Before Starting the CoC Application

You must submit all three of the following parts in order for us to consider your Consolidated Application complete:

 1. the CoC Application,
 2. the CoC Priority Listing, and
 3. all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected.

 As the Collaborative Applicant, you are responsible for reviewing the following:

 1. The FY 2024 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
 2. The FY 2024 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
 3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
 4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
 5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

 Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
 - 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
 - 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions
 Many questions require you to address multiple elements in a single text box. Number your responses to correspond with multi-element questions using the same numbers in the question. This will help you organize your responses to ensure they are complete and help us to review and score your responses.

 Attachments
 Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.
 - Attachments must match the questions they are associated with–if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.
 - We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
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   - FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: CA-526 - Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa,
Tuolumne Counties CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

		In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024:
	1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted–including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or
	2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC's Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes	Yes	Yes
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes

17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	Employment Training and Workforce Development	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.				

1B-1a.	Experience Promoting Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section III.B.3.c.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's experience in effectively addressing the needs of underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities, who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) Working closely with our partner providers and members of the county participating in our CSCoC we have developed strong Policies and Procedures as well as Written Standards that focus on funding entities taking critical steps to provide outreach and services to underserved communities such as Black and Brown communities - and to design programs that promote equitable benefit to the underserved communities. Though our general population reflects between 70% and 80% of the population to be non-Hispanic and/or white, we do emphasize in our Request for Proposal documents the importance of outreach to include more persons of color in participating in providing input to the CSCoC for decision making purposes. We have established a process for Persons With Lived Experience to share periodically the scope of racial equity throughout our region and any challenges they may face moving to permanent housing. Our Outreach programs funded through our CSCoC require entities to pay specific attention to locating and addressing needs of underserved communities, including those of color. Stated in our Written Standards on page 10 we provide information on "Based on race equity analysis, CSCoC targets prevention services to marginalized areas of the service area. These areas serve disproportionally large communities of Black, Brown, Indigenous, and people of color who experience homelessness." Because of this analysis our CSCoC has developed steps as seen on page 19 of the Written Standards to market housing and supportive services to eligible households in underserved areas.

(2) We have been able to advance racial equity through our Homeless Housing and Assistance (HHAP) programs that directly have increased the number of Black and Brown persons accessing services for the first time, and by reducing the number of Black and Brown persons who are experiencing homelessness as evidenced by our HMIS data reports between 2022 and 2023.

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.		
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(2)		

		Describe in the field below how your CoC:
	1.	communicated a transparent invitation process annually (e.g., communicated to the public on the CoC's website) to solicit new members to join the CoC;
	2.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
	3.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in your CoC's geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The Central Sierra CoC promotes a transparent communication system that reaches out to prospective new members in our 4 county region. We continue to publish our website and update it on a regular basis and send notices out to our partners in each of the 4 counties and our full general membership. Our initial efforts to do outreach to our local tribal entities has paid off in the manner of several tribes are now members of our CoC. We will continue our outreach efforts to our tribal entities and encourage their participation in our CoC monthly meetings and committee work. There are groups in each of the 4 counties tackling homeless issues in their respective counties. Some are called county task forces, committees, and/or commissions on homelessness. Representatives from our CSCoC membership attend those meetings and members of the county task forces, committees, and commissions attend our monthly CSCoC meetings. We do an annual push in November each year utilizing social media in all 4 counties of our region, inviting community members to join our CSCoC.

2) Our CSCoC uses the Brown Act Principles as a guide to running our entity, but we are not forced to be an actual part of the Brown Act in California. We have been able to continue to meet virtually. This allows for more participation and meeting in person as our 4 county region covers a large geographic area. There would be a hardship for some people to attend an in person meeting. Our website provides information as to dates/times and virtual links for all CSCoC Governing Board meetings and Committee meetings.

3) Since our Outreach Programs have been initiated, we have been able to reach homeless and/or formerly homeless persons and invite them to attend and participate in our monthly CSCoC meetings. Locations in each of the 4 counties have been identified where persons can access the link and be a part of the discussion.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(3)	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC:
	1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
	2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information;
	3.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
	4.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CSCoC facilitated public meetings on homelessness in each of the 4 county areas in our region in the 2023-2024 period. These public meetings have provided our CSCoC with valuable information we would not gain from only our regular CSCoC public meetings. Together we held 4 separate public meetings in communities, and were provided data from an in depth survey to both homeless persons and providers working directly with homeless persons. The data and input was used in designing the HHAP 5 Application and is being used in developing responses for this HUD Consolidated Application. This year we designed a survey to obtain input from Persons With Lived Experience and we received several responses throughout our 4 county region.

2) The CSCoC monthly meetings are facilitated by a consultant making sure to allow time and opportunity for anyone to voice their opinions and provide input. Members of our CSCoC Governing Board present material from the CSCoC to the public Board of Supervisors meeting as well as each of the task forces and committee meetings in the 4 counties.

3) We provide opportunities for the public to provide input through our website: centralserracoc.org by providing comments on the website and/or participating in any of the meetings of the CSCoC and Committees. Links to virtual meetings as well as dates and times are provided on the website. Public comments are included throughout the funding process for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), Homeless, Housing, and Assistance Program (HHAP), and the full HUD process. The data gathered from these meetings is often included in the discussion segments regarding our CSCoC Homeless Plan, our detailed Goals and Objectives, and in the newly developed logic models required from entities receiving CSCoC funding.

4) Some of the information provided during the public meeting process was used to implement new procedures in ending homelessness with the additional support from several county departments coordinating their voucher programs for Interim housing with our CSCoC providers who have Rapid Rehousing programs.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Posted HUD NOFO 2024 Continuum of Care on our website August 5, 2024. We also sent email notice to the full general membership on the same date, alerting them to the NOFO and requesting they send the information to anyone in their area/county who might be interested in applying for HUD funding. An email blast to the CSCoC General Membership with a request for Letters of Interest for new HUD CoC 2024 projects – with a due date back to the CSCoC by August 20, 2024. It was discussed at the regular August Governing Board meeting and information was provided regarding how to apply with the Letter of Interest first and then the HUD esnaps process. We had 2 responses of new agencies interested in applying for new projects: Victory Village in Amador County and Resiliency Village in Tuolumne County. Both rescinded their Letters of Intent once they realized the new project would take funding from the successful renewal HUD projects. It was the first time we had new interest in the HUD CoC NOFO process.

2) The process for new and renewal projects for the HUD NOFO for fiscal year 2024 includes due dates and explanations as to what information is required and when it is due to the CSCoC. HUD projects, both new and renewals, must be submitted into esnaps as part of the process. We also included on our website tools and information regarding review and rank of projects.

3) On the website we have included information about the review and rank process for all projects. Included in this process is the data regarding new and renewal projects to match with a logic model developed in collaboration between the provider and the Collaborative Applicant.

4) All of our forms and applications are online, providing an inclusive approach for any applicant with disabilities who wishes to utilize the HUD NOFO process. Phone calls, emails and virtual training opportunities have been provided to anyone interested in either applying for a new project, or renewing an existing project.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.		

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CSCoC collaborates with all 4 county school districts. This year we continued working through our Youth Advisory Committee and Youth Action Board. Liaisons participate in the CSCoC Governing Board monthly meetings and are on the Youth Advisory Committee. We have included in our Youth Advisory Committee County Superintendents' representatives, City and County personnel, Juvenile Justice representatives and youth service providers. We have a Youth Advisory Committee Coordinator and Youth Action Board Coordinator working directly with the schools and our local employment agency, Mother Lode Job Training (an office in each of the 4 counties).
Two (2) of our four (4) counties LEAs attend our monthly CSCoC meetings and participate in the Youth Advisory Committee. All four (4) of our counties facilitate Homeless Task Forces, Committees or Commissions that include LEAs in their meetings.
Our CSCoC is proud we have continued our work with our Youth Action Board and it is active and participating in meetings. Some of the meetings are held during school at their respective locations (to capture the younger youth), and other meetings are held virtually (to capture as many youth as possible who might be out of school).
Our partnership with youth now includes obtaining funding from some of our healthcare providers who have offered incentives for youth to participate. These funds have been received by the Collaborative Application (ATCAA) and are being disbursed to youth in a formal process including accountability measures. We have an identified Youth Action Board Coordinator, Alliance 4 Youth, that continues to work in all 4 counties with the youth both in school and out.
In addition, we believe a broad definition of household or family shall be used that allows for female headed, male headed, other headed, two parent, same sex parent, LGBTQ parent, and extended families to be served together with their children as one household.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Taken directly from our CES Policies & Procedures:
School Enrollment and Connection To Appropriate Resources For All Children
Educational and supportive service needs of households with minor children will
be fully assessed with expediency upon entry to CES. School-aged youth will
be enrolled in school immediately, working collaboratively with the designated
school homeless liaison in the Local Educational Agency (LEA) to ensure that
all educational assessments are completed. To the extent feasible, students in
homeless situations shall be kept in their school of origin (the school the student
attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last
enrolled), unless it is against the parent's or guardian's wishes. Students in
homeless situations must have access to the educational and other services
they need to ensure that they have an opportunity to meet the same challenging
state student academic achievement standards to which all students are held.
Appropriate referrals will be made in the community to address supportive
service needs of all household members.
In addition to youth connecting with school enrollment, our CSCoC continues to
promote education as a top priority and as such has included education and
family stabilization language in contracts with sub-recipients. For school age
children our subrecipients are required to link to a local school liaison t ensure
rapid enrollment (within three (3) days) and access to other services as
appropriate.
The Mother Lode Job Training facilities are located in each of the 4 counties,
with resources and referrals to local community colleges. Alliance 4 Youth is
working in conjunction with all 4 of the school districts in our region to
communicate directly with youth advisors and youth themselves. Educational
opportunities for homeless adults has become more important than ever, and
our full CSCoC membership has access to the MLJT website and social media
events.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in Question 1C-5 to:
1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC's geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) For 2024 our CES/HMIS Committee of the CSCoC, which is made up of providers working directly with the homeless population, focused specifically facing safety issues regarding domestic violence. Client housing is a top priority and the housing is required to be both safe and secure. At CSCoC Governing Board meetings this committee reports on new and diverse methods of housing and tracking DV clients within our four county region. The DV providers attend and participate in the CSCoC weekly CES calls to ensure protections are in place for referrals and placements. Our family shelters in both Amador and Tuolumne counties also serve DV clients within two emergency shelters and collaborate effectively with the DV shelters. In particular, when DV shelters are full, our emergency family shelters take extra precautions to handle DV clients not able to enter the regular DV shelters. Our CSCoC Written Standards and Policies and Procedures have been updated in 2024 to continue to address language regarding new safety and confidentiality concerns. These documents are CSCoC wide, and adherence is required by any CSCoC funded project. Many of our provides are working directly with CalAIM and the Enhanced Care Management ECM throughout their projects, ensuring connection to appropriate services and strategies region-wide.

