth education providers;**
  - (2) McKinney-Vento State Education Agency (SEA) and Local Education Agency (LEA);**
  - (3) school districts; and**
  - (4) the formal partnerships with (1) through (3) above.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

- 1. CoC collaborates with Youth Education Providers in the following ways: 1) maintain regular contact with ed providers and provide cross-training to ensure both entities are aware of responsibilities and resources 2) Staff of some local homeless provider orgs serve on the Boards of local education providers 3) Providers have coordinated with other nonprofits to provide transportation to older students attending local vocational schools
- 2. CoC collaborates with McKinney-Vento LEA/SEA by 1) LEA/SEAs are CoC members and participate in local meetings 2) CoC providers participate in service planning meetings for homeless youth/families, as needed/requested 3) SEA rep and LEAs currently engaged in intensive system coord planning with the CoC's YHDP region
- 3. CoC collaborates with school districts by: 1) advertising local CE access points to/within local schools 2) Some providers work with school districts to provide school supplies to homeless children/families 3) Some CoC communities have educational reps sit on local homeless provider agency boards 4) Several providers are members of local Family First Councils
- 4. Several providers/communities in the CoC have MOAs in place with local schools, education providers, and other related non-profits

**3B-2.7a. Applicants must describe the policies and procedures the CoC adopted to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for education services.**  
**(limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoC requires all homeless assistance projects to have policies to ensure children are enrolled in local educational programs/school/services and to inform parents of their rights and the McKinney-Vento Educational Services they may be eligible for. CoC requires that these policies designate the staff position responsible for working with parents to ensure children are enrolled in school/early childhood programs. CoC also requires homeless assistance projects to inform local homeless liaisons about the homeless programs

available in the community and to enlist their participation in local homeless coalition meetings.

**3B-2.8. Does the CoC have written formal agreements, MOU/MOAs or partnerships with one or more providers of early childhood services and supports? Select “Yes” or “No”. Applicants must select “Yes” or “No”, from the list below, if the CoC has written formal agreements, MOU/MOA’s or partnerships with providers of early childhood services and support.**

|                                 | MOU/MOA | Other Formal Agreement |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Early Childhood Providers       | Yes     | Yes                    |
| Head Start                      | Yes     | Yes                    |
| Early Head Start                | Yes     | Yes                    |
| Child Care and Development Fund | Yes     | Yes                    |
| Federal Home Visiting Program   | Yes     | Yes                    |
| Healthy Start                   | Yes     | Yes                    |
| Public Pre-K                    | Yes     | Yes                    |
| Birth to 3 years                | Yes     | Yes                    |
| Tribal Home Visting Program     | No      | No                     |
| Other: (limit 50 characters)    |         |                        |
|                                 |         |                        |
|                                 |         |                        |

**3B-3.1. Veterans Experiencing Homelessness. Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to identify, assess, and refer Veterans experiencing homelessness, who are eligible for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) housing and services, to appropriate resources such as HUD-VASH, Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program and Grant and Per Diem (GPD). (limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoC relies on SSVF providers, with some assistance from VA outreach staff, to outreach to unsheltered Vets weekly, since SSVF covers 100% of the CoC. This policy is outlined in the CoC’s CE Standards. The CoC also maintains a Homeless Vets Active List that uses HMIS as primary data source. This Active List report identifies all Vets in homeless projects in the CoC, including those unsheltered, and provides multiple pieces of data on each Vet including VA eligibility. The Active List report assigns Vets to a Navigator, typically the local SSVF provider. Navigators work with VA staff to determine VA eligibility immediately and then work with the Vet to create a housing plan, including consideration of eligibility for VASH and SSVF, based on chronic status, disability, and past homeless episodes. CE Standards also require all ES/TH providers to refer Vets to local SSVF providers immediately and upon consent, which helps ensure that every eligible homeless Vet has access to, at minimum, SSVF-RRH assistance. Lastly, CE Standards require that all SSVF providers meet with local VAMC staff at least monthly to review housing plans for all homeless Vets in their combined service areas.

**3B-3.2. Does the CoC use an active list or by Yes**

**name list to identify all Veterans experiencing homelessness in the CoC?**

**3B-3.3. Is the CoC actively working with the VA and VA-funded programs to achieve the benchmarks and criteria for ending Veteran homelessness?** Yes

**3B-3.4. Does the CoC have sufficient resources to ensure each Veteran experiencing homelessness is assisted to quickly move into permanent housing using a Housing First approach?** Yes

**3B-5. Racial Disparity. Applicants must:** Yes  
 (1) indicate whether the CoC assessed whether there are racial disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance;  
 (2) if the CoC conducted an assessment, attach a copy of the summary.

