Before Starting the CoC Application

The CoC Consolidated Application is made up of two parts: the CoC Application and the CoC Priority Listing, with all of the CoC's project applications either approved and ranked, or rejected. The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for submitting both the CoC Application and the CoC Priority Listing in order for the CoC Consolidated Application to be considered complete.

The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for: - Reviewing the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA in its entirety for specific application and program requirements.

- Using the CoC Application Detailed Instructions while completing the application in e-snaps.

- Answering all questions in the CoC application. It is the responsibility of the Collaborative Applicant to ensure that all imported and new responses in all parts of the application are fully reviewed and completed. When doing this keep in mind:

- This year, CoCs will see that a few responses have been imported from the FY 2015 CoC Application.

- For some of the questions HUD has provided documents to assist Collaborative Applicants in completing responses.

- For other questions, the Collaborative Applicant must be aware of responses provided by - Some questions require the Collaborative Applicant to attach a document to receive credit.

This will be identified in the question.

- All questions marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory and must be completed in order to submit the CoC Application.

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1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2016 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

1A-1. CoC Name and Number:	MN-503 - Dakota, Anoka, Washington, Scott, Carver Counties CoC	
1A-1. CoC Name and Number:		cott,

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:	Washington County Housing and Redevelopment
	Authority

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead:

1B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Engagement

Instructions:

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1B-1. From the list below, select those organizations and persons that participate in CoC meetings. Then select "Yes" or "No" to indicate if CoC meeting participants are voting members or if they sit on the CoC Board. Only select "Not Applicable" if the organization or person does not exist in the CoC's geographic area.

Organization/Person Categories	Participates in CoC Meetings	Votes, including electing CoC Board	Sits on CoC Board
Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	No
Law Enforcement	Yes	No	No
Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	No
Hospital(s)	Yes	No	No
EMT/Crisis Response Team(s)	No	No	No
Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	No	No
Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	No
CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	No
Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	No
Youth advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
Agencies that serve survivors of human trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	No

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1B-1a. Describe in detail how the CoC solicits and considers the full range of opinions from individuals or organizations with knowledge of homelessness or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness in the geographic area. Please provide two examples of organizations or individuals from the list in 1B-1 to answer this question.

All CoC committees sub-committees, and workgroups are comprised of a robust range of community stakeholders representing interests that are committed to ending homelessness. The CoC regularly reviews membership participation & conducts outreach to those in under-represented groups. The CoC's governance & voting procedures (reviewed annually) provide equal representation among all interests & ensure all opinions are heard. In 2016 the CoC held its first ever annual community meeting to inform members of efforts to end homelessness and solicit feedback on unmet needs and emerging trends. The annual meeting was attended by over 50 people representing over 25 community organizations. One example of leveraging community expertise is having representation from a mental health service organization on our Coordinated Entry Work Group. This helps to alleviate gaps between the mental health system and the CoC's Coordinated Entry system. Another example

1B-1b. List Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)-funded and other youth homeless assistance providers (CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded) who operate within the CoC's geographic area. Then select "Yes" or "No" to indicate if each provider is a voting member or sits on the CoC Board.

Youth Service Provider (up to 10)	RHY Funded?	Participated as a Voting Member in at least two CoC Meetings between July 1, 2015 and June 20, 2016.	
The Link	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scott Caver Dakota CAP	Yes	Yes	Yes
Salvation Army	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lutheran Social Services	Yes	Yes	Yes
Canvas Health	No	Yes	Yes
Launch Ministry	No	Yes	No
YMCA	No	Yes	No
Hope4Youth	No	Yes	No
The Bridge		Yes	No

1B-1c. List the victim service providers (CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded) who operate within the CoC's geographic area.

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Then select "Yes" or "No" to indicate if each provider is a voting member or sits on the CoC Board.

Victim Service Provider for Survivors of Domestic Violence (up to 10)	Participated as a Voting Member in at least two CoC Meetings between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016	Sat on CoC Board as active member or official at any point between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.
Alexandra House	Yes	No
Lewis House	Yes	Yes
Tubman	No	No
The Link	Yes	No

1B-2. Explain how the CoC is open to proposals from entities that have not previously received funds in prior CoC Program competitions, even if the CoC is not applying for new projects in 2016. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC solicits new proposals for CoC funding annually to encourage development of new projects & expand CoC resources. The CoC distributes new funding announcements thru broad distribution lists (including neighboring CoC regions) & posts on several websites. Technical assistance is offered to projects that have not previously received CoC funds. The CoC conducts a preranking process for all new applicants using an objective scoring tool approved by the CoC. This tool includes Qualifying Requirements to determine applicant eligibility, Project Design (leverage, service model, geographic coverage, etc), & Model-Specific Criteria (Housing 1st for PH, prioritization of subpopulations, etc). This year, the CoC prioritized Coordinated Entry & cast a broad net to seek new providers. 2 projects, including 1 new applicant, submitted pre-applications. All pre-applications, regardless of pre-ranking, are invited to submit an application for funding through e-snaps.

1B-3. How often does the CoC invite new Quarterly members to join the CoC through a publicly available invitation?

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1C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordination

Instructions:

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1C-1. Does the CoC coordinate with Federal, State, Local, private and other entities serving homeless individuals and families and those at risk of homelessness in the planning, operation and funding of projects? Only select "Not Applicable" if the funding source does not exist within the CoC's geographic area.

Funding or Program Source	Coordinates with Planning, Operation and Funding of Projects
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
Head Start Program	Yes
Housing and service programs funded through Federal, State and local government resources.	Yes

1C-2. The McKinney-Vento Act, requires CoC's to participate in the Consolidated Plan(s) (Con Plan(s)) for the geographic area served by the CoC. The CoC Program Interim rule at 24 CFR 578.7 (c) (4) requires the CoC to provide information required to complete the Con Plan(s) within the CoC's geographic area, and 24 CFR 91.100(a)(2)(i) and 24 CFR 91.110 (b)(2) requires the State and local Con Plan jurisdiction(s) consult with the CoC. The following chart asks for the information about CoC and Con Plan jurisdiction coordination, as well as CoC and ESG recipient coordination.

CoCs can use the CoCs and Consolidated Plan Jurisdiction Crosswalk to assist in answering this question.

	Number
Number of Con Plan jurisdictions with whom the CoC geography overlaps	5
How many Con Plan jurisdictions did the CoC participate with in their Con Plan development process?	5
How many Con Plan jurisdictions did the CoC provide with Con Plan jurisdiction level PIT data?	5
How many of the Con Plan jurisdictions are also ESG recipients?	2
How many ESG recipients did the CoC participate with to make ESG funding decisions?	2
How many ESG recipients did the CoC consult with in the development of ESG performance standards and evaluation process for ESG funded activities?	2

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1C-2a. Based on the responses provided in 1C-2, describe in greater detail how the CoC participates with the Consolidated Plan jurisdiction(s) located in the CoC's geographic area and include the frequency and type of interactions between the CoC and the Consolidated Plan jurisdiction(s). (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC has regular participation and active involvement with all five Con Plan jurisdictions. For the State Con Plan jurisdictions, the CoC meets with State staff, HUD staff, and CoC staff for two hours monthly. Staff from Con plan jurisdictions are active on the CoC board, subcommittees, and in local Heading Home committees. The CoC provides input during the development of the Con Plan, including providing data on homelessness, PIT survey data, and CoC identified funding priorities. There is regular phone and email contact at least weekly between Con Plan jurisdiction staff (1 hour weekly) and the CoC on projects of interest and in-person attendance at CoC Board and subcommittee meetings (4 hours monthly).

