

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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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: COHHIO

1A-5.	New Projects	
	Complete the chart below by indicating which funding opportunity(ies) your CoC applying for projects under. A CoC may apply for funding under both set asides; however, projects funded through the rural set aside may only be used in rural areas, as defined in the Special NOFO.	
1.	Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside	No
2.	Rural Homelessness Set Aside	Yes

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

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1B-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project application submission for your CoC's local competition.	07/27/2022

1B-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected new project applications during your CoC's local competition:	
1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes

1B-3.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	No
2.	Did your CoC inform the applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	No
3.	If you selected yes, for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	

1B-3a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/06/2022
1B-4.	Web Posting of the CoC-Approved Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC posted its Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or affiliate’s website–which included: 1. the CoC Application, and 2. Priority Listings.	10/18/2022

2A. System Performance

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2A-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors.	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.b.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;	
	2. how your CoC addresses individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and	
	3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time or to end homelessness for individuals and families.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. To identify risk factors of becoming homeless, the 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, for example
2. The CoC implemented multiple strategies to address those at risk: 1) CoC collaborated with the state ESG recipient to ensure HP resources are available to every county in the CoC. 2) CoC Program Stds require targeting HP assistance to households doubled-up & who have past experiences of homelessness 3) Created HP Screening Tool that awards more points based on most common risk factors including those that disparately impact persons of color such as past homelessness, child welfare involvement, criminal justice involvement, evictions, very low income. 4) Implemented standardized diversion practices in all CE access points, and collect data in HMIS on households that are diverted. The diversion protocol relies on mediation and problem-solving conversations as a means to help divert and prevent homelessness, where appropriate. 5) In the CoC's YHDP site in southeast Ohio, YHDP providers and CoC staff worked to expand eligible populations to be served by the YHDP RRH project to include those YYA who are category 2 homeless, and most at risk of literal homelessness. The CoC also hopes to use data about category 2 YYA served by this project to learn about how to better outreach to this population and refine prevention/diversion strategies. 6) Piloted a diversion program that uses flexible funds, such as funding to purchase food or provide other limited financial assistance, to help keep hhs in safe doubled up situations 7) Trained CE APs and providers on federal ERA program and how they can refer some hhs who may otherwise need HP assistance, as a means to expand overall HP assistance and serve more hhs in need.
3. CoC Director at COHHIO is responsible for overseeing the strategy.

2A-2.	Length of Time Homeless–Strategy to Reduce. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.c.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	
	2. how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and	
	3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. To help further reduce the length of time people remain homeless, the CoC has done the following: 1) Established length of stay (LOS) goals for all project types and the system, except PSH, and monitors performance quarterly 2) Renewal TH, RRH projects are evaluated and scored on their average LOS in the annual CoC project eval process. 3) CoC established a 30-day 'length of time to house' goal for RRH and PSH projects and monitors quarterly 4) CoC Written Stds require Housing First practices in all project types 5) CE Stds and Written Stds require PH projects to prioritize those with greater needs and longer homeless histories and follow HUD's Order of Priority for PSH Projects, and the CoC uses VI-SPDAT data to help determine who has more severe needs 6) Advocated with state ESG recipient to make ESG-CV resources easily accessible to RRH providers in particular, so they can scale up RRH projects to serve more people, house people more quickly, and use all available LL incentives and other flexibilities as needed
2. To help identify and house those with longest LOTs homeless: 1) Use HMIS with open visibility so providers can see current and past homelessness 2) CoC CE standards require ES and Outreach to refer to all PH resources those persons with longest LOTs and most severe needs. 3) CoC's custom Prioritization Report identifies all persons/households 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, VI-SPDAT score, etc. All CoC regions must use this Report as part of prioritization processes/meetings & prioritize those with longest LOTs. This Report helps ensure those with longer LOTs get prioritized for RRH/PSH, even if the ES/unsheltered provider didn't make the formal referral for some reason.
3. CoC Director at COHHIO is responsible for overseeing the strategy.