2) Regular training is provided to agency staff working with the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless specific to the vulnerable DV population. The training covers document content as well as the latest material regarding safe placement for DV populations. All CES Housing Resource Coordinators and staff have been trained in Trauma Informed Care and it is mandated training on a regular basis to include the full range of information and tools currently available. Training sessions are delivered by local Mental Health staff, First Five, and Youth Service Providers. In both Amador and Tuolumne counties, Trauma Informed Care training is provided through Health and Human Services departments.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry addresses the needs of DV survivors by including:
1.	safety planning protocols; and
2.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

These protocols can be found in our CSCoC CES Policies & Procedures requiring service providers working with household-data to abide by the privacy protocols prescribed by the CSCoC CES and HMIS Policies & Procedures. The CES process ensures adequate privacy protections will be extended to and enforced for all participants from the first point of access, through assessment and prioritization, and after participants have been offered permanent housing, extending to exiting the CSCoC projects. Collection and sharing household's personal protection information is often an important aspect of helping households to resolve their housing crisis. However, the collection and disclosure of participant data among CSCoC service providers affiliated with the CES process is always managed to ensure privacy, and provides participants a choice about what and how to share their information. This does not result in repercussions when participants decide not to disclose or share data.

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

	In the chart below, indicate how your CoC facilitates training for project staff and coordinated entry staff that addresses best practices on safety planning and confidentiality protocols:

		Project Staff	Coordinated Entry Staff
1.	Training Occurs at least annually?	Yes	Yes
2.	Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices?	Yes	Yes
3.	Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices?	Yes	Yes
4.	Identifies and assesses survivors' individual safety needs?	Yes	Yes
5.	Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations?	Yes	Yes
6.	Ensures survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated?	Yes	Yes
	Other? (limit 500 characters)		
7.			

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

	Describe in the field below:
1.	whether your CoC's written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer;
3.	what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and
4.	what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The Central Sierra Continuum of Care (CSCoC)'s Emergency Transfer Program allows tenants (lessee or co-lessee) to apply for an emergency transfer if they believe they, or other individuals covered under the definitions below, qualify as a victim under one of the four emergency transfer categories. The ability to request a transfer is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. The ability of CSCoC to honor such request for tenants currently receiving assistance. However, may depend upon a preliminary determination that the tenant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and other housing criteria.
2) All program participants are provided with information regarding moving from one location to another due to an emergency transfer request, regardless of whether they are directly known survivor status. The policy provides that all participants receive VAWA forms at assessment and those include information regarding being aware of emergency transfer plans. The policies and procedures (form packet) includes information on how participants can use their rights to an emergency transfer as evidenced under the Notice of Occupancy Rights under VAWA.
3) CSCoC cannot guarantee that an emergency transfer request will be approved or how long it will take to process and emergency transfer request. CSCoC will review each emergency transfer request to determine if the tenant meets the eligibility requirements for the requested transfer category. Eligible tenants who meet the emergency transfer requirements will be placed on the CSCoC housing waiting list and given highest priority in the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan. CSCoC action may depend the size of CSCoC's waiting list, turnover rate, and the availability of vacant units. To qualify for an emergency transfer, a tenant must meet the eligibility requirements and submit the requisite documentation under one of the transfer categories in this plan.
 4) CSCoC cannot guarantee that a transfer request will be approved or how long it will take to process a transfer request, however, we will act as quickly as possible to move a tenant who qualifies for an emergency transfer to another unit, subject to availability and safety of a unit. If a tenant reasonably believes a proposed transfer would not be safe, the tenant may request a transfer to a different unit.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

All of the same housing and services available in the CSCoC geographic area are accessible to persons surviving violence as a priority to other homeless persons seeking housing and/or services. The policies are client-driven, trauma-informed, and culturally relevant as seen in our assessment tools available on the CSCoC website. We utilized a modified SPDAT along with other critical assessment documents to ensure that all persons receive the same level of housing and services.

Our CSCoC implements a case-conferencing approach that includes enhanced case management providing a clear distinction of individuals and families fleeing violent situations to be prioritized for housing and services over other persons seeking assistance. Our staff understand and demonstrate their ability to work through our entire CSCoC 4 county geographic region to promote housing and service delivery at locations different from those where the violence occurs. Staff, on the weekly calls, share available housing and services across the full 4 county region regardless of the entry point of the persons fleeing violence, to assure safe planning and safe delivery of services and housing options.

We anticipated several barriers specific to survivors - and as such have implemented Enhanced Case Management to broaden our scope of assessments to include obtaining pertinent information from survivors as to what barriers they faced in moving into permanent housing. Through our public meetings held in 2024, we were able to identify several barriers regarding income, employment, and simple lack of available housing.

The CSCoC Policies & Procedures cite on page 28, that during our pre-screening process we use questions that help determine that a household is fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence or any other type of violent situation, at the entry point so service providers connect the household with an appropriate victim service provider. Our Housing Determination Committee (HDC) is comprised of representatives from the 4-main county-wide HUB stations and responsible for managing the CSCoC prioritization list. This group matches households to available and appropriate housing opportunities. This prioritization list is discussed weekly and special attention is given to using our Modified VI-SPDAT scores that identify households as being victims of violence. Households are reviewed in several categories with vulnerability being the number one priority.

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:
1.	identifying barriers specific to survivors; and
2.	working to remove those barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Through our work in the CSCoC with agencies working in Domestic Violence, we include, but are not limited to, Alliance for Community Transformation; Center for Non-Violence; Calaveras Crisis Center; and Operation CARE. These providers, together with others, include survivors with a range of opportunities to provide input to our CSCoC during our planning processes. Our CSCoC Strategic Plan, the Coordinated Entry System, the Emergency Transfer calls, all provide opportunities for persons with lived experience in surviving domestic violence to discuss and offer recommendations for policy. Our CSCoC programs specifically designed to assist survivors of domestic violence engage persons with lived experiences in focus groups, surveys, and other opportunities to strengthen our processes.
2) Because this population does have unique and complex needs, our Coordinated Entry System and Strategic Plan, along with our Written Standards give priority to said population. Part of the Monday calls, attended by program staff working directly with domestic violence survivors, prioritization is given to move this population to the highest priority. Our Written Standards point out the importance of trauma-informed programs to include proper training for staff to work with survivors of domestic violence.

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

	1.	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
	2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	Yes
	3.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Our approved Standards and P&P continue to be reviewed periodically throughout the year to make sure we as a whole, and our subcontractors, include language regarding equity. We adopted a major focus to address equity in the areas of race, ethnicity, and gender. We current require requests for funding to include the applicants policies and procedures on inclusion, equity and anti-discrimination. Our CES and HMIS include priorities in delivery of service, housing placement, housing retention and other means of affirming racial, ethnic, and gender groups that are overrepresented among residents experiencing homelessness have equitable access to housing and services. We include in our Request for Proposals (RFPs), a requirement for providers to meet our CSCoC goal of: "Advancing Racial Equality: Grantees should prioritize the advancement of racial equity at all levels of the homeless response system".
2) The CSCoC approved Strategic Action Plan identifies terms and definitions that sometimes may be ambiguous, so it is important to provide clarity when discussing equity. Equity means a consistent and systematic fair, just and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality. Our RFP process includes the instructions for applicants to address equity.
3) The Policy & Fund Committee (previously Governance Committee) of the CSCoC Governing Board, in partnership with the Collaborative Applicant (ATCAA), periodically review policies and procedures of CSCoC funded agencies to assure they are in compliance with the CSCoC anti-discrimination policies. Contracts include Certification of Anti-Discrimination policies and procedures.
4) Projects found non-compliant with the CSCoC Anti-Discrimination policies and procedures are identified through monitoring of contracts, performed by the Collaborative Applicant and the Policy & Fund Committee. If found to be non-compliant, they are provided training and support to rectify the situation. If non-compliant with any contract language, the contract may be voided.

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

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with–if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

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

Stanislaus Housing Authority	37% No		Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Public Housing Authority, Stanislause Housing Authority, continues to be a major partner with the CSCoC in all 4 counties. This partnership has resulted in security State funding from California's NPLH/HEAP/CESH in the past and working with housing vouchers currently. The 4 county representatives meet annually and strategize how to strengthen our collaborative efforts, With the inclusion of Emergency Housing Vouchers, we have continued with our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Stanislaus Housing Authority that includes membership organizations from all 4 counties in our region, ensuring fair and balanced representation to all homeless in our geographic area. We also strengthened our efforts with SHA connection and collaboration with local service providers for VASH vouchers and Permanent Housing Supportive placement to move people out of homelessness and prevent those at risk of becoming homeless. Additional efforts are being made with Section 8 and the entire process to assist clients to navigate to permanent housing. HEAP funds (ATCAA Administrative Entity) and SHA working with our county partners to renovate apartment complexes and add PHS beds.
2) N/A

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

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

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	No
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

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

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

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

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

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

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	9
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	9
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Our CSCoC utilizes the Annual Progress Reports (APRs) and process to assist in monitoring subcontractors regarding their compliance with the required Housing First approach. Checking the box is a good beginning, but our monitoring goes to the actual entities making sure they are first trained on CES/HMIS and Housing First approach, and second they adopt and utilize our Policies & Procedures. Steps are taken at intake and assessment to identify barriers to housing. Barriers may be identified but are used in a positive approach to assist persons into permanent housing, and not as a negative approach to keep persons out of programs/services. Staff are trained at onboarding and the periodically as needed to make sure the Housing First approach is being utilized. During the CES weekly calls, it is again emphasized that clients are afforded the Housing First approach. It is the intent of our CSCoC to identify challenges and issues or barriers clients are facing, help resolve those challenges, issues and barriers, and move them into permanent housing as quickly as possible.
2) The list our CSCoC uses to determine Housing First Compliance includes data from HMIS showing dates entering CES as homeless and compare those with dates participants move out of homelessness. We also use indicators of rapid rehousing data points to make sure, regardless of funding source, our CES participants are being offered Housing First and then services to reduce barriers.
3) Our CSCoC Policy & Fund Committee (previously Governance Committee), and the CSCoC Governing Board partner with the Collaborative Applicant (ATCAA) to look for data that shows Housing First is being utilized in all CSCoC funded projects, not just those funded by HUD. The CES/HMIS Committee assists in consistently reviewing the HMIS data to identify any projects not using the Housing First approach.. Again, our weekly CES meetings, required o service providers, continually evaluate for placement into housing as a priority over working on barriers to housing.
4) We have begun an annual activity that includes review of data from the HMIS to determine funded entities are utilizing the Housing First methodology. We provide time during our CSCoC Governing Board meetings, Policy & Fund Committee meetings, and CES/HMIS Committee meetings to examine each of the HUD funded programs and their use of Housing First methodology.