1C-2b. Based on the response in 1C-2, describe how the CoC is working with ESG recipients to determine local ESG funding decisions and how the CoC assists in the development of performance standards and evaluation of outcomes for ESG-funded activities. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC engages ESG recipients including agencies that receive direct allocations (Dakota CDA) and State recipients in developing plans, funding decisions, performance standards & evaluating outcomes. For State ESG recipients CoC members who do not have a conflict participate in scoring & ranking recommendations. State ESG performance standards were developed with CoC representatives from around the state, & reflect the purpose of ESG shelter, prevention & rapid re-housing funds to 1) keep people safely sheltered, 2) re-house homeless persons, & 3) ensure persons are stably housed. Performance reports are sent to the CoC's Data and Evaluation Committee for review of sub-recipient performance. The CoC has collaborated with all ESG recipients to create written standards that define practices for all ESG funded programs within the CoC. The CoC regularly discusses & evaluates the role of ESG-funding within its homeless response system utilizing CE and HMIS data.

1C-3. Describe how the CoC coordinates with victim service providers and non-victim service providers (CoC Program funded and non-CoC funded) to ensure that survivors of domestic violence are provided housing and services that provide and maintain safety and security. Responses must address how the service providers ensure and maintain the safety and security of participants and how client choice is upheld. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC actively coordinates with victim service providers, has voting members from domestic violence shelters and ensures victims are served safely, quickly and respectfully with victim services and homeless assistance programs. The CoC coordinates with victim services providers through Day One, the MN Coalition for Battered Women and MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault. When

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a victim presents to a victim services provider, they are connected to CE to ensure rapid access to an assessment and safety-focused referral. When a victim presents to a homeless assistance provider, they are immediately assessed and connected to the victim's services network through the Day One system for immediate placement into the safest available spot. Client choice is upheld by utilizing victim centered and trauma informed practices as well as through respectful and safe CE system policies, such as preserving the victims' place on the priority list while choosing a safe housing resource.

1C-4. List each of the Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) within the CoC's geographic area. If there are more than 5 PHAs within the CoC's geographic area, list the 5 largest PHAs. For each PHA, provide the percentage of new admissions that were homeless at the time of admission between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 and indicate whether the PHA has a homeless admissions preference in its Public Housing and/or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.

Public Housing Agency Name	% New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program from 7/1/15 to 6/30/16 who were homeless at entry	PHA has General or Limited Homeless Preference
Dakota CDA	0.00%	No
Scott CDA	0.00%	No
Carver CDA	0.00%	No
Washington CDA	0.00%	No
Scott Carver Dakota CAP	0.00%	Yes-HCV

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

1C-5. Other than CoC, ESG, Housing Choice Voucher Programs and Public Housing, describe other subsidized or low-income housing opportunities that exist within the CoC that target persons experiencing homelessness.

(limit 1000 characters)

There are several housing opportunities within the CoC that target persons experiencing homelessness, including private market apartments that utilize State funding sources, such as Group Residential Housing (GRH) which require tenants to be homeless and tax credit projects with homeless units. The CoC also has State funded homeless and prevention assistance funding that provides rent assistance to prevent homelessness and rehouse persons who are homeless. Other resources that house homeless persons include Bridges vouchers, State funded transitional housing (OEO), and new private developments that include designated homeless units. 7 new affordable housing developments are in the plans for 2016/2017 with a total of 409 affordable units. There are an additional 34 supportive housing units and 33 long term homeless units planned for the upcoming year.

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1C-6. Select the specific strategies implemented by the CoC to ensure that homelessness is not criminalized in the CoC's geographic area. Select all that apply.

Engaged/educated local policymakers:	X
Engaged/educated law enforcement:	x
Implemented communitywide plans:	x
No strategies have been implemented	
Other:(limit 1000 characters)	

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1D. Continuum of Care (CoC) Discharge Planning

Instructions:

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1D-1. Select the system(s) of care within the CoC's geographic area for which there is a discharge policy in place that is mandated by the State, the CoC, or another entity for the following institutions? Check all that apply.

Foster Care:	X
Health Care:	X
Mental Health Care:	X
Correctional Facilities:	X
None:	

1D-2. Select the system(s) of care within the CoC's geographic area with which the CoC actively coordinates with to ensure institutionalized persons that have resided in each system of care for longer than 90 days are not discharged into homelessness. Check all that apply.

Foster Care:	x
Health Care:	x
Mental Health Care:	x
Correctional Facilities:	x
None:	

1D-2a. If the applicant did not check all boxes in 1D-2, explain why there is no coordination with the institution(s) that were not selected and explain how the CoC plans to coordinate with the institution(s) to ensure persons

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discharged are not discharged into homelessness. (limit 1000 characters)

Not applicable

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1E. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment (Coordinated Entry)

Instructions:

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The CoC Program Interim Rule requires CoCs to establish a Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System which HUD refers to as the Coordinated Entry Process. Based on the recent Coordinated Entry Policy Brief, HUD's primary goals for the coordinated entry process are that assistance be allocated as effectively as possible and that it be easily accessible no matter where or how people present for assistance.

1E-1. Explain how the CoC's coordinated entry process is designed to identify, engage, and assist homeless individuals and families that will ensure those who request or need assistance are connected to proper housing and services. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC has 4 CE steps and uses outreach & community education to ensure all persons in housing crisis are identified and aware of access points. Step 1 is a common assessment tool that addresses the safety of the household (HH) and triages HHs who can be diverted from homelessness from those who will become homeless. HHs who are homeless are referred to shelter & Step 2. Step 2 uses VI-SPDAT to identify housing stability barriers. HHs receive a score indicating the type of housing that best fits the HH's needs. Step 2 uses supplemental questions to identify eligibility & client preference to ensure appropriate referrals. Assessments are administered by a trained assessor. Step 3 puts HHs onto a priority list based on assessment score & date. The priority list is managed by CoC designated staff. Step 4 refers HHs to a housing provider. Once a referral has been made, the provider contacts the HH w/in 72 hours to obtain documentation for admission.

1E-2. CoC Program and ESG Program funded projects are required to participate in the coordinated entry process, but there are many other organizations and individuals who may participate but are not required to do so. From the following list, for each type of organization or individual, select all of the applicable checkboxes that indicate how that organization or individual participates in the CoC's coordinated entry process. If there are other organizations or persons who participate but are not on this list, enter the information in the blank text box, click "Save" at the bottom of

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the screen.	and then select the	applicable	checkboxes.
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Organization/Person Categories	Participate s in Ongoing Planning and Evaluation	Makes Referrals to the Coordinate d Entry Process	Receives Referrals from the Coordinate d Entry Process	Operates Access Point for Coordinate d Entry Process	Participate s in Case Conferenci ng	Does not Participate	Does not Exist
Local Government Staff/Officials	x	x	x	x	x		
CDBG/HOME/Entitlement Jurisdiction	x	x		x	x		
Law Enforcement	x	x		x	x		
Local Jail(s)	x	x					
Hospital(s)	x	x			X		
EMT/Crisis Response Team(s)	x	x			X		
Mental Health Service Organizations	x	x	x	x	x		
Substance Abuse Service Organizations	x	x	x		x		
Affordable Housing Developer(s)	x		x				
Public Housing Authorities	x	x	x	x	x		
Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	x	x	x	x	x		
School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	x	x			x		
Non-CoC Funded Victim Service Organizations	x	x	x	x	x		
Street Outreach Team(s)	x	x		x	x		
Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	x	x			X		

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

Instructions

Need for specialized population services:

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2016 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

1F-1. For all renewal project applications submitted in the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition complete the chart below regarding the CoC's review of the Annual Performance Report(s).

How many renewal project applications were submitted in the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition?	
How many of the renewal project applications are first time renewals for which the first operating year has not expired yet?	2
How many renewal project application APRs were reviewed by the CoC as part of the local CoC competition project review, ranking, and selection process for the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition?	23
Percentage of APRs submitted by renewing projects within the CoC that were reviewed by the CoC in the 2016 CoC Competition?	100.00%

1F-2 - In the sections below, check the appropriate box(es) for each selection to indicate how project applications were reviewed and ranked for the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition. Written documentation of the CoC's publicly announced Rating and Review procedure must be attached.