2A-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:	
	1. emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
	2. permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's strategy to increase PH exits includes: 1) CoC established PH exit goals and monitors quarterly. 2) Projects evaluated on % exits to PH in annual CoC project eval process. 3) State ESG grantee uses CoC's needs analysis to ensure new funding awards based on system need. 4) CoC adopted RRH program Stds & developed web-based RRH training guide to standardize use of best practices in RRH 5) CoC Written Stds require Housing First practices in all projects. 6) CE Stds and Written Stds require PH projects to prioritize those with greater needs and longer homelessness and PSH projects to follow HUD's Order of Priority 7) CoC developed Risk Mitigation Fund to pay for excessive damages, unpaid rent, utilities arrearages, extra security deposit in RRH/PSH units if needed to help move high barrier clients into housing they otherwise might not have access to, and to retain landlords and units for ongoing use 8) Offered multi-part Shared Housing training with national experts to all PH providers in CoC 9) Provided TA to ESG-CV RRH providers on maximizing available resources to ensure PH destinations at exit, including providing longer assistance as needed, using landlord incentives, paying for damages/maintenance 10) Advocated with state ESG recipient to develop strategies to help providers expend more RRH resources and scale up RRH assistance to serve more households. 11) Monitor CoC projects on ensuring PH exits for clients align with CoC goals 12) Established MOUs with all EHV PHAs to ensure prioritization of vouchers for literally homeless folks via CE system.

2. The CoC's strategy to increase PH retention and PH exits includes: 1) CoC established PH exit/retention goals and monitors quarterly. 2) Projects evaluated on % exits to/retention of PH in annual CoC project eval process. 2) Provided training to PSH providers on developing moving-on strategies 3) Developed and helped providers use Risk Mitigation Funds to help move more clients into units and to help keep them in units, even if they have damaged a unit, per the RMF program description in part 1 of this question. 4) Monitor CoC projects on ensuring PH exits/retention for PSH clients align with CoC goals.

2A-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness;	
2.	your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC identifies households who have returned to homelessness by: 1) Using HMIS with open visibility so providers can see previous stays, contact with outreach, or contact with a Coordinated Entry Access Point (CE AP) even if contact did not result in shelter enrollment 2) Providers inquire about past homelessness at every program entry and update info in HMIS

2. To reduce Returns to Homelessness (RTH) the CoC: 1) Established RTH goals for all project types and the system & monitors quarterly 2) CE Stds and Written Stds require projects to prioritize those with greater needs and longer homelessness & PSH projects must follow HUD's Order of Priority 3) Established increasing income/non-cash benefits goals for all project types & monitor quarterly 4) Evaluates renewal projects on increasing income/non-cash benefits rates in CoC project eval process 5) Written Stds encourage projects to offer follow-up services to exiting clients, esp those most at risk for returning 6) Written Stds require targeting of homelessness prevention assistance to people in doubled-up situations and with past homelessness, to serve those most at risk of returning to homelessness; standardized targeting tool awards more points to households with past homelessness 7) Implemented standardized diversion practices in CE Access Points to help keep those with other resources from returning to homeless system 8) In 1 YHDP site, expanded eligible pops for YHDP RRH project to include category 2 homeless, and most at risk of literal homelessness 9) CoC developed Risk Mitigation Fund to pay for excessive damages, unpaid rent, more security deposit in RRH/PSH units if needed to help keep clients in housing 10) CoC provided TA to ESG-CV RRH providers to help them redesign RRH programs in a way that provides assistance aligned with actual individual needs (not based on scarcity of resources), including providing longer terms of assistance when needed, providing LL incentives, paying for damages and maintenance. 11) Worked with state ESG/ESG-CV recipient to ensure to ensure HP programs were funded in 100% of the CoC, and that funding provided increased proportionally with the availability of ESG-CV funding 12) Developed comprehensive HP program standards to guide the administration of newly expanded HP programs; this included requiring the use of the new HP Screening Tool to help better target assistance.