1D-3.	Street Outreach–Data–Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CSCoC continues to implement several Street Outreach projects last year in all 4 counties, and all projects have been trained in HMIS/CES. Whole Person Care funding helped establish our CSCoC as being able to ensure multiple providers can assess clients that enter housing projects as vacancy allows. By June 2024, street outreach increased by including projects focusing on working with local Tribes and new service providers, along with existing providers with new outreach elements in their programs, that were not collecting data previously, resulting in an increase of 50% to 100% of persons placed into some form of housing. Through HHAP (California State Funding), our CSCoC has funded outreach projects with an emphasis on locating housing in any of our 4 counties in our region. We have added new language to our Written Standards and CES/HMIS Policies & Procedures to include specific sections regarding Street Outreach. With the assistance of our healthcare partners, we are embarking on Street Medicine as part of our Street Outreach efforts in several locations in our region.
Our newest efforts funded by CSCoC in Outreach projects covers 100% of our geographic region. This is performed in part on a regular basis and in some isolated areas it occurs during the Point-In-Time Count process.
Several of our projects, specifically funded for Street Outreach, provide service delivery on a weekly basis. They cover many of the same geographic areas as some of our police departments, in fact, one of our CSCoC funded Outreach projects is housed in a local police department.
Our CSCoC has tailored our Street Outreach to persons experiencing homelessness to specifically identify and engage those who are least likely to request or seek assistance through establishing maps of the areas which have been submitted by local law enforcement, utilizing previously homeless persons to assist in our efforts to provide support for implementation of surveys, additional outreach efforts to encampments with local providers, and connecting persons least likely to ask for help with our newly funded Outreach program staff.

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

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate your CoC's strategies to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in your CoC's geographic area:

	Your CoC's Strategies	Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers	Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness
1.	Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?	Yes	Yes
2.	Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	141	80

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Healthcare has become a major priority for our CSCoC, and partnering with our local Homeless Housing Incentive Program (HHIP) agencies: Kaiser, Healthnet, California Wellness and Anthem Blue Cross has become not only rewarding but financially supportive of our projects. Establishing an ongoing collaboration, which includes regular monthly meetings, allowed our CSCoC to expand existing programs and fund new projects. Our HHIP partners are formal partners in our CES/HMIS and we have documents authorizing reciprocal support to achieve both our CSCoC goals and those of our HHIP team. 3 of our 4 rural Counties have established Behavior Health Street outreach and mobile services, that collaborate with providers in their areas to ensure proper placements, and referrals.

As mentioned, one of our newest CSCoC programs is funded through HDAP and provides funding for Certified SOAR staff to improve outreach and application submission and approval for SSI/SSDI, and other benefit programs. We also ensure appropriate training for agencies wanting to become CalAIM ECM projects. Working directly with CalAIM we had several general training sessions for our full CSCoC membership and continue inviting new entities to become ECM projects.

2) The CSCoC respects and applauds those working with our most vulnerable populations, and understand the importance of providing information and training to all projects funded through our CSCoC. We provide training regarding mainstream benefits and other assistance: e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, and substance abuse programs to our general membership periodically throughout the year. More specifically we provide focused training for our newly approved funded entities regarding Social Security, SSI and SSDI. Our CSCoC is fortunate to have partnered with a local entity specializing in working with clients to navigate benefit assistance. We have, in our 4 county region, dedicated staff providing outreach to homeless individuals and families to assess their eligibility for and assistance with disability benefits. One of our projects allows for a total of ten (10) active clients working to assist with the full process through trained and experienced SOAR professionals. These assistance programs cover our full 4 county region and include support for mainstream benefits.

ID-7.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies–Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases.		
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.		

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Our CSCoC continues to expand our outreach efforts to include methods of identifying non-congregate housing available to unhoused individuals and families. We monitor our street outreach, covering 100% of our geographic area, to promote tailoring outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance. Since COVID-19, our CSCoC has implemented non-congregate sheltering that includes single rooms in hotels, vouchers for scattered sites for individuals and families that were required to social distance, specifically for health and safety concerns. There are landlords specifically partnering with our CSCoC agencies to create access to enough units and prioritize resources to help pay for these units such as Rapid Rehousing.
2)We also continue to focus on our case management staff to gather appropriate paperwork necessary for obtaining housing such as identification and vital records resulting in breaking down barriers they may encounter in obtaining housing (may include addressing criminal background issues, history of evictions, history of unpaid rent, lack of resources for security deposit). By being proactive with documentation, and assistance in resolving past history issues regarding housing, we have been able to house individuals and families in non-congregate apartments and mobile units. Our newly approved Emergency Shelter Policies & Procedures address specific segments including hotels and motels increasing our capacity to provide non-congregate sheltering safely and respectfully.

ID-7a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC:
	1.	effectively shared information related to public health measures and homelessness; and
	2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Written Standards, CES Policies and Procedures, and Emergency Shelter Policies and Procedures all include language our membership has developed and approved that responds to infectious disease and specifically individuals and families experiencing homelessness. In collaboration with the state and public health entities in our 4 county region, the CSCoC has streamlined and made current, the CES Assessment to include COVID-19 vulnerabilities as outlined in the state protective health order which established non-congregate shelters (NCS) for people experiencing homelessness. This assessment was and continues to be used for housing placement during and after the pandemic as appropriate.

2) To prevent infectious disease outbreaks of any kind, among people experiencing homelessness, our standards and policies target and provide essential services related to street outreach. These modifications include: a) distribution of masks and other appropriate PPE, when available, to people who are unsheltered; b) provision of handwashing stations and portable bathrooms; c) maintaining social distancing if necessary; d) train and bus tokens (vouchers), taxi or rideshare or other types of transport for program participants to travel to and from medical care; d) coordinating medical care; e) hiring additional staff to support infectious disease preparedness; f) providing hazard pay to staff with direct participant contact displaying infectious disease symptoms. Shelters funded by the CSCoC through ESG or ESG-CV or HUD funding will not turn away eligible participants and the CSCoC has established a referral pathway to other shelter or housing if the shelter is at maximum capacity. Housing funded through our CSCoC, especially HUD funding, shall utilize referral pathways to isolation and quarantine if the individual or family is in need of such services. ESG-CV funded projects as well as other CSCoC funded projects, will not implement a maximum length of stay when a discharge will result in program participants returning to unsheltered settings or situations putting them at risk of infectious disease. We expanded our approach to include aspects o health protocols such as enforcing social distancing, establishing an isolation space, using PPE, and cleaning/disinfecting shared and living spaces. Finally, our intake and screening processes changed to allow for symptomatic and non-symptomatic individuals and families to participate in our projects.

1D-8.	Coordinated Entry Standard Processes.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
	1.	can serve everybody regardless of where they are located within your CoC's geographic area;
	2.	uses a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services within your CoC;
	3.	collects personal information in a trauma-informed way; and
	4.	is updated at least annually using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CSCoC Coordinated Entry System (CES) does cover all 4 counties in our region, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne. It covers 100% of our geographic region. Through our expanded Street Outreach we work with our Navigation Centers to engage people living in encampments. Our CSCoC requires all funded projects to participate in both CES and HMIS. When funding becomes available, our CSCoC produces a Request for Proposal, which includes the requirement up front that, if awarded funding the entity will participate in both CES and HMIS. This is done through an authorized signature requirement upon submission of the response to the RFP. Once funded, our CSCoC Policy & Fund Committee together with the Collaborative Applicant, (ATCAA) monitor projects on a regular basis to ensure that all funded projects are participating in CES/HMIS.
2) A standardized assessment process is one of the mandates of our CSCoC. We use a Modified VI-SPDAT along with additional assessment information geared to our HMIS. We determine specific subpopulations and how best to serve them and our policies and procedures specifically state "Households are prioritized for a full continuum of housing and service interventions according to the CES Written Standards". We prioritize those who are most vulnerable and with the most immediate needs for referral and placement into the appropriate housing interventions 0 those with the highest Modified VI-SPDAT scores are prioritized highest for faster intervention and longer solutions.
3) Our funded providers have been trained on collecting personal information in a trauma-informed way that ensures the utmost confidentiality and protection for all involved in the data collection process.
4) Many of our service providers utilize a Customer Feedback process allowing for a formalized documentation process of both project and households participating in CES. Projects have an opportunity for feedback at our weekly phone call meetings regarding CES and client placement. Participants have opportunities to provide feedback in an on-going process at each of the project sites.