Performance outcomes from APR reports/HMIS:	
% permanent housing exit destinations	X
% increases in income	X
Monitoring criteria:	
Utilization rates	X
Drawdown rates	X
Frequency or Amount of Funds Recaptured by HUD	X

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Youth	X
Victims of Domestic Violence	X
Families with Children	X
Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness	X
Veterans	X

None:	

1F-2a. Describe how the CoC considered the severity of needs and vulnerabilities of participants that are, or will be, served by the project applications when determining project application priority. (limit 1000 characters)

1)The CoC established an objective scoring tool that rewards projects for prioritizing CH, reducing barriers, & meeting or exceeding performance measures. During ranking, score was initially reviewed for each project applicant, low barrier service model was the second consideration prior to developing a rank order. 2)CoC policy addresses client vulnerability thru the adoption of HUD Notice CPD-16-11, CE prioritization of homeless Veterans, & adoption of VI-SPDAT—CE scoring tool which assesses the needs & vulnerabilities of HHs (ie victims, criminal record, LGBTQ). 3)Based upon PIT/CE data, priority determined for: 1-CE projects (since CE capacity is so vital to identifying & meeting vulnerabilities of HHs) 2-single adult RRH and 2-family RRH. Also, in the determination for Tier 2 priority, additional population vulnerability consideration to keep the hardest to serve in Tier 1 if at all possible.

1F-3. Describe how the CoC made the local competition review, ranking, and selection criteria publicly available, and identify the public medium(s) used and the date(s) of posting. Evidence of the public posting must be attached.

(limit 750 characters)

The CoC created an application process outlining the selection criteria for new and renewal projects, project evaluation and scoring, and a timeline for applications. On July 27, 2016 the CoC emailed a broad list was to share details on the review, ranking, and selection criteria. The CoC utilized this email list to share information and gather feedback throughout the development of the review, ranking and selection criteria. The Project Ranking Committee met on 3 occasions to review and rank the projects and shared this information with community stakeholders. The final results of the ranking and process used were posted on the CoC's webpage on August 31, 2016.

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1F-4. On what date did the CoC and 09/08/2016 Collaborative Applicant publicly post all parts of the FY 2016 CoC Consolidated Application that included the final project application ranking? (Written documentation of the public posting, with the date of the posting clearly visible, must be attached. In addition, evidence of communicating decisions to the CoC's full membership must be attached).

- 1F-5. Did the CoC use the reallocation Yes process in the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition to reduce or reject projects for the creation of new projects? (If the CoC utilized the reallocation process, evidence of the public posting of the reallocation process must be attached.)
- 1F-5a. If the CoC rejected project application(s), on what date did the CoC and Collaborative Applicant notify those project applicants that their project application was rejected? (If project applications were rejected, a copy of the written notification to each project applicant must be attached.)
- 1F-6. In the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) Yes is the CoC's FY 2016 CoC's FY 2016 Priority Listing equal to or less than the ARD on the final HUD-approved FY2016 GIW?

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1G. Continuum of Care (CoC) Addressing Project Capacity

Instructions

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2016 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

1G-1. Describe how the CoC monitors the performance of CoC Program recipients. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC monitors performance of CoC Program recipients through the Data & Evaluation Committee comprised of CoC members that reports to the Governing Board. The committee reviews performance utilizes a monitoring tools that looks at 1) performance measures: utilization rates; increasing housing stability; participant eligibility; length of time homeless; destination upon program exit; increasing participant income; & connecting program participants to mainstream benefits quarterly; 2) review of project capacity: timely submission of APRs; draw downs; unspent funds from LOCCs reports; HUD field office audits and findings annually; & 3) evaluation of participation in Coordinated Entry (time from referral to housing, referral denials, returns to homelessness) from data collected through the CE system. Findings of project underperformance are shared with the Governing Board and may lead to technical assistance monitored through a quality improvement plan, and/or partial/full reallocation.

1G-2. Did the Collaborative Applicant include Yes accurately completed and appropriately signed form HUD-2991(s) for all project applications submitted on the CoC Priority Listing?

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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

Intructions:

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2016 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

responsibilities of the CoC and the HMIS Lead, either within the Charter itself or by reference to a separate document like an MOU/MOA? In all cases, the CoC's Governance Charter must be attached to receive credit, In addition, if applicable, any separate document, like an MOU/MOA, must also be attached to receive credit.

2A-1a. Include the page number where the roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead can be found in the attached document referenced in 2A-1. In addition, in the textbox indicate if the page number applies to the CoC's attached governance charter or attached MOU/MOA.

2A-2. Does the CoC have a HMIS Policies and Yes Procedures Manual? If yes, in order to receive credit the HMIS Policies and Procedures Manual must be attached to the CoC Application.

2A-3. Are there agreements in place that Yes outline roles and responsibilities between the HMIS Lead and the Contributing HMIS Organization (CHOs)?

2A-4. What is the name of the HMIS software Bowman Systems

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used by the CoC (e.g., ABC Software)?

2A-5. What is the name of the HMIS software Institute for Community Alliances vendor (e.g., ABC Systems)?

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2B. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Funding Sources

Instructions

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2016 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

2B-1. Select the HMIS implementation Statewide coverage area:

* 2B-2. In the charts below, enter the amount of funding from each funding source that contributes to the total HMIS budget for the CoC.

2B-2.1 Funding Type: Federal - HUD

Funding Source	Funding
CoC	
ESG	
CDBG	
НОМЕ	
НОРЖА	
Federal - HUD - Total Amount	\$0

2B-2.2 Funding Type: Other Federal

Funding Source	Funding
Department of Education	
Department of Health and Human Services	
Department of Labor	
Department of Agriculture	
Department of Veterans Affairs	
Other Federal	
Other Federal - Total Amount	\$0

2B-2.3 Funding Type: State and Local

Funding Source		Funding
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City	
County	
State	
State and Local - Total Amount	\$0

2B-2.4 Funding Type: Private

Funding Source	Funding
Individual	
Organization	
Private - Total Amount	\$0

2B-2.5 Funding Type: Other

Funding Source	Funding
Participation Fees	
Other - Total Amount	

2B-2.6 Total Budget for Operating Year	\$0
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2C. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Bed Coverage

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2016 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

2C-1. Enter the date the CoC submitted the 05/02/2016 2016 HIC data in HDX, (mm/dd/yyyy):

2C-2. Per the 2016 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) Indicate the number of beds in the 2016 HIC and in HMIS for each project type within the CoC. If a particular project type does not exist in the CoC then enter "0" for all cells in that project type.

Project Type	Total Beds in 2016 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
Emergency Shelter (ESG) beds	289	85	190	93.14%
Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
Transitional Housing (TH) beds	201	0		0.00%
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	260	2		0.00%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	692	0		0.00%
Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	14	0		0.00%

2C-2a. If the bed coverage rate for any project type is below 85 percent, describe how the CoC plans to increase the bed coverage rate for each of these project types in the next 12 months. (limit 1000 characters)

Not applicable

2C-3. If any of the project types listed in question 2C-2 above have a coverage rate below 85 percent, and some or all of these rates can be attributed to beds covered by one of the following program types, please indicate that here by selecting all that apply from the list below.

VA Grant per diem (VA GPD):	
VASH:	

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Faith-Based projects/Rescue mission:	
Youth focused projects:	
Voucher beds (non-permanent housing):	
HOPWA projects:	
Not Applicable:	

2C-4. How often does the CoC review or Quarterly assess its HMIS bed coverage?

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2D. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Quality

Instructions:

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2D-1. Indicate the percentage of unduplicated client records with null or missing values and the percentage of "Client Doesn't Know" or "Client Refused" within the last 10 days of January 2016.

