

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

1. The FY 2023 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2023 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.

- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with—if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.

- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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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- Frequently Asked Questions

1A-1. CoC Name and Number: CA-611 - Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: County of Ventura

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Ventura County Human Services 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, 2022 to April 30, 2023:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	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	No
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)	Nonexistent	No	No
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	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	Veteran Services Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.	Faith-based Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VC CoC Board, committee members and staff invite new partners to participate in the VC CoC Alliance on a regular basis by attending community meetings, commissions, local task forces and council meetings. Alliance membership applications are available on the VC CoC website and promoted on social media pages through Facebook and Instagram. The VC CoC Public Information and Outreach Committee continues to improve the outreach to partners and the community through developing outreach tools and using social media. VC CoC staff have invited culturally specific community organizations, including BIPOC, LGBTQIA+ and those serving persons with disabilities, to VC CoC meetings and events. Homeless service providers encourage their clients to become involved in VC CoC efforts through direct invitation and offer remote access to Zoom meetings. VC CoC continues to partner with California State University Channel Islands for student internships to help educate the public about the VC CoC, share client stories and recruit people with lived experience to participate. Also, the VC CoC is working closely with victim service organizations to update policies, provide feedback and offer training to local service providers.

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)

The VC CoC Alliance has a Board, 5 committees and workgroups that focus on preventing and ending homelessness. Invitations to participate and apply for funding are sent through emails, web postings and social media. Meetings are open to the public and remote participation is available to allow people to engage from around the County. Public attendees and stakeholders are invited to provide comments and make announcements to share information during meetings. Staff, providers, and advocates attend community, commissions, and council meetings. VC CoC staff post agendas and solicit input on the VC CoC website and social media. Efforts to end homelessness and improve partnerships with new organizations continues to shape CES development and informs VC CoC about the unique needs and capacity various sectors. As a result of these efforts and continued use of remote meetings, the Alliance has experienced increased participation with homeless subpopulation advocates and those with lived experience, including youth, veterans and seniors. Input and feedback shared during committee meetings are shared with the VC CoC Board through quarterly updates to address improvements or propose changes. Recently, the Board authorized VC CoC staff to pursue a Shared Housing program to provide best practices around this model for local service providers to consider for another solution to address our local housing crisis.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VC CoC Board, subcommittees and staff discuss grant funding opportunities at all public meetings and encourage new participants to be a part of the process of recommending funding priorities and evaluating renewal projects. The VC CoC Data Committee makes recommendations to the VC CoC Board for new project priorities for new and reallocated funding. This committee reviews and ranks all applicants and applications on agency capacity, past and current performance, and project priorities. The VC CoC Board reviews and approves the new and renewal projects to be included in the Consolidated Application. Requests for Proposals are distributed out to the full VC CoC Alliance email distribution list and passed on through various community listservs to encourage new applicants to apply for CoC funds. A press release is sent out to all local media outlets and shared through social media via Facebook and Instagram. Proposals are also posted on the VC CoC website. All applicants are invited to a local workshop for technical assistance in completing an application, with several new organizations applying for funding.

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)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC staff administer State ESG and ESG-CV pass-through funds, and partner with the County of Ventura and City of Oxnard for coordination around funding decisions for their direct ESG funding allocations. VC CoC annually conducts a gap and needs assessment to help determine CoC-wide and local city priorities for funding. VC CoC establishes funding priorities in partnership with all ESG recipients and partners in the evaluation of proposals and funding decisions. VC CoC staff also meets regularly with ESG recipients to review and evaluate performance and to plan and allocate ESG funds and other federal and state funding sources. These reviews that are conducted on a regular basis help monitor progress, effectiveness and assist in identifying and preventing potential financial gaps to ensure project continuity, regardless of the open RFP/application period. Requests for Proposals are then released with funding priorities set by the VC CoC Board in consultation with ESG subrecipients. The VC CoC Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee then analyses proposals, including prior performance outcomes, to provide grant funding recommendations to the VC CoC Board. New ESG subrecipients become formal members of the VC CoC via a formal partner agency MOU which commits them to participate in HMIS, Coordinated Entry System, the Point In Time and Housing Inventory Counts. ESG funded programs follow the CoC Written Standards for delivery of homeless assistance and provide training and technical assistance by CoC & HMIS staff. ESG funded programs are monitored for performance and compliance with every draw request and subrecipient progress and performance reports are reviewed by the VC CoC staff, Data Committee and Board every Quarter. VC CoC staff consult with the ESG subrecipients to contribute local homelessness data, information and updates for the Consolidated Plan to all participating jurisdictions of the Ventura County Regional Consolidated Plan, including all 10 Ventura County cities and the County of Ventura. VC CoC staff also provide PIT count data to each city that includes the total number of persons counted in their jurisdiction broken down by gender, age, race/ethnicity, and subpopulations. HIC data is also broken down by component—ES, TH, PSH, RRH—by jurisdiction and provided to each city. Based on that data, Staff helps each jurisdiction recognize gaps, strategize on how ESG and other funds could fill gaps and assist in shaping recommendations.