	1D-8a.	Coordinated Entry–Program Participant-Centered Approach.	
		NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Some individuals and families do not access the services and programs of our CSCoC. Our CSCoC strives to make every effort to reach these individuals and families who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance through several street outreach programs that were implemented in the last couple of years. Our focus is on identifying and serving individuals and families who may be unfamiliar with our service delivery system, or in some cases, unwilling to participate in services provided by our CSCoC due to concerns that we work to alleviate. Some of those concerns may be cultural, some may be family functioning challenges, and many others are due to mental health challenges and or substance abuse challenges. We continue to implement, with the assistance of our local law enforcement, mobile crisis units in all 4 counties in our region. Outreach staff have been trained and fully implement a whole-person and person-centered approach, working to resolve as many challenges as possible while supporting their strengths.
2) Our CSCoC ensures people most in need of assistance receive assistance in a timely manner In our Written Standards prioritization indicates defining factors to be highest in our Modified VI-SPDAT scores as Priority 1. We continue efforts to reach those least likely to apply for assistance as evidenced by the information and data covered during our monthly CSCoC Governing Board meetings, and with the CES/HMIS Committee meetings. Our CES Scoring system and weekly housing determination committee calls, ensure prompt service to those most in need.
3) The 'No Wrong Door' is the approach we use in our 4 county region to identify and serve individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness. We continually train our service providers which helps to reduce many of the cumbersome steps required when data is incomplete or incorrect. We monitor and provide feedback to ensure project success. Working closely with CalAIM and the Enhanced Care Management system, our providers are reaching and serving new clients with essential and coordinated services.
4) Our CSCoC has taken specific steps in our Written Standards to address the method of asking questions that are not invasive or unnecessary. In our Written Standards we provide scripts for case workers to use with specific language targeted to be noninvasive and only gather data necessary to make a qualified assessment.

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry–Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies–Reporting Violations.		
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.		

	Describe in the field below how your CoC through its coordinated entry:	
1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;	
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and	
3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Through our CSCoC Coordinated Entry System we publish on our website all of the documentation regarding marketing to landlords and others, regarding our information on Program Participant Rights and Remedies. Specifically, in the Written Standards, we state clearly several opportunities for program participants to discuss and resolve reporting violations. At intake, in the intake packet (also on the website) we are clear about participants rights and remedies for reporting violations, and case managers and other staff working directly with participants reiterate several times during their meetings with program participants, the processes available to participants if they wish to report any violations. Language is clear to assist the participant in these cases, and to allow for and promote a positive experience during the process.

2) In our Written Standards we highlight Fair Housing, Antidiscrimination, and Equal Access under Section 1 Item 6. We require all CSCoC funded entities to adhere to the Written Standards that include HUD's Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule 24 CFR § 578.93(c) regarding federal civil rights laws, including Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and HUD's Equal Access and Gender Identify Rules. These work in the framework of our Written Standards and offer opportunities and instructions for participants to report violations.

3) If any such violations are identified, our CSCoC has the responsibility and duty to inform the State of California HCD office to investigate and resolve. Standards for Termination Assistance and Grievance Procedures outline the steps a program participant can take to report any violations.

1D-9.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness–Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	08/28/2024

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) It is important to note the population make up of our 4 county region is mostly white non-Hispanic. Having said that we do capture and analyze data specific to Hispanic/Latino and Black or African American individuals and families. Through the HHAP Rounds 4 and 5 processes we were able to update our Strategic Action Plan and in HHAP Round 5 we utilized data from the Point-In-Time County and Stella Performance Module to gather data necessary to identify and address results found in our data tables showing both the our CSCoC baseline and current status regarding racial disparities in the provision of and outcomes with homeless assistance. We gathered quantitative data to help understand areas of race and ethnicities of persons accessing services, receiving services, participating in housing projects, and moving into permanent housing. We also gathered qualitative data from CSCoC member during discussions regarding racial disparities. Another method of qualitative data collected was from our new Persons With Lived Experience Survey. It was released in August and results were gathered in September 2024.

2) During our August 28, 2024 CSCoC Governing Board meeting, members reviewed the comparison data from 2022 and 2023 regarding disparities in race having to do with the 6 goals specific to housing and homelessness. As a 4 county region, our CSCoC looks determined to focus on 3 major racial disparity data points: Hispanic/Latino number of persons exiting to permanent housing; Black or African American accessing services; and Black or African American return to homelessness from housing projects. This analysis showed 208 in 2022 and 268 in 2023 Hispanic/Latino persons who exited to permanent housing which is up quite a bit. We want to keep tracking this number to make sure it stays the same or increase. We looked at the number of Black or African American people returning to homelessness from housing programs was 0% in 2022 and 25% in 2023 which is cause of concern and we will be watching this number closely. Finally, the length of time Black or African Americans spend on the street while enrolled in housing programs was 2022 168 days and 2023 206 days. We will be developing strategies to reduce the length of stay on the street in 2024-2025.

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

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

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

6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	Yes
7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity?	Yes
9.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CSCoC plans to continue evaluating the data from our HMIS and the State and Federal reports regarding racial equity. In doing so, we are developing process, policies and procedures at the CSCoC Governing Board level to utilize both our Policy & Fund Committee and our CES/HMIS Committee to review and analyze data and make recommendations to the Governing Board moving forward regarding setting Racial Equity evaluation. Our plan is to periodically review the data at the committee level and then recommend annually to the Governing Board. This is part of our regular monitoring and evaluation process geared to success of programs, but now includes the actual collection, analysis and evaluation of the data.

Our current Charter will be revised to include language regarding monitoring of both programs and data to help move our CoC forward in using data as a guide to decision-making. The CSCoC Charter will be reviewed in 2025 and additional language regarding responsibilities of the Governing Board will include sections regarding monitoring and evaluating programs and data from the HMIS to regularly determine addressing racial equity.

1D-9d.	Plan for Using Data to Track Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Our CSCoC tracks the progress of our service providers in the area of preventing or eliminating disparities through our CES and HMIS. We are able to track improvement in persons of high risk of disparity in accessing services as well as through program reporting of outcomes This is accomplished using our HMIS obtaining regular reports of data specific to racial equity. During our weekly CES meetings we work with our service providers and local housing authority to determine outreach in identifying potential individuals and families that may be at risk of homelessness, with a focus on rural communities that face annual wildfire loss of housing, and higher than normal poverty rates. These communities of poverty include a higher number of vulnerable populations specific to Black, Indigenous, and people of color. Evictions have been on the rise since the COVID-19 program reductions took place, and our outreach efforts focus on significantly pushing housing vouchers and other resources in their direction to prevent homelessness.
2) We use our CES Intake Form that specifically identifies racial equity issues. We use our CES Policies & Procedures to enforce identification of and resolution to any racial equity issues. Our Coordinated Entry System (CES) and enhanced case management work together to identify potential individuals and families at risk of losing their housing. Eliminating disparities in the provision of services is important to our CSCoC and we continue to educate the community and our service providers on keeping those falling within the disparity sector from falling through the cracks. We train our outreach workers and case managers to look for situations where disparities occur and provide wide-spread assistance with highest priority. Recent training has been offered to our full CSCoC membership around racial equity. We are working closely with REAL Connections to provide information and training on racial equity. We are participating with Tuolumne County and others to promote racial equity. Our CSCoC adheres to the HUD released (March 17, 2023) Discriminatory Effects Rule, specifically around fair housing. All of our documents include major sections enforcing Fair Housing in our 4 county region.

1D-10.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking--CoC's Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CSCoC general membership includes several homeless and formerly homeless individuals who participate periodically throughout the year, and more specifically during our Point-In-Time (PIT) Count process. We have also enlisted our newly formed Youth Action Board comprised of homeless, formerly homeless, or at risk of homelessness youth to help advise and guide our CSCoC Governing Board.

This year we developed a Persons With Lived Experience Survey that was released to providers in September 2024 and results were gathered by October 2024. This is the first time we have had the same tool being used in all 4 counties to capture input from Persons With Lived Experience regarding barriers and issues they face(d) while homeless or at risk of homelessness. Together with several individual provider groups designed specifically to gather input from Persons With Lived Experience, the data shows clearly there is simply not enough housing available in our 4 county region.

Working through our funded Outreach Team, we connect with and obtain feedback from persons with lived experience of homelessness on issues and challenges to obtaining/maintaining permanent housing. In 2024 our CSCoC will be establishing a Persons with Lived Experience Committee to broaden our engagement of and communication with this population sharing their lived experiences. Several of our 4 county region partners include persons with lived experience of homelessness on their boards and committees. Many of our CSCoC funded entities gain great insight into challenges of housing for this population and how they may have moved to permanent housing recently.

Our Youth Advisory Committee was established in 2022 and comprised of adults working with youth experiencing homelessness, formerly homeless or at risk of homelessness. Our Youth Action Board members have been meeting all year long and provide suggestions and ideas presented to our CSCoC Governing Board at monthly meetings. A survey was developed that gathers data from this youth population on how to better serve them and move them eventually into permanent housing.

Our CSCoC Website encourages participation in our CSCoC monthly Governing Board meetings as well as all of our committee meetings. The decision-making process of the CSCoC Governing Board depends on input from Persons With Lived Experience as adults and youth.

1D-10a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	25	10
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	12	8
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	12	8

4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	8	6

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CSCoC is fortunate to have as one of our Governing Board members Mother Lode Job Training. The MLJT entity has locations in each of our 4 counties in our region and are able to serve 100% of our geographic area. The MLJT provides training and opportunities to homeless persons participating in our CES. They are now also part of our outreach efforts to those persons least likely to ask for assistance. We promote the opportunities available through the MLJT at each of our monthly meetings; share information on our Website and Newsletter regarding up-coming events that pertain to professional development and employment opportunities.; our CSCoC funds entities that provide professional development and employment training opportunities for homeless persons. Part of our training programs help service provider staff on connecting program participants and people experiencing homelessness with education and job training opportunities. As mentioned previously, one of our biggest supports for professional development and employment for homeless persons is Mother Lode Job Training.
Our CSCoC also provides training to service organizations on facilitating informal employment through leadership opportunities and volunteer activities for homeless persons. Some of our service providers include homeless or formerly homeless on their boards of directors to represent this vulnerable population in decision-making. Many of our service providers include homeless and formerly homeless in their needs assessment process using surveys and focus groups to gain important information regarding persons with lived experience.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Service providers funded through our CSCoC, regardless of the source of funding, are required to establish and implement a customer satisfaction survey to receive feedback from participants, especially persons with lived experience of homelessness regarding their homeless situation and journey to obtain permanent housing. Through our HMIS process we are able to routinely ask participants about their personal experiences prior to accessing our services, and during their active participation in our service delivery system. Once moved into housing – emergency, interim and/or permanent, we gather data on a regular basis focusing on their feedback regarding all aspects of our service delivery system.