Universal Data Element	Percentage Null or Missing	Percentage Client Doesn't Know or Refused
3.1 Name	4%	2%
3.2 Social Security Number	4%	13%
3.3 Date of birth	4%	0%
3.4 Race	4%	1%
3.5 Ethnicity	5%	0%
3.6 Gender	4%	0%
3.7 Veteran status	2%	0%
3.8 Disabling condition	1%	2%
3.9 Residence prior to project entry	2%	0%
3.10 Project Entry Date	0%	0%
3.11 Project Exit Date	0%	0%
3.12 Destination	0%	0%
3.15 Relationship to Head of Household	12%	0%
3.16 Client Location	5%	0%
3.17 Length of time on street, in an emergency shelter, or safe haven	12%	0%

2D-2. Identify which of the following reports your HMIS generates. Select all that apply:

CoC Annual Performance Report (APR):			X
ESG Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CA	APER):		X
Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) table shells:			X
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None

2D-3. If you submitted the 2016 AHAR, how 7 many AHAR tables (i.e., ES-ind, ES-family, etc) were accepted and used in the last AHAR?

2D-4. How frequently does the CoC review Quarterly data quality in the HMIS?

2D-5. Select from the dropdown to indicate if Project standardized HMIS data quality reports are generated to review data quality at the CoC level, project level, or both.

2D-6. From the following list of federal partner programs, select the ones that are currently using the CoC's HMIS.

VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF):	x
VA Grant and Per Diem (GPD):	
Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY):	x
Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH):	x
None:	

2D-6a. If any of the Federal partner programs listed in 2D-6 are not currently entering data in the CoC's HMIS and intend to begin entering data in the next 12 months, indicate the Federal partner program and the anticipated start date. (limit 750 characters)

Not applicable

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

Instructions:

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The data collected during the PIT count is vital for both CoC's and HUD. HUD needs accurate data to understand the context and nature of homelessness throughout the country, and to provide Congressand the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) with information regarding services provided, gaps in service, and performance. Accurate, high quality data is vital to inform Congress' funding decisions.

2E-1. Did the CoC approve the final sheltered Yes PIT count methodology for the 2016 sheltered PIT count?

2E-2. Indicate the date of the most recent 01/28/2016 sheltered PIT count: (mm/dd/yyyy)

2E-2a. If the CoC conducted the sheltered PIT Not Applicable count outside of the last 10 days of January 2016, was an exception granted by HUD?

2E-3. Enter the date the CoC submitted the 05/02/2016 sheltered PIT count data in HDX: (mm/dd/yyyy)

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2F. Continuum of Care (CoC) Sheltered Point-in-Time (PIT) Count: Methods

Instructions:

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2F-1. Indicate the method(s) used to count sheltered homeless persons during the 2016 PIT count:

Complete Census Count:	X
Random sample and extrapolation:	
Non-random sample and extrapolation:	

2F-2. Indicate the methods used to gather and calculate subpopulation data for sheltered homeless persons:

HMIS:	X
HMIS plus extrapolation:	
Interview of sheltered persons:	X
Sample of PIT interviews plus extrapolation:	

2F-3. Provide a brief description of your CoC's sheltered PIT count methodology and describe why your CoC selected its sheltered PIT count methodology. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC's sheltered PIT count methodology was developed in collaboration with the State Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, who provided technical assistance in designing the survey and reaching all shelter providers. It was a

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complete census count using two primary methods that collected uniform data: 1) HMIS reports for persons staying in shelters on the night of the PIT survey, and 2) in-person interviews of persons staying in shelters that do not utilize HMIS. Surveys given in person were either trained staff or volunteers who were provided with detailed instructions and technical support to ensure data was accurate. Surveys were de-duplicated by first name and last initial to ensure an accurate count of sheltered persons. The CoC selected this methodology as it ensures complete coverage and provides an accurate count utilizing current HMIS data.

2F-4. Describe any change in methodology from your sheltered PIT count in 2015 to 2016, including any change in sampling or extrapolation method, if applicable. Do not include information on changes to the implementation of your sheltered PIT count methodology (e.g., enhanced training or change in partners participating in the PIT count). (limit 1000 characters)

Not applicable

2F-5. Did your CoC change its provider No coverage in the 2016 sheltered count?

2F-5a. If "Yes" in 2F-5, then describe the change in provider coverage in the 2016 sheltered count. (limit 750 characters)

Not applicable

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2G. Continuum of Care (CoC) Sheltered Point-in-Time (PIT) Count: Data Quality

Instructions:

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2G-1. Indicate the methods used to ensure the quality of the data collected during the sheltered PIT count:

Training:	x
Follow-up:	x
HMIS:	X
Non-HMIS de-duplication techniques:	X

2G-2. Describe any change to the way your CoC implemented its sheltered PIT count from 2015 to 2016 that would change data quality, including changes to training volunteers and inclusion of any partner agencies in the sheltered PIT count planning and implementation, if applicable. Do not include information on changes to actual sheltered PIT count methodology (e.g. change in sampling or extrapolation methods). (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC is consistently working to improve our PIT count planning and implementation related to data quality. In 2016 the PIT count was conducted in alignment with The State Office to Prevent and End Homelessness as it was in 2015. This alignment allows for consistency in training. New for 2016, training was provided to sites that are not currently entering into HMIS to ensure surveys were completed accurately. The CoC was also able to connect directly with clients waiting on the Coordinated Entry Priority List to update their status and include them in our PIT count numbers.

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2H. Continuum of Care (CoC) Unsheltered Pointin-Time (PIT) Count

Instructions:

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HUD requires CoCs to conduct an unsheltered PIT count every 2 years (biennially) during the last 10 days in January; however, HUD also strongly encourages CoCs to conduct the unsheltered PIT count annually at the same time that they conduct annual sheltered PIT counts. HUD required CoCs to conduct the last biennial PIT count during the last 10 days in January 2015.

2H-1. Did the CoC approve the final Yes unsheltered PIT count methodology for the most recent unsheltered PIT count?

2H-2. Indicate the date of the most recent 01/28/2016 unsheltered PIT count (mm/dd/yyyy):

2H-2a. If the CoC conducted the unsheltered Not Applicable PIT count outside of the last 10 days of January 2016, or most recent count, was an exception granted by HUD?

2H-3. Enter the date the CoC submitted the 05/02/2016 unsheltered PIT count data in HDX (mm/dd/yyyy):

2I. Continuum of Care (CoC) Unsheltered Pointin-Time (PIT) Count: Methods

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2016 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

2I-1. Indicate the methods used to count unsheltered homeless persons during the 2016 or most recent PIT count:

Night of the count - complete census:	
Night of the count - known locations:	X
Night of the count - random sample:	
Service-based count:	x
HMIS:	

2I-2. Provide a brief descripton of your CoC's unsheltered PIT count methodology and describe why your CoC selected this unsheltered PIT count methodology. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC designed and selected the PIT count methodology to ensure survey information collected is accurate and thorough. Outreach workers are assigned to locations where persons are known to be found homeless, such as truck stops, laundromats, community meal sites, and camps. The CoC coordinates with local agencies and volunteers to ensure effective outreach in known locations where homeless persons can be reached. All surveys are completed by either professional staff working with persons who are homeless or volunteers who are trained to ensure accuracy. All people who conduct homeless surveys receive in person training and are provided with a detailed PIT guide designed by CoC Coordinators. Contact information for the interview is collected with each survey so that any inconsistencies or missing information can be checked and verified.

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2I-3. Describe any change in methodology from your unsheltered PIT count in 2015 (or 2014 if an unsheltered count was not conducted in 2015) to 2016, including any change in sampling or extrapolation method, if applicable. Do not include information on changes to implementation of your sheltered PIT count methodology (e.g., enhanced training or change in partners participating in the count). (limit 1000 characters)

Not applicable

2I-4. Has the CoC taken extra measures to Yes identify unaccompanied homeless youth in the PIT count?