3. CoC Director at COHHIO oversees the strategy to reduce returns to homelessness

2A-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase employment cash sources;
2.	how your 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 your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC’s strategy to access employment cash sources includes: 1) CoC established goals for all project types re: increasing cash income, including employment income and cash benefits, and monitors performance quarterly. 2) Renewal CoC projects are evaluated on those goals as part of the annual CoC project evaluation process. 3) CoC has trained providers about strategies for increasing client’s access to employment and income, including those resources and programs made available as a result of the pandemic (eg, monthly child tax credit payments).
2. B/c the OH-507 covers 80 counties and mainstream emp orgs operate at the county level, the CoC and the providers therein work with mainstream employment organizations 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. This includes entering into MOAs with mainstream employment orgs to ensure clients referred from the homeless system are served quickly and assisted with employment 2) Providers offer transportation for homeless and housed clients to local weekly job fairs that include mainstream employment orgs
3. CoC Director at COHHIO is responsible for overseeing the strategy to increase employment and income.

2A-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase non-employment cash income;	
2.	your CoC’s strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash 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.
2. The CoC also has trained providers about strategies for increasing client's access to non-employment income, including those resources made available in response to the pandemic. CoC has trained and provided info to providers about using the Ohio Benefit Bank and the state's SSI, SSDI, Opportunity, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) program to apply for benefits. CoC also partnered with the SOAR Ohio program to identify local partner agencies that could house local SOAR specialists to work with homeless clients needing assistance to complete applications for SSI/SSDI. SOAR Ohio provided comprehensive training and TA to ensure fidelity to the model and high performance related to SSI/SSDI approvals.
3. CoC Director at COHHIO is responsible for overseeing the strategy to increase employment and income.

2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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2B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Sections VII.B.3.a.(1)	

In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:

1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing of CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	Agencies serving survivors of human trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	No
4.	CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	CoC-Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
9.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	No
10.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	No
11.	Hospital(s)	Yes	No	No
12.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
13.	Law Enforcement	Yes	No	No
14.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
17.	Local Jail(s)	No	No	No
18.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

20.	Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	Non-CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	No
28.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)			
33.				
34.				

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

2B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(2), V.B.3.g.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	communicated the invitation process annually to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	conducted outreach to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join your CoC; and
4.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, other People of Color, persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC annually solicits membership & Board/cte/wkgrp members. Each year the CoC evaluates current makeup of the Board, Ctes/wkgps, identifies gaps, & then solicits membership that can provide missing insight and ensure membership is representative of those we serve. New CoC member and Board/cte/wkgrp membership solicitation is communicated publicly via the CoC email listserv, posting on the CoC's website, and encouraging current CoC members to share the invitation. General CoC membership is solicited in CoC Planning Regions by verbal announcement at local mtgs. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the CoC may volunteer.

2) The CoC ensures effective communication by using multiple communication methods and channels. Namely, communication by email, post of PDF of email communication to CoC website, and individual outreach via email, phone, and in-person to potential CoC members. The CoC website has incorporated the following design concepts to make it more accessible: monochromatic scales for color blindness, image descriptions for text tools that help seeing impaired, sans serif fonts for non-native English readers, use of text instead of images for headers.

3) The CoC solicits Board/cte/wkgrp membership from those with lived experience of homelessness on an ongoing basis. CoC does targeted outreach to providers who work closely with PLE for assistance in identifying possible new members. CoC widely links to and advertises its compensation policy for PLE serving on CoC bodies.

4) As part of the annual solicitation from the CoC for general membership and membership on the Board/cte/wkrgroups, the CoC specifically noted that it was seeking membership applications for the CoC Board from orgs serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the CoC. CoC staff also asked CoC Board and cte members to outreach to local orgs that could address that membership need, and also directly outreached to orgs serving culturally specific communities.

2B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(3)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information; and
3.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC annually solicits Board and cte membership by requesting completion of a simple application that helps identify special expertise/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. The CoC also seeks membership from people with lived expertise of homelessness on an ongoing basis and this membership solicitation is posted on the CoC’s website continuously, and CoC staff highlight this ongoing membership solicitation and the CoC’s compensation policy in all meetings and trainings the CoC hosts.
2. All CoC mtgs are open to non-members and info about mtg schedules and membership is on CoC website and calendar. Semi-annual membership mtgs and all trainings are announced by listserv and posted on the calendar on CoC’s website; anyone with the meeting info and link may attend the meetings. Meeting notes or training materials are posted in video format and PDF to the CoC website as well.
3. Recently, CoC gathered info from providers in public meetings re: needing help to better handle opiate use and overdoses. In response, CoC staff are developing guidance docs and trainings, and have partnered with Harm Reduction Ohio to provide free Naloxone to providers along with training.