2) The CSCoC has initiated gather data and feedback from Person With Lived Experiences periodically (not less than annually) through our Survey process and focus groups with provider agencies.

3) The CSCoC funded entities for both HUD and ESG have weekly calls to address specific questions dealing with clients experience with the provider and the assistance they received. ESG funded agencies work together to access input from persons with lived experience about their time prior to being part of our CSCoC, during and after. This information is invaluable for decision making for future projects and service delivery. Periodic check in sessions with CSCoC and/or ESG funded program participants allow for a free flow of information useful to the agencies and the CSCoC to determine effectiveness and efficiency of program delivery.

4) We gather data from persons who have received services throughout the year at the provider level and the results are submitted to the CSCoC Governing Board periodically.

5) Some challenges have become apparent when our CSCoC analyzed data that showed some people experiencing homelessness also suffer from mental health issues. Through the CES process we have been able to identify and address focus areas that keep people from obtaining housing.

1D-11.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

	Describe in the field below at least two steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Several of our 4 county regional partners are venturing into more permanent housing projects. In Tuolumne County we have a couple of projects that are taking over existing structures and renovating them into permanent housing opportunities. The Tuolumne Navigation Center will provide housing for individuals and families while they move them to stable situations and then on to permanent housing situations. Some of the counties are discussing zoning issues and considering policies to permit additional housing in their areas. Amador County purchased and continues to develop a 42 unit project.
2) Our CSCoC continues to collaborate with local housing authorities on new projects and to enhance services and reduce barriers to housing. The Stanislaus Housing Authority participates with the CSCoC membership for housing vouchers and identifies potential housing for our clients.

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

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

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

	1E-1.	Web Posting of Advance Public Notice of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline, Scoring and Rating Criteria.	
		NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.	

	1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	08/05/2024
	2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	08/05/2024

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

	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:

	1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
	2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
	3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
	4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes
	5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes

6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes

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

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	7
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

1E-2b.	Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.d.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	the severe barriers your CoC considered.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) One New Project: Expansion of an existing project and 7 Renewal project applications – were submitted into e-snaps no later than September 23, 2024. The Review and Rank team members were provided pdf copies of the applications, new and renewal Project Rating and Ranking Scoring tools, the Annual Progress Reports and data from the HMIS that compared projected outcomes to actual outcomes. Our Review and Rank Allocation Team was comprised of CSCoC members non-conflicted with HUD projects. The Team received training from the CSCoC Facilitator, and several of the team members had previous experience in putting HUD renewal projects into a Priority List recommendation to the CSCoC Governing Board.

2) Through the data collected in our HMIS, our Policy & Fund Committee continually reviewed and analyzed it to capture specifics regarding HUD funded projects. Across the nation, CoCs are struggling to find affordable permanent housing. To that end, our region is in the process of increasing housing options and we project in 2024 the length of time it takes to move people into permanent housing will decrease.

3) Our CSCoC is addressing the needs of the most vulnerable through our CES process. We utilize a high priority in our scoring data system. Those most in need and experiencing special severity of needs and vulnerabilities are given highest priority. We consider all factors and promote placing our most vulnerable into housing situations during our weekly calls.

4) Our CSCoC considered: 1) history of victimization/abuse including domestic abuse, sexual assault, and childhood abuse; 2) length of time homeless; 3) low-income; 4) no income; 5) only project of its kind in our CoC's geographic area serving a special homeless population/subpopulation (for their county; 6) risk of continued homelessness; 7) significant or functional impairments, including physical, mental, development or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support to maintain permanent housing (focuses on the level of support needed not disability type); 8) substance abuse – current or past; 9) unsheltered homelessness – especially youth and children; 10) vulnerability to illness or death; and 11) vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work.

	1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
		NOFO Section V.B.2.e.	

		Describe in the field below:
	1.	how your CoC used input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;
	2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and
	3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree that proposed projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and steps the projects took or will take to eliminate the identified barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Our CSCoC HUD Renewal Project Scoring Tool does capture data regarding the White non-Hispanic population that is definitely over-represented. That is due to the fact our entire 4 county region is more than 85% White non-Hispanic. We do pay attention to other ethnicities during our public meetings and focus groups held in each of the 4 counties. Our scoring requires adherence to all of the Written Standards and Policies & Procedures which continue to be updated as needed, do include specific focus on inclusion of persons over-represented in our local homeless population. Our continued efforts of our CSCoC Governing Board established requirements of all funded agencies to advance racial and gender equity. All funded agency contracts include sections for the awardee to state compliance through signature of our regional advancement of racial and gender equity. In our Strategic Plan and other documents, advancing racial and gender equity is a priority. The Allocation Team looks at data of clients currently being served on our projects and seeks notice of the characteristics of clients (as appropriate).
2) Organization members working directly with literally homeless persons with diversity of race were members of the Allocation Team and represented those populations through their input and revisions to the scoring tools this year for both New and Renewal projects. The workgroup revising the scoring tools reviewed and provided feedback for the selection process.
3) Applicants were required to address in the scoring tool what their project addressed regarding equity as to access to services, service provision, and outcomes. Applicants were not simply to rely on delivery of a standardized set of services – without addressing racial and gender equity. Applicants have the responsibility to examine their data to ensure all eligible persons receive equitable services, support, and are served with dignity, respect and compassion, regardless of circumstances, ability or identity. This is a formal part of our CSCoC membership and is highlighted during meetings periodically throughout the year.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Our CSCoC did not have any projects deemed to be in the low-performing category.
2) There were no projects requesting reallocation and no projects offering reallocation. New funding was requested in the new Planning Grant but that is not part of the Priority Listing process. New funding was requested for bonus dollars based on our bonus award for one Expansion of an existing project.
3) Because there were no projects deemed to be in the low-performing category, we did not pursue any competition for reallocating funding.
4) Because there were no projects deemed to be in the low-performing category, our CSCoC did not have need to reallocate during this competition year.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	No

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/11/2024

1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-.	Yes

1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	

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You must enter a date in question 1E-5c.

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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	

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You must enter a date in question 1E-5d.

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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Client Services Network- Bell Data

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	05/08/2024

2A-4.	Comparable Databases for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases; and	
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database–compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The Domestic Violence providers in all 4 rural counties in our CSCoC region collect data in separate comparable data systems. All projects were added in to the CA-526 HIC.
2) The Domestic Violence providers are all currently compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.
3) Our CSCoC HMIS is compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards – and have contracted with HomeBase, a consulting firm out of San Francisco, CA to complete the work we started last year on our HMIS Policies and Procedures to meet and exceed required compliance.

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

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

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	183	57	126	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	27	0	27	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	80	0	80	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	49	0	49	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	48	0	48	100.00%

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c.	

	For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:
1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

We held all project types at 100% this year.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?	Yes

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/24/2024

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	07/25/2024

2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC's Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	engaged unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations in your CoC's most recent PIT count planning process;
2.	worked with unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified during your CoC's most recent PIT count planning process; and
3.	included youth experiencing homelessness as counters during your CoC's most recent unsheltered PIT count.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Our CSCoC Youth Advisory Committee worked directly with our newly formed Youth Action Board to conduct several meetings, both in-person and virtual. Through this collaboration, we were able to engage several service providers focusing on youth programs. These programs outreach to youth and engage with youth on a regular basis. The school districts helped engage the younger homeless or at risk of homelessness ages 14-18. The meetings for this group were help in-person at the school sites, as well as the 4 Mother Lode Job Training centers (1 in each county in our region). It was through these established relationships with stakeholders providing services to youth, we were able to gather Point-In-Time Count data on those youth who were sheltered. A survey was developed to specifically capture challenges and barriers to housing faced by the youth in our region. We implemented both a sheltered and unsheltered county for the 2024 - full Point-In-Time Count to engage youth in the process.
2) Since the 2024 Point-In-Time Count was both sheltered and unsheltered, we were able to engage youth to do outreach in their respective communities. We gained data from our HMIS and service providers on sheltered and unsheltered youth experiencing homelessness. Couch surfing, though not a specific identified element for HUD, seemed to be a higher number of youth than anticipated. Considered sheltered, they were not formally sheltered in a provider program. It is, however, of importance to our CSCoC to know the number of youth experiencing homelessness who are not "on the street" but also not housed in traditional program housing.
3) For our 2024 full Point-In-Time Count we are working currently with youth to identify locations where youth congregate. We are using social media to engage youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to include appropriate questions on our 2024 survey to capture where they slept. The youth on the Youth Action Board have participated in meetings designed to gather information and data regarding their experiences of homelessness or at risk of homelessness. They have provided valuable information to our CSCoC Governing Board that has set us up to reach a higher number of homeless youth in our 2024 Point-In-Time Count.

| 2B-4. | PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c. | |

		In the field below:
	1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;
	2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;
	3.	describe whether your CoC's PIT count was affected by people displaced either from a natural disaster or seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance who recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic; and
	4.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
	5.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2024.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable

2C. System Performance

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Our numbers show we have reduced the number of persons who became homeless for the first time. According to our data our efforts in determining risk factors that help identify persons who might become homeless for the first time are paying off.. Throughout our Coordinated Entry System (CES) process, and with several of our outreach programs, we emphasize the importance of prevention. We include in those efforts addressing diversion to reduce the first time homeless individuals and families. ESG funding has allowed us to strengthen our Enhanced Care Management system to include training that promotes the Whole Person Care approach. This results in asking questions and having conversations with clients, regardless of their reason for seeking any social service, to capture critical information regarding their housing situation. By using assessment points to prioritize referrals to services, our CSCoC makes sure services are based on the need and availability of appropriate resources.