2I-4a. If the response in 2I-4 was "no" describe any extra measures that are being taken to identify youth and what the CoC is doing for homeless youth. (limit 1000 characters)

Not applicable

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2J. Continuum of Care (CoC) Unsheltered Pointin-Time (PIT) Count: Data Quality

Instructions:

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2J-1. Indicate the steps taken by the CoC to ensure the quality of the data collected for the 2016 unsheltered PIT count:

Training:	x
"Blitz" count:	X
Unique identifier:	X
Survey questions:	X
Enumerator observation:	X
None:	

2J-2. Describe any change to the way the CoC implemented the unsheltered PIT count from 2015 (or 2014 if an unsheltered count was not conducted in 2015) to 2016 that would affect data quality. This includes changes to training volunteers and inclusion of any partner agencies in the unsheltered PIT count planning and implementation, if applicable. Do not include information on changes in actual methodology (e.g. change in sampling or extrapolation method). (limit 1000 characters)

As noted in the sheltered count methodology, the CoC is consistently working to improve our PIT count planning and implementation related to data quality. In 2016 the PIT count was conducted in alignment with The State Office to Prevent and End Homelessness as it was in 2015. This alignment allows for consistency in training. New for 2016, training was offered via webinar allowing easier access for volunteers to receive the training prior to the PIT count. The CoC was also able to connect directly with clients waiting on the Coordinated Entry Priority List to update their status and include them in our PIT count

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3A. Continuum of Care (CoC) System Performance

Instructions

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2016 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2016 CoC Program NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

3A-1. Performance Measure: Number of Persons Homeless - Point-in-Time Count.

* 3A-1a. Change in PIT Counts of Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons

Using the table below, indicate the number of persons who were homeless at a Point-in-Time (PIT) based on the 2015 and 2016 PIT counts as recorded in the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX).

	2015 PIT (for unsheltered count, most recent year conducted)	2016 PIT	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	608	618	10
Emergency Shelter Total	287	251	-36
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	141	160	19
Total Sheltered Count	428	411	-17
Total Unsheltered Count	180	207	27

3A-1b. Number of Sheltered Persons Homeless - HMIS. Using HMIS data, enter the number of homeless persons who were served in a sheltered environment between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015 for each category provided.

	Between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015	
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	2,077	
Emergency Shelter Total	1,852	
Safe Haven Total	0	
Transitional Housing Total	262	

3A-2. Performance Measure: First Time Homeless.

Describe the CoC's efforts to reduce the number of individuals and families who become homeless for the first time. Specifically, describe what the CoC is doing to identify risk factors of becoming homeless.

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(limit 1000 characters)

1)The CoC studies risk factors of 1st time homelessness through a 2 part annual needs assessment. 1-A survey of community providers (food shelves, housing providers, schools, police, etc) focused on barriers & type of resource needed for households to maintain stable housing. 2-Conducting focus groups with persons who access homeless prevention programs or shelter to collect their experiences & needs. 2)The CoC utilizes 211, food shelves, homeless school liaisons, etc to quickly identify households at risk of homelessness to connect them to CE & emergency services. A screening tool is utilized by CE Access Points to assess for prevention and diversion services. 3)The CoC maximizes homeless prevention/diversion funding by using State-funded Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Program, ESG, TANF Block Grant & General Assistance to fund strategies most likely to prevent 1st time homelessness (short/medium term rental assistance, utility assistance, landlord/tenant mediation, etc).

3A-3. Performance Measure: Length of Time Homeless.

Describe the CoC's efforts to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless. Specifically, describe how your CoC has reduced the average length of time homeless, including how the CoC identifies and houses individuals and families with the longest lengths of time homeless. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC is reducing length of time homeless through Coordinated Entry (CE). The CoC's CE process ensures broad awareness & rapid access to assessments that connect families to housing programs most aligned with their needs. The CoC has set performance measures for CE including length of time from identification to assessment (10 days), referral to contact (72 hrs), referral to housed (45 days). The CoC has established a program targeting clients on the priority list who are assessed with high barriers. They are connected to a housing navigator who works to address barriers while waiting for a referral to housing. This program also works on landlord engagement to increase the number of landlords willing to rent to high barrier clients. The CoC reviews HMIS data quarterly and provides to the CoC Governing Board for use in funding and policy decisions. CE prioritizes serving people with the longest histories of homeless for all programs within the CoC including CoC & ESG funded projects.

* 3A-4. Performance Measure: Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention.

In the next two questions, CoCs must indicate the success of its projects in placing persons from its projects into permanent housing.

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3A-4a. Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations:

Fill in the chart to indicate the extent to which projects exit program participants into permanent housing (subsidized or non-subsidized) or the retention of program participants in CoC Program-funded permanent supportive housing.

	Between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015
Universe: Persons in SSO, TH and PH-RRH who exited	113
Of the persons in the Universe above, how many of those exited to permanent destinations?	74
% Successful Exits	65.49%

3A-4b. Exit To or Retention Of Permanent Housing: In the chart below, CoCs must indicate the number of persons who exited from any CoC funded permanent housing project, except rapid re-housing projects, to permanent housing destinations or retained their permanent housing between October 1, 2014 and September 31, 2015.

	Between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	356
Of the persons in the Universe above, indicate how many of those remained in applicable PH projects and how many of those exited to permanent destinations?	339
% Successful Retentions/Exits	95.22%

3A-5. Performance Measure: Returns to Homelessness: Describe the CoCs efforts to reduce the rate of individuals and families who return to homelessness. Specifically, describe strategies your CoC has implemented to identify and minimize returns to homelessness, and demonstrate the use of HMIS or a comparable database to monitor and record returns to homelessness. (limit 1000 characters)

1)The CoC's System Performance Measures for 2015 indicate a total return to homelessness of 12% in 2 years. Returns after exiting PSH were only 3%, returns after exiting ES were 16%. 2)Given the data, the CoC has targeted efforts toward increasing successful ES exits. The primary tool to do this is Coordinated Entry thru rapid access to CE assessments and connection to housing supports for ES clients. CE also identifies those who are returning to homelessness. The CoC's adoption of HUD Notice CPD-16-11 ensures that priority is given to chronically homeless households. 3)Review of project performance most likely to increase and sustain housing stability has helped create improvements to service models including connection to income & mainstream resources, community supports, life skills, etc. 4)The CoC has created return to homelessness reports through the use of HMIS data. This data has informed programmatic strategies across service models

3A-6. Performance Measure: Job and Income Growth. Performance Measure: Job and Income Growth. Describe the CoC's

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specific strategies to assist CoC Program-funded projects to increase program participants' cash income from employment and nonemployment non-cash sources. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC reviews and monitors income performance measures through review of APRs and HMIS reports and supports programs that have not met performance measures. The CoC utilizes expertise of its members and partners, including employment services providers, such as Tasks Unlimited, Rise, and the Work Force Centers. Last year, the CoC worked with Dakota County, the largest RRH program in the CoC, to improve EMPLOYMENT INCOME for participants. A key strategy utilized by the project was to contract with a non-profit service provider to provide targeted employment services and comprehensive supports with the specific goal of increasing income. This strategy was successful and led to increase in employment income and

non-employment income. CoC strategies to increase NON-EMPLOYMENT INCOME are to use SOAR trainings to increase staff capacity and assist people enrolling in SSI and SSDI.

3A-6a. Describe how the CoC is working with mainstream employment organizations to aid homeless individuals and families in increasing their income.

(limit 1000 characters)

The primary mainstream employment organizations that the CoC works with to INCREASE INCOME are Workforce Centers, Tasks Unlimited and Rise Inc. (supported employment). These organizations take the following steps to increase income: 1) provide job readiness services, including employment coaching, financial/educational job readiness training, career training, resume creations, practice interviews, etc. 2) recruit employers willing to hire individuals with limited employment histories, and 3) provide on the job support, including on-site coaching, jobs supports such childcare, transportation, clothing, and advocacy with employers. The CoC funds 26 projects of which 100% are connected to these organization regularly. CoC members also serve on the county Workforce Boards.