2B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(4)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC’s local competition was open and accepting project applications;
2.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
3.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications;
4.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
5.	how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 & 2. CoC announced local competition was open and accepting new project apps on 7/27/22 by posting training materials and competition guidance docs on the CoC website & hosting public training that was recorded and posted on CoC's website. CoC announced webinar via listserv 2 wks prior & posted on CoC website calendar. CoC solicited new project proposals via an RFP open to all nonprofits regardless of current CoC grantee status. Encouraged sharing RFP with all agencies interested. RFP clearly stated that any non-profit in good standing is eligible to submit proposal. RFP and detailed local competition guidance documents remained posted on the CoC's website. For this funding opportunity, the CoC approved project applications from 2 organizations that have never before received CoC Program funding.

3. CoC released its written competition guidance on 7/27/22, and outlined how project proposals must be submitted, the due date, the email address to submit to, & CoC provided a standard proposal form that all applicants must submit. This guidance was posted on CoC's website and notice of its availability sent via email listserv, communicated in the publicly accessible zoom training, and recording of the training and materials were posted on CoC's website.

4. CoC communicated the general project selection process and priorities in the written guidance released on 7/27/22. This included stating that the Workgroup of People with Lived Experience (PLE Wkgrp) would determine the project review/scoring process, and that it would align with the CoC Plan to Address Homelessness that was still under development, and reflect key HUD priorities highlighted in the NOFO. CoC released updated written guidance on 9/29/22 which included the detailed project review/scoring tool and process that was used by the PLE Wkgrp to determine project selections and rank order.

5. The CoC ensures effective communication by: communication by email, post of PDF of email comm to CoC website, hosting live meetings, & posting of recorded videos and PDFs of PPTs on CoC website. All written docs related to CoC Competition are posted in word and PDF formats to the CoC website.

2C. Coordination / Engagement—with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations

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2C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	
	In the chart below:	
	1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC’s coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC’s geographic area.	

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

2C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1) ODOD is the state ESG and ESG-CV recipient, distributes funding, serves as the CoC Collaborative Applicant, and is the entity responsible for the ConPlan jurisdiction for the state. ODOD 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, HP, 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 coordinate with ODOD to ensure the CoC's homeless system needs analysis informs funding decisions in the CoC. CoC also had individual meetings with ODOD leadership to discuss the ESG-CV funding strategy specifically, and have since provided feedback to ODOD re: status of ESG-CV expenditures locally, challenges and opportunities for scaling up spending and programming, etc.
- 2) The CoC provides data to ODOD on a regular basis (HMIS, PIT, HIC) so that ODOD 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, as part of the CoC's Performance Management Plan, and monitors performance quarterly.
- 3) The CoC annually provides HIC/PIT data to ODOD for the statewide ConPlan, and to Springfield, OH, the other state ESG recipient in the CoC. The CoC also provides PIT/HIC data to the other ConPlan jurisdictions as requested, and posts CoC data to the CoC website and notifies the CoC of its availability.
- 4) The CoC participates in the statewide ConPlan updating process to ensure needs/challenges/strengths of the CoC are reflected in the plan. The CoC also participates in planning processes of local ConPlan jurisdictions, as invited, and responds to all data requests to help with ConPlan development and updating.

2C-3.	Discharge Planning Coordination. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	

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

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

2C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.

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

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

2C-4a.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts–Formal Partnerships. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC collaborates with the entities checked in Question 2C-4; and
2.	the formal partnerships your CoC has with the entities checked in Question 2C-4.