2) During the pre-screening process, individuals and families are determined to be households at risk of homelessness but are not yet literally homeless. The screening staff then refer the individual and family directly to a service provider that has an appropriate housing program in place to assist with service delivery such as rent and/or mortgage payments to avoid eviction, etc. Specific questions regarding safety are asked such as "Are you safe in your current living situation?" – help the screener identify potential situations that may result in homelessness. Our CSCoC has dedicated funds to ongoing Homeless Prevention programs to ensure those at risk do not experience homelessness. We have developed our updated Written Standards to include the provision that those most at risk are prioritized. We have also updated our CES referral process throughout all HP providers to ensure targeted prevention efforts are reinforced.

3) Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency (ATCAA) is the Collaborative Applicant for HUD and the Administrative Entity for ESG and ESG-CV. ATCAA, together with the Policy & Fund Committee, monitor and are responsible for overseeing strategies to reduce the number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time. Through the baseline data from our Action Plan data tables, we analyze and report back to the CSCoC Governing Board and full general membership meetings, informing of our progress.

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

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

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

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

	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) ECM referrals to ensure connections made at point of intake on the streets. Additional street outreach programs funded and developed, created recently street medicine services in all four County rural areas. Creation of new Navigational unit beds, creation of new shelter beds, securing emergency health funding with support of contractors that minimize administrative burden and contract directly to housing providers to assist those experiencing homelessness quickly with CES/Interim assistance. Strengthen MDT Committees to include both ECM Navigators, and local law enforcement emergency community housing support teams.
Our data shows length of time persons remained homeless increased. We attribute this to the fact we have targeted new projects in our 4 county region to enter data into HMIS and this brought with it the challenge of capturing additional points of data regarding length of time homeless. Our region is similar to many CoCs in the fact we have limited housing, and very limited low-income housing. Our CSCoC has continued our efforts using Housing First and it is mandatory in our CSCoC for funded agencies and recommended for programs/services not funded by our CSCoC. Reducing the time it takes from first contact to a housing situation is shortened due to the ability to house individuals and families in emergency and interim housing – through non-HUD resources. It is the strategy of our CSCoC to utilize our outreach programs to identify homeless persons and then connect them as quickly as possible through our CES process to a housing situation. Through our State HHAP funding process we identified as one of our priorities – reducing the length of time individuals and families remain homeless as a high priority and included a reduction of 20% of youth will experience a reduced length of time homeless.
2) CES Scoring Tool includes length of time homeless is reviewed by weekly Housing Determination Committee to ensure priority to those with chronically homeless by HUD definition.
We have increased our number of emergency beds by establishing new shelters in our region, and have begun advertising to the homeless population, through outreach efforts, the bed availability. During the pre-screening process, individuals and families are identified as to length of time homeless and those reported to be homeless for the longest period of time are moved to a high priority for housing situations.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CA-526 will carefully review/update the Regional Housing Plan and goals to prioritize these efforts related to permanent housing placements and retention. County contracts and most rapid re-housing budgets prioritize families with children experiencing homelessness and exiting shelters, Interim housing. Our CSCoC Strategic Action Plan is a living document that is reviewed periodically and updates as appropriate. It indicates our understanding of the critical need to move people from non-permanent housing situations to permanent housing situations. Many CoC's, including our CSCoC, face the issue of not enough permanent housing for the number of individuals and families seeking permanent housing. With the Memorandum of Understanding with local Health and Human Services housing departments, and continuing with our Whole Person Care designed system, we focus on moving individuals and families into permanent housing.

2) Retention efforts include intensive case management, strengthening landlord liaison efforts, and MDT discussion on stability plans and barriers to stability that keep resurfacing in households. Stability plans will increase to follow through on community supports committed to households, and ECM referrals to those with prevention needs. Retaining the continuity of permanent housing is a top priority as designed in our Strategic Action Plan. In reviewing the data from our CSCoC we found 28% of shelter exits were to temporary destinations. This information is processed by shelters on a ongoing basis. Funding is planned to increase targeted case management, landlord liaison efforts, and especially targeting needs of persons without children. Additional focus includes Native Americans and African Americans. The California Dept. of Social Services established multiple funding sources to include Whole Person Care, HSP, HDAP, and RR stabilization services. These efforts assist in reducing the percentage of people who return to homelessness that are enrolled in PSH/RR projects. An additional targeted population is that of the 18-24 age youth.

3) ATCAA, together with the CSCoC Governing Board and Policy & Fund Committee work to collect data, analyze the data and then make solid decisions for strategies to increase the rate the individual and family exit to or retain permanent housing.

2C-4.	Reducing Returns to Homelessness–CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;	
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate that individuals and families return to homelessness; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Metrics show need of additional intensive recertification analysis at 6 months and stronger comprehensive stability plans to be certain additional assistance is not required to stabilize. Strategies include increased staff services budgets related to intensive case management in all rapid re-housing programs. ECM collaborations and referrals prove to use Prevention funds if appropriate and multi-disciplinary meetings on clients exiting encampments that need support from Behavioral Health, Housing Support providers, and County staff. Regional budgets change to collaborative providers as needed to reflect stronger landlord liaison supports and timely responses.

One of the strategies our CSCoC uses to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness is to collect the data during our weekly CES calls and conference with members to discuss which clients we find may be facing a return to our system in homelessness and who have accessed our services and were placed into permanent housing. The team identifies those individuals and families entering our CES who had returned to homelessness after being successfully placed into housing situations.

2) Our strategy and method we use to additional rates of returning to homelessness is one of inclusiveness with our partner CES and HMIS providers, again at our weekly calls. We are able to identify the individuals and families returning to homelessness and address the factors as to why they might return to homelessness again. Case workers discuss, during these weekly meetings, the housing determination for each person and support them from emergency housing, through transitional or interim housing, to permanent housing. We continue to use the Housing First approach when working with individuals and families, to reduce barriers to returning to homelessness. Our homeless prevention tool in CES helps identify those most at risk of becoming homeless again, and design wraparound services to guard against returning to homelessness. Agencies work together in our CSCoC through HSP and PHS to encourage and expound on the evidenced based approach of Whole Person Care.

3) ATCAA, together with the CSCoC Governing Board and Policy & Fund Committee work to collect data, analyze the data, and then make solid decisions on strategies to reduce the number of individuals and families returning to homelessness.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Our CSCoC has been fortunate to continue our work with Mother Lode Job Training agency, and they have a representative sitting on our CSCoC Governing Board. This entity assists in providing service delivery in each of the 4 counties in our region. Mother Lode Job Training participates in the CES where clients can be identified for not only housing services, but also job assistance and other income-generating programs. Our strategy to access employment cash sources includes working not only with MLJT, but also directly connecting with the Health and Human Services departments within each of our 4 counties for support of employment services.
2) Shelters maintain local listings of jobs and provide transportation to those services. We provide assistance with resumes and job application completion, in collaboration with appropriate providers of the CSCoC. Financial literacy classes are offered to all housing clients and volunteer work experience is provided as appropriate. Mainstream employment and other benefits such as Cal Fresh, VA, Social Security, (SOAR) GA, WIC, MediCal, and other opportunities are made available to our clients and track as part of HMIS.
3) Mother Lode Job Training, in connection with ATCAA (the collaborative applicant for HUD and Administrative Entity for ESG) work together with the CSCoC funded entities to collect data, analyze the data, and maintain oversight in our CSCoC strategy to increase income from employment.

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

		In the field below:
	1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and
	2.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Our CSCoC has stepped up our efforts to improve in this area by working closely with our clients to increase their non-employment cash income through identifying those individuals and families in need of benefits and not currently participating. These benefits, though not cash, assist in supporting the individuals and families in our service delivery system. Some clients are not able to work or do not work enough to support their permanent housing situation. Benefits such as SSI/SSDI are now being supported through our continued grant within the CSCoC from HDAP – providing a specific identified outreach staff person able to work directly with individuals to navigate the process and complete documents involved in obtaining their much-needed benefits. During our weekly meetings, we include individuals that may benefit from such services, and make sure they are identified in our HMIS to be referred to the appropriate provider. Our HMIS is able to tell us which non-employment cash income benefits are being accessed and that list is reviewed by the case managers on a regular basis.
2) ATCAA, the Collaborative Applicant, works with the CES/HMIS Committee of the CSCoC to monitor and provide oversight our strategy to increase non-employment cash income. Together, they collect data from HMIS and review it to provide analysis to the CSCoC Governing Board on progress toward increasing numbers of individuals and families participating in non-employment cash benefits.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No

3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No

3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

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

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

	Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No

3C-2.	Cost Effectiveness of Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:	
1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and	
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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   - Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	No
Applicant Name		
This list contains no items		

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

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

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	Persons With Live...	09/25/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	08/30/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Full Scoring Tool	10/02/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored One Project	10/02/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notice of Project...	10/02/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Projects Accepted...	10/04/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	10/12/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	CSCoC HDX Report	09/09/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No	Certification of ...	09/09/2024

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Submission Summary

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

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3B. Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs	10/12/2024
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4B. Attachments Screen	Please Complete
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Date:

To Whom It May Concern:

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Please accept this letter of support for the CSCoC priorities for 2024.