3A-7. What was the the criteria and decision-making process the CoC used to identify and exclude specific geographic areas from the CoC's unsheltered PIT count? (limit 1000 characters)

Not applicable

3A-7a. Did the CoC completely exclude No geographic areas from the the most recent PIT count (i.e., no one counted there and, for communities using samples the area was excluded from both the sample and extrapolation) where the CoC determined that there were no unsheltered homeless people, including areas that are uninhabitable (e.g. disasters)?

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3A-7b. Did the CoC completely exclude geographic areas from the the most recent PIT count (i.e., no one counted there and, for communities using samples the area was excluded from both the sample and extrapolation) where the CoC determined that there were no unsheltered homeless people, including areas that are uninhabitable (e.g. deserts, wilderness, etc.)? (limit 1000 characters)

Not applicable

3A-8. Enter the date the CoC submitted the 08/12/2016 system performance measure data into HDX. The System Performance Report generated by HDX must be attached. (mm/dd/yyyy)

> 3A-8a. If the CoC was unable to submit their System Performance Measures data to HUD via the HDX by the deadline, explain why and describe what specific steps they are taking to ensure they meet the next HDX submission deadline for System Performance Measures data. (limit 1500 characters)

Not applicable

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

Objective 1: Ending Chronic Homelessness

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2016 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

To end chronic homelessness by 2017, HUD encourages three areas of focus through the implementation of Notice CPD 14-012: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status.

1. Targeting persons with the highest needs and longest histories of homelessness for existing and new permanent supportive housing; 2. Prioritizing chronically homeless

individuals, youth and families who have the longest histories of homelessness; and

3. The highest needs for new and turnover units.

3B-1.1. Compare the total number of chronically homeless persons, which includes persons in families, in the CoC as reported by the CoC for the 2016 PIT count compared to 2015 (or 2014 if an unsheltered count was not conducted in 2015).

	2015 (for unsheltered count, most recent year conducted)	2016	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered chronically homeless persons	64	57	-7
Sheltered Count of chronically homeless persons	46	48	2
Unsheltered Count of chronically homeless persons	18	9	-9

3B-1.1a. Using the "Differences" calculated in question 3B-1.1 above, explain the reason(s) for any increase, or no change in the overall TOTAL number of chronically homeless persons in the CoC, as well as the change in the unsheltered count, as reported in the PIT count in 2016 compared to 2015. (limit 1000 characters)

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The total # of chronically homeless (CH) decreased from 2015 to 2016 by 7 people (or 10.9%). The sheltered count increase of 2 people can be attributed to Coordinated Entry (CE) working to identify households experiencing CH and prioritizing them for services.

3B-1.2. Compare the total number of PSH beds (CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded) that were identified as dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons on the 2016 Housing Inventory Count, as compared to those identified on the 2015 Housing Inventory Count.

	2015	2016	Difference
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homelessness persons identified on the HIC.	145	159	14

3B-1.2a. Explain the reason(s) for any increase, or no change in the total number of PSH beds (CoC program funded or non-CoC Program funded) that were identified as dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons on the 2016 Housing Inventory Count compared to those identified on the 2015 Housing Inventory Count. (limit 1000 characters)

- 3B-1.3. Did the CoC adopt the Orders of Priority into their standards for all CoC Program funded PSH as described in Notice CPD-14-012: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status?
 - 3B-1.3a. If "Yes" was selected for question Page 6 3B-1.3, attach a copy of the CoC's written standards or other evidence that clearly shows the incorporation of the Orders of Priority in Notice CPD 14-012 and indicate the page(s) for all documents where the Orders of Priority are found.

3B-1.4. Is the CoC on track to meet the goal Yes of ending chronic homelessness by 2017?

This question will not be scored.

3B-1.4a. If the response to question 3B-1.4 was "Yes" what are the

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strategies that have been implemented by the CoC to maximize current resources to meet this goal? If "No" was selected, what resources or technical assistance will be implemented by the CoC to reach to goal of ending chronically homelessness by 2017? (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC uses the following strategies to meet the goal of ending chronic homelessness: 1) The CoC has adopted HUD Notice CPD-16-11 to guide chronic homelessness prioritization in the CE process. This ensures that chronically homeless HHs are prioritized over other homeless households on the CE priority list and referrals made to available PSH beds. 2) The CoC encouraged project applicants to dedicate all project beds for chronically homeless individuals. As a result CoC project applicants have dedicated a total of 226 beds out of 332 total beds (68%). All CoC projects have committed to dedicating all future turn over beds to CH.

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

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Instructions:

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HUD will evaluate CoC's based on the extent to which they are making progress to achieve the goal of ending homelessness among households with children by 2020.

3B-2.1. What factors will the CoC use to prioritize households with children during the FY2016 Operating year? (Check all that apply).

Vulnerability to victimization:	X
Number of previous homeless episodes:	X
Unsheltered homelessness:	X
Criminal History:	X
Bad credit or rental history (including not having been a leaseholder):	X
Head of household has mental/physical disabilities:	X
N/A:	

3B-2.2. Describe the CoC's strategies including concrete steps to rapidly rehouse every household with children within 30 days of those families becoming homeless. (limit 1000 characters)

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The CoC's plan to rapidly rehouse families within 30 days includes the following steps: 1) The CoC's Coordinated Entry (CE) process ensures broad awareness & rapid access to the CE system & provides timely assessments that connect families to housing programs that will best meet their needs. 2) The CoC Governing Board has established performance measures for CE implementation including: length of time from identification to assessment (10 days), referral to contact (72 hrs), and referral to housing (45 days). Underperformance of projects in any of these areas may lead to technical assistance &/or funding reallocation. 3) The CoC has provided broad community training on Housing 1st & low barrier practices. The CoC scores projects on their adoption of low barrier policies to ensure eligibility criteria does not cause delays for families seeking to access housing. 4) 97% (192 of 202) CoC and ESG RRH beds are dedicated to serve families.

3B-2.3. Compare the number of RRH units available to serve families from the 2015 and 2016 HIC.

	2015	2016	Difference
RRH units available to serve families in the HIC:	69	91	22

3B-2.4. How does the CoC ensure that emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent housing (PSH and RRH) providers within the CoC do not deny admission to or separate any family members from other members of their family based on age, sex, gender or disability when entering shelter or housing? (check all strategies that apply)

CoC policies and procedures prohibit involuntary family separation:	X
There is a method for clients to alert CoC when involuntarily separated:	X
CoC holds trainings on preventing involuntary family separation, at least once a year:	X
None:	

3B-2.5. Compare the total number of homeless households with children in the CoC as reported by the CoC for the 2016 PIT count compared to 2015 (or 2014 if an unsheltered count was not conducted in 2015).

PIT Count of Homelessness Among Households With Children

	2015 (for unsheltered c	count,		
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	most recent year conducted)	2016	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless households with children:	92	88	-4
Sheltered Count of homeless households with children:	78	76	-2
Unsheltered Count of homeless households with children:	14	12	-2

3B-2.5a. Explain the reason(s) for any increase, or no change in the total number of homeless households with children in the CoC as reported in the 2016 PIT count compared to the 2015 PIT count. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC reduced the number of sheltered and unsheltered households with children identified through the PIT count from 2015 to 2016 by 4 individuals or 4%.

3B-2.6. From the list below select the strategies to the CoC uses to address the unique needs of unaccompanied homeless youth including youth under age 18, and youth ages 18-24, including the following.

Human trafficking and other forms of exploitation?	Yes
LGBTQ youth homelessness?	Yes
Exits from foster care into homelessness?	Yes
Family reunification and community engagement?	Yes
Positive Youth Development, Trauma Informed Care, and the use of Risk and Protective Factors in assessing youth housing and service needs?	Yes
Unaccompanied minors/youth below the age of 18?	Yes

3B-2.6a. Select all strategies that the CoC uses to address homeless youth trafficking and other forms of exploitation.