**3B-5a. Applicants must select from the options below the results of the CoC's assessment.**

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| People of different races or ethnicities are more or less likely to receive homeless assistance.                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| People of different races or ethnicities are more or less likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance. | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| There are no racial disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| The results are inconclusive for racial disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**3B-5b. Applicants must select from the options below the strategies the CoC is using to address any racial disparities.**

|  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.                           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The CoC has staff, committees or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national non-profit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other:  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## 4A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Accessing Mainstream Benefits and Additional Policies

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- 4A-1. Healthcare. Applicants must indicate, for each type of healthcare listed below, whether the CoC:**
- (1) assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in health insurance; and**
  - (2) assists persons experiencing homelessness with effectively utilizing Medicaid and other benefits.**

| Type of Health Care  | Assist with Enrollment | Assist with Utilization of Benefits? |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Public Health Care Benefits<br>(State or Federal benefits, Medicaid, Indian Health Services) | Yes                    | Yes                                  |
| Private Insurers:  | Yes                    | Yes                                  |
| Non-Profit, Philanthropic:   | Yes                    | Yes                                  |
| Other: (limit 50 characters)   |                        |                                      |
|  |                        |                                      |

- 4A-1a. Mainstream Benefits. Applicants must:**
- (1) describe how the CoC works with mainstream programs that assist persons experiencing homelessness to apply for and receive mainstream benefits;**
  - (2) describe how the CoC systematically keeps program staff up-to-date regarding mainstream resources available for persons experiencing homelessness (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs); and**
  - (3) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy for mainstream benefits. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. To further fair housing, CoC does the following: 1) CoC’s CE Standards require outreach, advertising, and marketing of homeless system access points using materials that are clearly written and that convey that services are available to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. These materials must be widely accessible to all persons and must be formatted so that people of varying abilities can read them, including translation into other languages as necessary in certain communities. Additionally, providers are required to engage in regular outreach activities in order to identify persons who might be in need of housing and services and to communicate how and where they can access those services

2. To communicate with persons with disabilities or limited English, the CoC does the following: 1) CE Standards require all homeless system/Access Point advertising materials to be formatted so that people of varying abilities can read them, including translation into other languages as necessary in certain communities.

**4A-2.Housing First: Applicants must report:**

- (1) total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition; and**
- (2) total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach—meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements.**

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition.  | 101  |
| Total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach—meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements. | 101  |
| Percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, Safe-Haven, SSO non-Coordinated Entry projects in the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that will be designated as Housing First.  | 100% |

**4A-3. Street Outreach. Applicants must:**

- (1) describe the CoC's outreach;**
- (2) state whether the CoC's Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC's geographic area;**
- (3) describe how often the CoC conducts street outreach; and**
- (4) describe how the CoC tailored its street outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. The CoC has 5 dedicated street outreach projects funded by PATH serving the 5 most populated counties in the CoC, and 12 Supportive Services for Veterans and their Families (SSVF) providers covering all 80 counties (100% coverage). SSVF outreach is targeted to unsheltered homeless Vets, but if a non-Vet is encountered, SSVF offers to connect them to local shelter providers for assistance. Additionally, the CoC requires providers in all regions to conduct regular outreach activities and has created a custom Unsheltered Provider in HMIS they can use to capture any data they are able to collect about unsheltered homeless they have contact with.

2. SSVF outreach covers 100% of the CoC. Non-vet outreach does not cover 100% of the CoC.

3. SSVF providers conduct outreach to unsheltered at least weekly, and PATH providers do outreach daily. For parts of the CoC with no dedicated, non-Vet outreach, regional CE plans identify the following: 1) providers/staff positions responsible for outreach, 2) times/days of outreach 3) geographic areas covered 4) info and materials distributed (including communicating with persons who have language/cognitive barriers). CoC requires outreach at minimum when there are community reports of unsheltered homelessness, when



providers observe unsheltered homelessness, and as part of the annual PIT Count effort.