ATCAA

1) Name: _Iris-Siri of Shambhala_ Signature: _Done by phone JS_

2) Name: _____ Signature: _____

3) Name: _____ Siganture: _____

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1) Name: BETTY MANN   Signature: Betty mann

2) Name: _____   Signature: _____

3) Name: _____   Siganture: _____

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1) Name: _Linda Snedeker_   Signature: _Linda Snedeker_

2) Name: _____   Signature: _____

3) Name: _____   Siganture: _____

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☒ less than 6 months ☐ 6 months to 1 year ☐ 1 to 3 years ☐ over 3 years

2) Barriers you experienced in obtaining housing

☐ mental health issues ☒ substance abuse ☐ lack of income ☐ other
☐ affordable housing ☒ available housing ☒ life-altering event
☐ I am refusing housing services

Please provide brief comments regarding barriers to housing: *I had a criminal background — I also had to jump several hoops — prove income, get ID — do a credit ck (It would be hard for some of the homeless to do) also get renters insurance.*

3) Please provide brief comments regarding what assisted you in obtaining housing: *Adult Protective Services, Shannon Sutton to be specific assisted me.*

4) What services/programs would help persons experiencing homelessness in obtaining housing: *Help them through the process & talk to the potential landlord — whatever they use as an excuse for not renting to them — find a way to overcome the barrier*

5) Would you be williing to participate in or lead an annual meeting to gather more voices: Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes – provide contact information: *Joan Mitchell. 220 Broadway, Jackson, Ca — or ph 209 304-7266 = Be glad to help — I owe you. Thank you. Joan*

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3) Please provide brief comments regarding what assisted you in obtaining housing: ATCAA'S PERMANENT HOUSING

4) What services/programs would help persons experiencing homelessness in obtaining housing: ATCAA, AMADOR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5) Would you be williing to participate in or lead an annual meeting to gather more voices: Yes □   No ☒
If yes – provide contact information: _____

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☒ affordable housing   ☒ available housing   ☒ life-altering event
□ I am refusing housing services   NEEDED MORE COUNSELING

Please provide brief comments regarding barriers to housing: _WILD ANIMALS COME IN TENT AT TIME HGH SON COMMITTED SUICIDE, MYSTERIOUS, DANGERUS PERSON STALKED HER SERIOUSLY ALSO CAR GOT HIT AND LOST CARE._

3) Please provide brief comments regarding what assisted you in obtaining housing: _BEHAVIORAL HEALTH_

4) What services/programs would help persons experiencing homelessness in obtaining housing: _MENTAL HEALTH — WHY, HOW DID YOU BECOME HOMELESS._

5) Would you be williing to participate in or lead an annual meeting to gather more voices: Yes ☒   No □
If yes – provide contact information: _209-776-5168   LINDA KING_

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[x] affordable housing   [x] available housing   [x] life-altering event   *Senior Housing*
[ ] I am refusing housing services

Please provide brief comments regarding barriers to housing: _Unable to get to surgery — place to recover assistance completing paperwork_

3) Please provide brief comments regarding what assisted you in obtaining housing: _IHSS worker — ATCAA - Sonora Shelter_

4) What services/programs would help persons experiencing homelessness in obtaining housing: _More senior housing — More low-income housing — less income requirements — workers to help with paperwork_

5) Would you be williing to participate in or lead an annual meeting to gather more voices: Yes [ ]   No [x]
If yes – provide contact information: _disabled_

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☐ I am refusing housing services   *Transportation*

Please provide brief comments regarding barriers to housing: _____
_____ *Transportation – place to do rental search – Applications*
Not enough Senior housing or low income

3) Please provide brief comments regarding what assisted you in obtaining
housing: _____ *ATCAA – went back to work at 63 yrs old*
Master Care – private citizens

4) What services/programs would help persons experiencing homelessness in
obtaining housing: *Clinics to have assistance in filling*
out applications – More transportation services
Sobriety – technology for homeless use

5) Would you be williing to participate in or lead an annual meeting to gather more voices: Yes ☐   No ☒
If yes – provide contact information: _____
_____
_____

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HOUISNG FIRST ACTION MONITORING TOOL

HOUISNG FIRST – Yes Use This	❌ - No Do Not Use This	Signed Agreement by Funded Entity
Remove Unnecessary Barriers to Housing		
• Application decisions are quick, clear and transparent • Employ Harm Reduction approach to substance abuse • Reasonable accomodations offered to the screening and application process	• Deny many housing applications and reequire lengthy appeals process for approval • Require clean and sober living • Applicants rejected due to no being "housing ready"	**Per signature on current contract**
Offer Services, Not Require Them		
• Engage with clients to build a service plan that suits their needs • Help clients understand how services help them maintain housing	• Impose consequences for lack of participation in services • Expect clients to participate in services that are not beneficial to them	**Per signature on current contract**
Allow for Client Choice in Housing Placement		
• Ask clients about their priorities for housing • Provide housing with attractive location and amenities	• Place clients in housing without discussing whether it meets their needs • Limit the number of times a client can decline a housing referral	**Per signature on current contract**

HOUISNG FIRST – Yes Use This	❌ - No Do Not Use This	Signed Agreement by Funded Entity
Meet Clients Where They Are		
• Ensure clients have a complete understanding of house rules and behavior expectations • Understand clients' housing barriers and work with them to make progress in addressing them • Allow clients the same freedoms afforded to other renters in the area • Prevent eviction whenever possible	• Issue written demerits or warnings for rule violations without discussing how to avoid the violation • Initiating eviction process due to minor rules violations • Creating rules that are stricter than those for standard renters in the area	**Per signature on current contract**
Build client Success into Policies		
• Provide proactive updates and maintenance of service plans • Communicate clear and accessible written policies to relay and report issues with units and services • Produce timely and consistent action steps to resolve concerns and maintain housing • Allot space and provide resources for a wide array of services • Practice respect for tenant rights and privacy	• Practicing inconsistent and ever-changing policies and procedures • Having undetermined and undistringuishable timelines for client follow up • Providing inadequate resources and space to sustain supportive services	**Per signature on current contract**

Monitor Annually for current signature accepting Housing First for Project.

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LOCAL COMPETITION SCORING TOOL
HUD 2024 NEW PROJECTS

Agency Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Type of Project: ☐ PHS   ☐ RRH   ☐ Joint TH-RR

(1) Maximum points available for: (circle the one for this project)

PHS	100
RRH	100
J-TH-RR	100

(2) Maximum points available for **objective criteria** for this project: **45 points**

10	Cost effectiveness:
10	Match:
10	Leverage:
10	Type of population served (DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homlesssness):
5	Type of housing proposed: (PSH, RRH)

(3) Maximum points available for past experience in providing federal or state funded housing projects: **30 points**

10	PHS
10	RRH
10	TH

(3) Maximum points available for projects that addressed specific **severe barriers** to housing and services: **25 points**

For element #4 – barriers include:

2 points: High priority of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities

2 points:	History of victimization/abuse including domestic abuse, sexual assault, and childhood abuse
2 points:	Length of time homeless
2 points:	Low income
2 points:	No income
3 points:	Only project of its kind in our CoC's geographic area serving a special homeless population/subpopulation (for your county)
2 points:	Risk of continued homelessness
2 points:	Significant challenges or functional impariments, including physical, mental, developmental or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support to maintain permanent housing (focuses on the level of support needed not disability type)
2 points:	Substance absue – current or past
2 points:	Unsheltered homelessness – especially youth and children
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2 points:	Vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work

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LOCAL COMPETITION SCORING TOOL
HUD 2024 RENEWAL PROJECTS

Agency Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Type of Project: ☐ PHS   ☐ RRH   ☐ TH   ☐ SSO   ☐ Joint TH-RR

(1) Maximum points available for: (circle the one for this project)

PHS	100
RRH	100
TH	100
SSO	100
J-TH-RR	100

(2) Maximum points available for **objective criteria** for this project: **45 points**

5	Cost effectiveness: is the cost being utlilized properly	yes	no
5	Draws are current: are you current on your draws	yes	no
5	Utilization rate: what is the average utilization rate for one year	_____	
5	Match % meets requiremnt: do you have documentation to meet the % of match	yes	no
5	Leverage: do you have documentation to meet your leverage (if any) in your application	yes	no
10	Performance data (HMIS): is your data entry current	yes	no
5	Type of population served: circle all that appply (DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homlesssness):		
5	Type of housing proposed: circle one (PSH, RRH)		

(3) Maximum points available for **system performance** criteria for this project: **30 points**

10	Exits to permanent housing:
10	Retention of permanent housing:
5	Length of time homeless:
5	Returns to homelessness:

(4) Maximum points available for projects that addressed specific **severe barriers** to housing and services in the past three years: **25 points**

For element #4 – barriers include:

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1 serve   1 prioritize: History of victimization/abuse including domestic abuse, sexual assault, and childhood abuse

1 serve   1 prioritize: Length of time homeless

1 serve   1 prioritize: Low income

1 serve   1 prioritize: No income

1 serve   1 prioritize: Risk of continued homelessness

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1 serve   1 prioritize: Unsheltered homelessness – especially youth and children

1 serve   1 prioritize: Vulernability to illness or death

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3 points: Only project of its kind in our CoC's geographic area serving a special homeless population/subpopulation (for your county)

(5) Data from most currently submitted APR used to score renewal projects.

CSCoC HUD 2024 COMPETITIVE PROJECTS

PRIORITY LISTING

Renewals

Ranking Tier 1	Applicant Name	Project Name	Grant #	Type	Amount	Score	# Served
	Sierra Hope	Sierra Hope PSH-1	CA0320L9T262313	PH	$ 51,790	93	4
	ATCAA	SH PSH 2023	CA0989L9T262311	PH	$ 23,808	86	2
	ATCAA	Tuol PSH 2023	CA1332L9T262308	PH	$ 41,387	84	4
	Sierra Hope	Calaveras RRH	CA1428L9T262306	PH	$135,405	95	26
	County of Mariposa	CA1486L9T262207 Jan-Dec	CA1486L9T262308	PH	$ 75,970	82	20
	ATCAA	HMIS 2023	CA1587L9T262307	HMIS	$ 50,000		
	ATCAA	TRC RR 2023	CA1588L9T262307	PH	$ 69,032	83	19

$447,392

New

Ranking	Applicant Name	Project Name	Type	Amount		
	ATCAA	TRC RR Expansion	Expansion 12% Bonus	$53,687	69	4 units

Planning

No Ranking	Applicant Name	Project Name	Amount
	ATCAA	Planning 2024	$50,000

$551,079

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LOCAL COMPETITION SCORING TOOL
HUD 2024 RENEWAL PROJECTS

Agency Name: Mariposa County Health and Human Services

Project Name: Permanent Supportive Housing

Type of Project: ☒ PHS ☐ RRH ☐ TH ☐ SSO ☐ Joint TH-RR

(1) Maximum points available for: (circle the one for this project)

PHS	100
RRH	100
TH	100
SSO	100
J-TH-RR	100

(2) Maximum points available for **objective criteria** for this project: **45 points**