Diversion from institutions and decriminalization of youth actions that stem from being trafficked:	X
Increase housing and service options for youth fleeing or attempting to flee trafficking:	x
Specific sampling methodology for enumerating and characterizing local youth trafficking:	X
Cross systems strategies to quickly identify and prevent occurrences of youth trafficking:	x
Community awareness training concerning youth trafficking:	X

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N/A:

3B-2.7. What factors will the CoC use to prioritize unaccompanied youth including youth under age 18, and youth ages 18-24 for housing and services during the FY 2016 operating year? (Check all that apply)

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Vulnerability to victimization:	X
Length of time homeless:	X
Unsheltered homelessness:	X
Lack of access to family and community support networks:	X
N/A:	

3B-2.8. Using HMIS, compare all unaccompanied youth including youth under age 18, and youth ages 18-24 served in any HMIS contributing program who were in an unsheltered situation prior to entry in FY 2014 (October 1, 2013-September 30, 2014) and FY 2015 (October 1, 2014 -September 30, 2015).

	FY 2014 (October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014)	FY 2015 (October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2105)	Difference
Total number of unaccompanied youth served in HMIS contributing programs who were in an unsheltered situation prior to entry:	34	32	-2

3B-2.8a. If the number of unaccompanied youth and children, and youthheaded households with children served in any HMIS contributing program who were in an unsheltered situation prior to entry in FY 2015 is lower than FY 2014 explain why. (limit 1000 characters)

The reduction in unsheltered youth prior to program entry can be attributed to early identification & intervention. The primary tool to do this is Coordinated Entry (CE) through mobile access to CE assessments and connection to housing supports that will best meet they youth's needs. In addition, capacity was added and improvements were made to up front services such as outreach programs and drop in centers for unsheltered & at risk homelessness youth.

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3B-2.9. Compare funding for youth homelessness in the CoC's geographic area in CY 2016 and CY 2017.

	Calendar Year 2016	Calendar Year 2017	Difference
Overall funding for youth homelessness dedicated projects (CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CoC Program funding for youth homelessness dedicated projects:			\$0.00
Non-CoC funding for youth homelessness dedicated projects (e.g. RHY or other Federal, State and Local funding):			\$0.00

3B-2.10. To what extent have youth services and educational representatives, and CoC representatives participated in each other's meetings between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016?

Cross-Participation in Meetings	# Times
CoC meetings or planning events attended by LEA or SEA representatives:	29
LEA or SEA meetings or planning events (e.g. those about child welfare, juvenille justice or out of school time) attended by CoC representatives:	45
CoC meetings or planning events attended by youth housing and service providers (e.g. RHY providers):	233

3B-2.10a. Based on the responses in 3B-2.10, describe in detail how the CoC collaborates with the McKinney-Vento local educational authorities and school districts. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC has a strong history of collaborating with McK-V local education liaisons (LEL) and State educational coordinators. LEL's are active members of the CoC. In this role, the CoC has provided LELs with CE training to ensure homeless families identified in schools are quickly connected to housing and services. In turn, LELs have helped to provide input on CoC education & early childhood policies, participated in PIT counts, and have presented on educational resources at CoC meetings. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Coordinator attends state-wide CoC meetings. In this role, the CoC is able to communicate with the MDE about gaps in LEL participation. The MDE provides the CoC with trainings for LELs, Minnesota Automated Reporting Student System (MARSS)—the primary reporting on homeless student identification data, and participates in homeless prevention planning with the CoC.

3B-2.11. How does the CoC make sure that homeless individuals and families who become homeless are informed of their eligibility for and receive access to educational services? Include the policies and procedures that homeless service providers (CoC and ESG Programs) are

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required to follow. (limit 2000 characters)

The CoC requires all CoC funded projects that serve families & parenting youth to adopt and comply with a CoC-wide policy on Educational and Early Childhood Development. The policy includes: 1)Identify staff who have primary responsibility for school attendance. 2)Ensure that all homeless families are informed of the McKin-V Act to ensure children are able to maintain enrollment in school. 3)Advocate for families with their school district to ensure that transportation is arranged. 4)Track school attendance for all children served within program & help families to resolve barriers that are contributing to absences. 5)Assist families in developing education related goals for all family members when completing Housing Goal Plans. 6)Ensure that all family 7)Encourage & assist families with children ages 3-5 to apply for Head Start Programs. The CoC has shared this policy with ESG funded projects.

3B-2.12. Does the CoC or any HUD-funded projects within the CoC have any written agreements with a program that services infants, toddlers, and youth children, such as Head Start; Child Care and Development Fund; Healthy Start; Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting programs; Public Pre-K; and others? (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC works closely with Head Start programs but there are currently no written agreements in place.

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

Objective 3: Ending Veterans Homelessness

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2016 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

Opening Doors outlines the goal of ending Veteran homelessness by the end of 2016. The following questions focus on the various strategies that will aid communities in meeting this goal.

3B-3.1. Compare the total number of homeless Veterans in the CoC as reported by the CoC for the 2016 PIT count compared to 2015 (or 2014 if an unsheltered count was not conducted in 2015).

	2015 (for unsheltered count, most recent year conducted)	2016	Difference
Universe: Total PIT count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless veterans:	28	19	-9
Sheltered count of homeless veterans:	25	16	-9
Unsheltered count of homeless veterans:	3	3	0

3B-3.1a. Explain the reason(s) for any increase, or no change in the total number of homeless veterans in the CoC as reported in the 2016 PIT count compared to the 2015 PIT count. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC reduced the number of Veteran's identified through the PIT count from 2015 to 2016 by 9 individuals or 67%.

3B-3.2. Describe how the CoC identifies, assesses, and refers homeless veterans who are eligible for Veterean's Affairs services and housing to appropriate reources such as HUD-VASH and SSVF. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC uses StandDown events, outreach, & coordinated entry (CE) to identify homeless Veterans. The CoC has connected the CE process with the

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MN Dept. of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) & the MN Interagency Council on Homelessness (MICH) thru County Veteran's Services Officers to the statewide Homeless Veteran Registry. The purpose of the Registry is to create a housing plan for every Veteran experiencing homelessness, leveraging all available resources. With the Veteran's permission, a team comes together to identify the resources best suited to help the Veteran & their family obtain stable housing. These resources include programs & services delivered by VA Medical Centers (including HUDVASH), MDVA (including the State Soldiers Assistance Program), and private organizations (including SSVF). The Registry documents these housing plans and ensures accountability for next steps. Veterans are also prioritized on the CE priority list for access to non-Veteran specific housing resources.

3B-3.3. Compare the total number of homeless Veterans in the CoC and the total number of unsheltered homeless Veterans in the CoC, as reported by the CoC for the 2016 PIT Count compared to the 2010 PIT Count (or 2009 if an unsheltered count was not conducted in 2010).

	2010 (or 2009 if an unsheltered count was not conducted in 2010)	2016	% Difference
Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless veterans:	25	16	-36.00%
Unsheltered Count of homeless veterans:	0	3	0.00%

3B-3.4. Indicate from the dropdown whether Yes you are on target to end Veteran homelessness by the end of 2016.

This question will not be scored.

3B-3.4a. If "Yes", what are the strategies being used to maximize your current resources to meet this goal? If "No" what resources or technical assistance would help you reach the goal of ending Veteran homelessness by the end of 2016? (limit 1000 characters)

Strong coordination with the VA and MN Assistance Council for Veterans, leveraging SSVF, prioritizing Veterans in Coordinated Entry, working with County Veteran Service Officers, and using the Minnesota Homeless Veteran Registry described above are the strategies the CoC has identified to ensure that available resources are being maximized to achieve the goal for every Veteran identified. We have found that a single Veteran is often in touch with multiple organizations at the same time, and with the Registry we are able to coordinate care in a way that was not possible previously. In addition, combined resources of multiple agencies often helps create housing solutions for each Veteran that would not be possible for agencies acting alone. The CoC regularly meets to review the resources available to meet Veteran needs in order to

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improve progress towards our goal of ending Veteran homelessness.