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers.	Yes

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)

The VC CoC has a memorandum of understanding with the Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) to coordinate efforts in serving youth and families in need of homeless services. VCOE staff participate in the VC CoC Youth Collaborative quarterly meetings and work closely with local youth service providers. VCOE ensures that McKinney Vento Liaisons at each school district are aware of VC CoC resources and make referrals according to eligibility criteria for homeless services. VC CoC staff attend local education agency meetings with school districts to communicate program updates. VCOE staff participate in VC CoC Board and committee meetings to provide expertise and input.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VC CoC has adopted policies to ensure that homeless service providers connect individuals and families to educational services as appropriate. The local education agency, Ventura County Office of Education, partners with Interface Children and Family Services to ensure households are screened and referred for educational services through a trauma informed care approach. VC CoC staff also provide monthly programs training to service providers on workforce development and local employment services options to ensure individuals and families experiencing homelessness are connected with educational services, training opportunities and employment programs. Written policies and procedures ensure appropriate and current information is being provided to those experiencing homelessness who may need access to educational services. VC CoC has quarterly meetings with local school district liaisons to mutually provide information and resources to assist families, youth and individuals. Homeless service providers work with liaisons to provide outreach materials in English and Spanish as needed. When necessary, the school district liaisons coordinate access to shelters and transitional housing programs closest to the school where children or youth are enrolled. The homeless service providers also work with school liaisons to help enroll children fleeing domestic violence to ensure their safety through established procedures through the schools and homeless services.

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

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

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

9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

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

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

	Organizations	
1.	state domestic violence coalitions	Yes
2.	state sexual assault coalitions	Yes
3.	other organizations that help this population	Yes

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated in Question 1C-5 to:

1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC's geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC is working with federal, state, county, city and local partners to reduce barriers faced by survivors across all systems of housing and services available within the CoC’s geographic area. VC CoC staff ensures inclusive decision-making by including domestic violence providers and others in the CoC’s planning body and decision-making structures. VC CoC has established a workgroup incorporating persons with lived experience and consistently outreaches and recruits people to participate in the development of CoC wide policies and programs. The goal of the workgroup is to develop goals for the community by incorporating best practices and soliciting feedback and ways to improve services. VC CoC also includes survivors with lived experience in the VC CoC Housing and Services Subcommittee. Workgroup members provide feedback, guidance and insight on their experiences accessing the homeless services system, eligibility and enrollment process and the support provided during their stay. DV Workgroup participants are developing surveys to gain input from survivors who are receiving services through CoC funded projects. VC CoC collaborates with an array of victim service providers and housing and service providers to ensure housing and services is provided to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. All housing providers and services are trauma informed trained as provided by VC CoC partner agency Human Services Agency and utilize Housing First practices, survivor-centered perspective, empowerment, and autonomy. VC CoC ensures that DV survivors are referred to housing and services by offering access through 24/7 phone or text services through Interface 2-1-1. DV organizations participate in CES to ensure that DV survivors are connected with countywide housing & services programs as appropriate. The County of Ventura has established a Family Justice Center (FJC) that serves the entire CoC geographic area for those who are fleeing DV and in need of victim services. The FJC staff are provided training by VC CoC to ensure referrals are made to homeless services. VC CoC ensures that homeless service provider staff are trained on the dynamics of DV, privacy and confidentiality, and safety planning, including how to handle emergency situations at an access point. This is included in the VC CoC written standards and part of the annual CoC programs training.

1C-5b.	Coordinated Annual Training on Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:	
1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and	
2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Ventura CoC provides annual training for best practices to address the needs of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors to all our project funded providers, CoC Board, CoC general membership, and HMIS/CES. This year’s training reviewed the Violence Against Women Act (Reauthorized 2022). Trainings addressed information on ensuring physical and emotional safety, privacy, confidentiality, culturally relevant services, and emergency needs of participants that included the revisions to the definition of “domestic violence” and adds the definitions of “economic abuse” and “technological abuse.” VC CoC provides annual trainings that deliver knowledge to service providers working with adults and families who have experienced or been affected by trauma. Trainings help all CES staff which include housing and services project staff and organizations to work from a trauma-informed perspective and develop trauma-informed relationships that cultivate safety, trust, and compassion. VC CoC staff ensure trauma-informed approach principles and victim centered practices are in each organization’s policies and procedures. The trainings provide an overview of trauma-informed care, best practices and techniques to incorporate into service delivery, such as: safety planning to ensure survivors can help lower their risk of harm and practice risk management; ensure service delivery, policy and procedures to avoid re-traumatization; Housing First with no pre-conditions to program entry; harm reduction to reduce the harmful effects of high-risk behaviors rather than terminating participants from the program; and cultural competency to ensure respect for survivors’ culture, native language, religion, gender identity and sexual orientation. Providers can request additional training and technical assistance on trauma-informed approaches to become a trauma-informed organization and to provide trauma-informed peer support, as well as related issues, through SAMHSA’s National Center for Trauma-Informed Care and Alternatives to Seclusion and Restraint (NCTIC).