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1. CoC collaborates with Youth Ed 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 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 4) Some CoC communities have educational reps sit on local homeless provider agency boards 5) Several providers are members of local Family First Councils. CoC collabs with SEA by providing training/capacity building re: responsibilities of the homeless liaisons, how to coordinate with local homeless systems/providers, and how to maximize available resources/funding to support their work – this initiative is called Course to HOME. The initiative offers a community of practice, hosts regular virtual trainings (all recordings posted online), sends out regular email communications via a new listserv, and offers individual TA to homeless liaisons on a demand response basis. Locally, LEAs are CoC members and participate in local meetings, and CoC providers participate in LEA mtgs. CoC providers collaborate with school districts by helping them adopt policies that ensure they inform families of their rights to educational services if they become homeless, informing of available local homeless assist resources and how to access CE system, working with school districts to provide school supplies to homeless children/families, participate in service planning meetings for homeless youth/families as needed

2. CoC providers have MOAs with local Youth Ed Providers. CoC staffing agency, COHHIO, has an MOU and grant agreement with Ohio Dept of Ed to provide training and TA to homeless liaisons. Some CoC providers have MOAs with local school districts.

2C-4b.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC adopted to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for educational services

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In the CoC’s Written Program Standards, the CoC adopted a policy that requires all homeless service providers that serve households with children to maintain policies and procedures that are consistent with and do not restrict the exercise of rights provided by the McKinney-Vento Act and other related laws. This includes requiring providers to designate staff to ensure children are enrolled in school and connected to the appropriate services, and to develop formal agreements with liaisons, school districts, and education providers for purposes of coordinating to ensure families can exercise their rights to educational services.

2C-5.	Mainstream Resources—CoC Training of Project Staff. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

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

	Mainstream Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI-Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF-Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other	

You must select a response for elements 1 through 6 in question 2C-5.

2C-5a.	Mainstream Resources-CoC Collaboration with Project Staff Regarding Healthcare Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance;
3.	provides assistance to project staff with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits; and
4.	works with projects to promote SOAR certification of program staff.

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- 1) CoC provides written updates re: mainstream resources as needed via CoC's email listserv. Those listserv msgs are also posted in PDF format on the CoC's website so info is publicly accessible. As needed, CoC hosts webinars on resource availability and recorded webinars & materials are posted on the website. CoC disseminates info about mainstream resources and assistance via the CoC email listserv on an as-needed basis. CoC also provides updates at least annually via the CoC's semi-annual membership meeting.
- 2) Most households in the homeless system qualify for Medicaid as their health insurance, in part b/c Ohio is a Medicaid expansion state. This is very helpful in successfully connecting clients to healthcare they may need, including behavioral healthcare and substance abuse treatment. The CoC has provided TA to providers to help them identify local healthcare resources they should partner with for purposes of ensuring clients have access to needed care, and has provided further TA re: how those partnerships can be appropriately documented as match for CoC programs. The vast majority of CoC funded PSH projects maintain formal partnerships with local healthcare organizations for the provision of healthcare services to PSH clients.
- 3) Most households in the homeless system qualify for Medicaid as their health insurance, in part b/c Ohio is a Medicaid expansion state. Providers work with clients and the local Dept of Job and Family Services to apply for mainstream benefits including health insurance/Medicaid. CoC has also established project-level goals re: obtaining non-cash benefits and health insurance, and project performance is monitored quarterly. CoC-funded projects are evaluated on having met these goals during annual CoC project eval and ranking process
- 4) CoC staff regularly work to connect provider staff with SOAR trainings, which helps staff learn how to submit successful claims for SSI/SSDI benefits on behalf of clients. Currently, more than half of CoC grantees report having access to SOAR trained staff to support clients in accessing this critical resource. CoC staff at COHHIO work closely with the state's SOAR Ohio Director, who is based at COHHIO, and have collaborated to offer SOAR training to Ohio BoSCoC provider staff and to further incentivize engagement with SOAR training.

3A. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

The CoC Special NOFO page provides HUD-approved resources to assist you in completing the Special NOFO CoC Application, including:

- Special Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness
- 24 CFR part 578
- Special NOFO CoC Application Navigational Guide
- Section 3 Resources
- Frequently Asked Questions

3A-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects. (Rural Set Aside Only).	
	Special NOFO Section VII.A.	
	If the answer to the question below is yes, you must upload the CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project(s) under the Rural Set Aside for housing rehabilitation or new construction costs?	No

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

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3B-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	

Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No
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3B-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	
	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below:	
	1. how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and	
	2. how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.	

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Submission Summary

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

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