5	Cost effectiveness: is the cost being utlilized properly	yes	no
5	Draws are current: are you current on your draws	yes	no
5	Utilization rate: what is the average utilization rate for one year	90%	
5	Match % meets requiremnt: do you have documentation to meet the % of match	yes	no
5	Leverage: do you have documentation to meet your leverage (if any) in your application	yes	no
10	Performance data (HMIS): is your data entry current	yes	no
5	Type of population served: circle all that appply (DV) youth, (Veterans, chronic homlesssness):		
5	Type of housing proposed: circle one (PSH) RRH)		

(3) Maximum points available for **system performance** criteria for this project: **30 points**

10	Exits to permanent housing:	10
10	Retention of permanent housing:	10
5	Length of time homeless:	5
5	Returns to homelessness:	5

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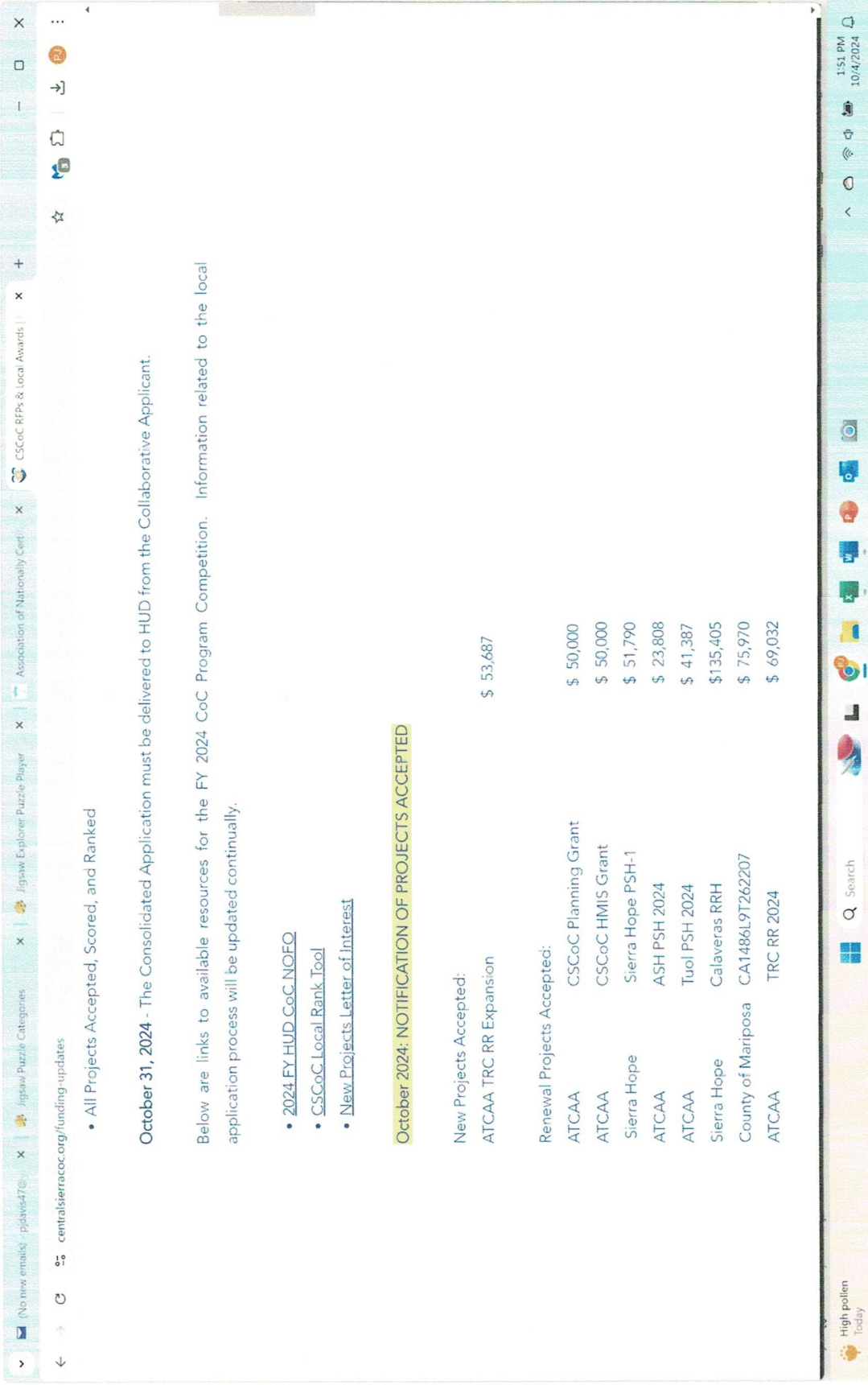209-223-1485 x263
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NOTIFICATION OF PROJECTS REJECTED

There were no proejects rejected.

HUD 2024 Consolidted Application

- All Projects Accepted, Scored, and Ranked

October 31, 2024 - The Consolidated Application must be delivered to HUD from the Collaborative Applicant. Information related to the local application process will be updated continually.

- 2024 FY HUD CoC NOFO
- CSCoC Local Rank Tool
- New Projects Letter of Interest

October 2024: NOTIFICATION OF PROJECTS ACCEPTED

New Projects Accepted:

ATCAA	TRC RR Expansion	$ 53,687

Renewal Projects Accepted:

ATCAA	CSCoC Planning Grant	$ 50,000
ATCAA	CSCoC HMIS Grant	$ 50,000
Sierra Hope	Sierra Hope PSH-1	$ 51,790
ATCAA	ASH PSH 2024	$ 23,808
ATCAA	Tuol PSH 2024	$ 41,387
Sierra Hope	Calaveras RRH	$135,405
County of Mariposa	CA1486L9T262207	$ 75,970
ATCAA	TRC RR 2024	$ 69,032

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CSCoC Requests for Proposals and Awards FUNDING CALENDAR

HUD FY 2024 Continuum of Care Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity

TIMELINE

July 31, 2024 – HUD released the CoC Continuum of Care Competition Grants NOFO.

July 2024 - The CoC Application, CoC Priority Listing, and Project Applications made available in e-snaps.

September 2024 - CSCoC Renewal or New Project Applications DUE to CSCoC

- New and renewal projects are due in e-snaps September 23, 2024
- New projects Letter of Interest by August 20th
- New and renewal projects in esnaps by Sept 23rd
- Review and Rank for Tier 1 and Tier 2 Sept 30th
- CSCoC Gov Bd approval Project Priority Oct 7
- Notice to applicants Rejected or Reduced Oct 15
- CSCoC Gov Bd approval full Consolidated Application Oct 23
- Submit Oct 25

August/September 2024 - CSCoC RFP process

- Projects accepted by CSCoC to include in HUD CoC 2024 Application
- Projects rejected or reduced

September 2024 – The CSCoC Board approves the Priority Listing and Consolidated Application

- CSCoC HUD CoC 2024 Application
- Priority Listing
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Below are links to available resources for the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition. Information related to the local application process will be updated continually.

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HUD FY 2023 Continuum of Care Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity

TIMELINE

July 5, 2023 – HUD released the CoC Continuum of Care Competition Grants NOFO.

July 2023 - The CoC Application, CoC Priority Listing, and Project Applications made available in e-snaps.

August 2023 - CSCoC Renewal or New Project Applications DUE to CSCoC

August/September 2023 - CSCoC RFP process
- Projects accepted by CSCoC to include in HUD CoC 2023 Application
- Projects rejected or reduced

September 2023 – The CSCoC Board approves the Priority Listing and Consolidated Application
- CSCoC HUD CoC 2023 Application
- Priority Listing
- All Projects Accepted, Scored, and Ranked

September 28, 2023 - The Consolidated Application must be delivered to HUD from the Collaborative Applicant.

Below are links to available resources for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition. Information related to the local application process will be updated continually.

- 2023 FY HUD CoC NOFO
- CSCoC Local Rank Tool

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program

HHAP is a grant that provides local jurisdictions, including federally recognized tribal governments, with flexible funding to continue efforts to end and prevent homelessness in their communities.

HHAP Round 5 NOFO: released 9/29/23

HUD 2024 Projects Accepted

From: PJ Davis (pjdavis47@yahoo.com)

To: dcloward@atcaa.org; admin@sierrahope.org; abrum@mariposacounty.org; awoodward@mariposacounty.org

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 12:37 PM PDT

Hello all:

Below please see your Notice of Projects Accepted for the HUD 2024 Consolidated Application.

The Ranking Order will come later - after the CSCoC Governing Board approves the recommendation of the Review and Rank Committee.

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Thanks,
PJ Davis

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Certification of Consistency
with the Consolidated Plan

**U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development**

I certify that the proposed activities/projects in the application are consistent with the jurisdiction's current, approved Con   solidated Plan.
(Type or clearly print the following information:)

Applicant Name: Central Sierra Continuum of Care CA - 526

Project Name: See Attached Page

Location of the Project: See Attached Page

Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties

Name of the Federal
Program to which the
applicant is applying: HUD Continuum of Care Program FY 2024

Name of
Certifying Jurisdiction: State of California - Dept. of Housing and Community Development

Certifying Official
of the Jurisdiction
Name: Janice Waddell

Title: Assistant Deputy Director

Signature: *Janice Waddell*

Date: 09/06/2024

form **HUD-2991** (3/98)

CSCoC HUD 2024 COMPETITIVE PROJECTS

PRIORITY LISTING

Renewals

Ranking	Applicant Name	Project Name	Grant #	Type	Amount
	Sierra Hope	Sierra Hope PSH-1	CA0320L9T262313	PH	$ 51,790
	ATCAA	SH PSH 2023	CA0989L9T262311	PH	$ 23,808
	ATCAA	Tuol PSH 2023	CA1332L9T262308	PH	$ 41,387
	Sierra Hope	Calaveras RRH	CA1428L9T262306	PH	$135,405
	County of Mariposa	CA1486L9T262207 Jan-Dec	CA1486L9T262308	PH	$ 75,970
	ATCAA	HMIS 2023	CA1587L9T262307	HMIS	$ 50,000
	ATCAA	TRC RR 2023	CA1588L9T262307	PH	$ 69,032

New

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	ATCAA	TRC RR Expansion	Expansion 12% Bonus	$53,687

Planning

No Ranking	Applicant Name	Project Name	Amount
	ATCAA	Planning 2024	$50,000