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4A. Accessing Mainstream Benefits

Instructions:

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4A-1. Does the CoC systematically provide Yes information to provider staff about mainstream benefits, including up-to-date resources on eligibility and program changes that can affect homeless clients?

> 4A-2. Based on the CoC's FY 2016 new and renewal project applications, what percentage of projects have demonstrated they are assisting project participants to obtain mainstream benefits? This includes all of the following within each project: transportation assistance, use of a single application, annual follow-ups with participants, and SOAR-trained staff technical assistance to obtain SSI/SSDI?

FY 2016 Assistance with Mainstream Benefits

Total number of project applications in the FY 2016 competition (new and renewal):]	27
Total number of renewal and new project applications that demonstrate assistance to project participants to obtain mainstream benefits (i.e. In a Renewal Project Application, "Yes" is selected for Questions 2a, 2b and 2c on Screen 4A. In a New Project Application, "Yes" is selected for Questions 5a, 5b, 5c, 6, and 6a on Screen 4A).		21
Percentage of renewal and new project applications in the FY 2016 competition that have demonstrated assistance to project participants to obtain mainstream benefits:	1	78%

4A-3. List the organizations (public, private, non-profit and other) that you collaborate with to facilitate health insurance enrollment, (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare, Affordable Care Act options) for program participants. For each organization you partner with, detail the specific outcomes resulting from the partnership in the establishment of benefits. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC collaborates closely with counties, health insurance providers, and the State of MN, which is a Medicaid expansion State, to facilitate enrollment and improve health outcomes for program participants. Specifically, the CoC partners with Blue Cross Blue Shield, a health insurance provider, to improve the outcomes for homeless persons through the creation of a new Housing Access Resource Team. This partnership focuses on building landlord relationships and providing Tenant Navigator services to quickly secure housing for persons who are homeless with significant barriers, improve access, and

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health outcomes. The partnership has been successful to: 1) improve participant enrollment to over 80% and 2) improve health and well-being of 100% of participants at exit. The CoC also partners with hospitals to provide outreach services to persons who are homeless and accessing emergency rooms to increase enrollment and connect to CoC resources through Coordinated Entry.

4A-4. What are the primary ways the CoC ensures that program participants with health insurance are able to effectively utilize the healthcare benefits available to them?

Educational materials:	X
In-Person Trainings:	X
Transportation to medical appointments:	X
Not Applicable or None:	

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4B. Additional Policies

Instructions:

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4B-1. Based on the CoCs FY 2016 new and renewal project applications, what percentage of Permanent Housing (PSH and RRH), Transitional Housing (TH), and SSO (non-Coordinated Entry) projects in the CoC are low barrier?

FY 2016 Low Barrier Designation

Total number of PH (PSH and RRH), TH and non-Coordinated Entry SSO project applications in the FY 2016 competition (new and renewal):	24
Total number of PH (PSH and RRH), TH and non-Coordinated Entry SSO renewal and new project applications that selected "low barrier" in the FY 2016 competition:	22
Percentage of PH (PSH and RRH), TH and non-Coordinated Entry SSO renewal and new project applications in the FY 2016 competition that will be designated as "low barrier":	92%

4B-2. What percentage of CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), SSO (non-Coordinated Entry) and Transitional Housing (TH) FY 2016 Projects have adopted a Housing First approach, meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements?

FY 2016 Projects Housing First Designation

Total number of PSH, RRH, non-Coordinated Entry SSO, and TH project applications in the FY 2016 competition (new and renewal):	24
Total number of PSH, RRH, non-Coordinated Entry SSO, and TH renewal and new project applications that selected Housing First in the FY 2016 competition:	24
Percentage of PSH, RRH, non-Coordinated Entry SSO, and TH renewal and new project applications in the FY 2016 competition that will be designated as Housing First:	100%

4B-3. What has the CoC done to ensure awareness of and access to housing and supportive services within the CoC's geographic area to persons that could benefit from CoC-funded programs but are not currently participating in a CoC funded program? In particular, how does the CoC reach out to for persons that are least likely to request housing or services in the absence of special outreach?

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Use of phone or internet-based services like 211:	X
Marketing in languages commonly spoken in the community:	X
Making physical and virtual locations accessible to those with disabilities:	X
Not applicable:	

4B-4. Compare the number of RRH units available to serve populations from the 2015 and 2016 HIC.

	2015	2016	Difference
RRH units available to serve all populations in the HIC:	69	106	37

4B-5. Are any new proposed project No applications requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?

4B-6. If "Yes" in Questions 4B-5, then describe the activities that the project(s) will undertake to ensure that employment, training and other economic opportunities are directed to low or very low income persons to comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (Section 3) and HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 135?

(limit 1000 characters)

Not applicable

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

4B-7a. If "Yes", to question 4B-7, describe how the use of grant funds to serve such persons is of equal or greater priority than serving persons

defined as homeless in accordance with 24 CFR 578.89. Description must include whether or not this is listed as a priority in the Consolidated Plan(s) and its CoC strategic plan goals. CoCs must attach the list of projects that would be serving this population (up to 10 percent of CoC total award) and the applicable portions of the Consolidated Plan. (limit 2500 characters)

Not applicable

4B-8. Has the project been affected by a No major disaster, as declared by the President Obama under Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistanct Act, as amended (Public Law 93-288) in the 12 months prior to the opening of the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition?

4B-8a. If "Yes" in Question 4B-8, describe the impact of the natural disaster on specific projects in the CoC and how this affected the CoC's ability to address homelessness and provide the necessary reporting to HUD.

(limit 1500 characters)

Not applicable

4B-9. Did the CoC or any of its CoC program No recipients/subrecipients request technical assistance from HUD since the submission of the FY 2015 application? This response does not affect the scoring of this application.

4B-9a. If "Yes" to Question 4B-9, check the box(es) for which technical assistance was requested.

This response does not affect the scoring of this application.

CoC Governance:	
CoC Systems Performance Measurement:	
Coordinated Entry:	
Data reporting and data analysis:	
HMIS:	

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Homeless subpopulations targeted by Opening Doors: veterans, chronic, children and families, and unaccompanied youth:	
Maximizing the use of mainstream resources:	
Retooling transitional housing:	
Rapid re-housing:	
Under-performing program recipient, subrecipient or project:	
Not applicable:	

4B-9b. Indicate the type(s) of Technical Aassistance that was provided, using the categories listed in 4B-9a, provide the month and year the CoC Program recipient or sub-recipient received the assistance and the value of the Technical Assistance to the CoC/recipient/sub recipient involved given the local conditions at the time, with 5 being the highest value and a 1 indicating no value.

Type of Technical Assistance Received	Date Received	Rate the Value of the Technical Assistance

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4C. Attachments

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

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
01. 2016 CoC Consolidated Application: Evidence of the CoC's communication to rejected participants	Yes		
02. 2016 CoC Consolidated Application: Public Posting Evidence	Yes		
03. CoC Rating and Review Procedure (e.g. RFP)	Yes		
04. CoC's Rating and Review Procedure: Public Posting Evidence	Yes		
05. CoCs Process for Reallocating	Yes		
06. CoC's Governance Charter	Yes		
07. HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual	Yes		
08. Applicable Sections of Con Plan to Serving Persons Defined as Homeless Under Other Fed Statutes	No		
09. PHA Administration Plan (Applicable Section(s) Only)	Yes		
10. CoC-HMIS MOU (if referenced in the CoC's Goverance Charter)	No		
11. CoC Written Standards for Order of Priority	No		
12. Project List to Serve Persons Defined as Homeless under Other Federal Statutes (if applicable)	No		
13. HDX-system Performance Measures	Yes		
14. Other	No		
15. Other	No		

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