4. The CoC trains providers on how to identify & engage persons who might not seek services on their own, or who may seem resistant to engagement, and on ensuring that persons are assisted to contact and/or travel to emergency shelters or system access points. The CoC's HMIS RRH and PSH Eligibility and Prioritization Report also includes info about unsheltered people who appear to be possibly eligible for RRH or PSH, and CE Standards require providers to consider them for prioritization in the same manner as those in shelter, with special consideration given to vulnerability associated with being unsheltered.

**4A-4. Affirmative Outreach. Applicants must describe:**

**(1) the specific strategy the CoC implemented that furthers fair housing as detailed in 24 CFR 578.93(c) used to market housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identify, sexual orientation, age, familial status or disability; and**

**(2) how the CoC communicated effectively with persons with disabilities and limited English proficiency fair housing strategy in (1) above. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. To further fair housing, CoC does the following: 1) CoC's CE Standards require outreach, advertising, and marketing of homeless system access points using materials that are clearly written and that convey that services are available to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. These materials must be widely accessible to all persons and must be formatted so that people of varying abilities can read them, including translation into other languages as necessary in certain communities. Additionally, providers are required to engage in regular outreach activities in order to identify persons who might be in need of housing and services and to communicate how and where they can access those services
2. To communicate with persons with disabilities or limited English, the CoC does the following: 1) CE Standards require all homeless system/Access Point advertising materials to be formatted so that people of varying abilities can read them, including translation into other languages as necessary in certain communities. 2) CoC staff offer to help in the development of written materials and/or to connect providers to translation services, as needed

**4A-5. RRH Beds as Reported in the HIC. Applicants must report the total number of rapid rehousing beds available to serve all household types as reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for 2017 and 2018.**

|  | 2017 | 2018  | Difference |
|--|------|-------|------------|
| RRH beds available to serve all populations in the HIC | 886  | 1,050 | 164        |

**4A-6. Rehabilitation or New Construction Costs. Are new proposed project applications requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?**

**4A-7. Homeless under Other Federal Statutes.** No  
**Is the CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO or TH projects to serve families with children or youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes?**

## 4B. Attachments

**Instructions:**

Multiple files may be attached as a single .zip file. For instructions on how to use .zip files, a reference document is available on the e-snaps training site:  
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3118/creating-a-zip-file-and-capturing-a-screenshot-resource>

| Document Type  | Required? | Document Description  | Date Attached |
|--|-----------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1C-5. PHA Administration Plan–Homeless Preference  | No        | PHA Admin Plans a...  | 09/12/2018    |
| 1C-5. PHA Administration Plan–Move-on Multifamily Assisted Housing Owners' Preference            | No        |                       |               |
| 1C-8. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment Tool   | Yes       | CE Tool               | 09/11/2018    |
| 1E-1. Objective Criteria–Rate, Rank, Review, and Selection Criteria (e.g., scoring tool, matrix) | Yes       | CoC's Objective C...  | 09/11/2018    |
| 1E-3. Public Posting CoC-Approved Consolidated Application                                       | Yes       |                       |               |
| 1E-3. Public Posting–Local Competition Rate, Rank, Review, and Selection Criteria (e.g., RFP)    | Yes       | Public Posting Pro... | 09/12/2018    |
| 1E-4. CoC's Reallocation Process   | Yes       | CoC's Reallocatio...  | 09/11/2018    |
| 1E-5. Notifications Outside e-snaps–Projects Accepted  | Yes       | Notifications Out...  | 09/11/2018    |
| 1E-5. Notifications Outside e-snaps–Projects Rejected or Reduced                                 | Yes       |                       |               |
| 1E-5. Public Posting–Local Competition Deadline  | Yes       |                       |               |
| 2A-1. CoC and HMIS Lead Governance (e.g., section of Governance Charter, MOU, MOA)               | Yes       | HMIS Governance C...  | 08/30/2018    |
| 2A-2. HMIS–Policies and Procedures Manual  | Yes       | HMIS Policies and...  | 08/30/2018    |
| 3A-6. HDX–2018 Competition Report  | Yes       | OH507 CoC Comp Re...  | 09/11/2018    |
| 3B-2. Order of Priority–Written Standards  | No        | CoC Written Stand...  | 09/11/2018    |

|   |    |                      |            |
|---|----|----------------------|------------|
| 3B-5. Racial Disparities Summary  | No | CoC Racial Dispar... | 09/11/2018 |
| 4A-7.a. Project List–Persons Defined as Homeless under Other Federal Statutes (if applicable) | No |                      |            |
| Other   | No |                      |            |
| Other   | No |                      |            |
| Other   | No |                      |            |