1C-5c.	Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC’s Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC’s coordinated entry includes:	
1.	safety planning protocols; and	
2.	confidentiality protocols.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our coordinated entry staff and involved providers must attend CoC annual training on safety planning and confidentiality. Safety planning and confidentially protocols ensure survivors are assessed in a safe and confidential manner by informing them about how the information will be used to secure safe housing and the option to refuse to answer questions or not to disclose personal information. CES Policies & Procedures (P&P's) includes the emergency transfer plan process that incorporates VAWA updates to address the immediate safety needs of survivors, to ensure confidentiality & housing stability is maintained. The emergency safety plan incorporates trauma- informed, victim-centered support to ensure that transfer decisions, housing relocation options will be based on choice & promote survivor safety, preference & success. All CoC HMIS/CES Participating Agencies agree to abide by and uphold all privacy protection standards established by the VC HMIS as well as their respective agency's privacy procedures. Agencies also uphold relevant Federal and California State confidentiality regulations and laws that protect client records, and Agencies only release program level client data with written consent by the client, or the client's guardian, unless otherwise provided for in the regulations or laws. Each client whose program level information is being shared with another Participating Agency must agree via the Interagency Data Sharing Agreement. A client must be informed as to what information is being shared and with whom it is being shared. VC CoC works with domestic violence programs to ensure that the CES process addresses the safety needs of people fleeing domestic violence. This includes providing a safe location or process for conducting assessments, a process for providing confidential referrals, and a data collection process consistent with The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA - Reauthorized 2022). Many people experiencing homelessness have a history of DV and should be able to access appropriate DV services even if they are not accessing it through a DV CES point.

1C-5d.	Used De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.e.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC used for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and	
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC utilizes de-identified aggregate data from HMIS, Stella P, outside comparable data from DV providers and the Point In Time Count to identify gaps and needs in our community. Data is used to facilitate discussion around program planning, service needs and development of new resources. CoC forecasts trends looking at first time homeless, length of time homeless, unsheltered homelessness to identify programmatic needs to support the inflow of those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking as well as the outflow to temporary or permanent housing destinations. VC CoC partners with the Coalition For Family Harmony to help inform the needs of survivors. CFH conducts the Family Development Matrix Assessment at entry and exit with survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. FDM is an outcomes evaluation that provides an integrated family assessment tool to help CoC and agency staff identify which services families need. Agencies and their collaborative networks utilize FDM to leverage communication, collaboration, program planning, and coordination, particularly with local child welfare agencies. The tool provides a consistent process for standardizing outcome indicators that allow cross agency comparison and data analysis.

1C-5e.	Implemented Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:	
1.	whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;	
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and	
3.	the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC Emergency Transfer Plan includes policies and procedures in accordance with VAWA (Reauthorized 2022) updates and emphasizes client choice for housing and services while addressing the immediate safety needs of survivors, to ensure confidentiality and housing stability is maintained and incorporates trauma-informed, victim-centered support to ensure that transfer decisions, housing relocation options will be based on choice and promote survivor safety, preference and success. Households may request an emergency transfer through the CES service provider, Family Justice Center, by calling Interface 2-1-1, or contacting CoC staff directly. Per VAWA, any household who is a victim of DV, dating violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, or stalking can request an emergency transfer under the following circumstances: A sexual assault occurred on the premises of their HUD-funded housing program, or who reasonably believed that they are imminently threatened by harm from further domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking if they remain in that designated HUD-Funded dwelling. A request for an emergency transfer may be communicated by an individual and family by contacting their assigned case manager and/or program worker via telephone, writing and/or in-person A request for an emergency transfer, under these circumstances, does not guarantee immediate placement, but participants who qualify for an emergency transfer will be given a priority referral over all other applications for the next available, safe unit through CES for which they qualify.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC ensures that the needs of survivors are incorporated into the CoC's coordinated entry process by incorporating trauma-informed assessment questions. Survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking often have housing and homeless assistance needs that should not be limited by their decision to access a DV CES access point. People fleeing DV have access to CES by use of a non-Identifying ID for case presentation purposes. The CES process has protocols in place to ensure the safety of the individuals seeking assistance. These protocols ensure that people fleeing domestic violence have safe and confidential access to the CES process and DV services, and that any data collection adheres to The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA - Reauthorized 2022). CES is intended to triage for immediate needs and referral to diversion programs for safety planning purposes, this may include referrals to as DV shelters/resources, maternity home services, rapid rehousing and/or employment services, financial services, legal services, etc. VC CoC partners with the Ventura County Family Justice Center, Coalition for Family Harmony and Interface to ensure that survivors have safe access to all of the housing and services.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC has established a workgroup incorporating persons with lived experience and consistently outreaches and recruits people to participate in the development of CoC wide policies and programs. The goal of the workgroup is to develop goals for the community by incorporating best practices and soliciting feedback and ways to improve services. VC CoC also includes survivors with lived experience in the VC CoC Housing and Services Subcommittee. Workgroup members provide feedback, guidance and insight on their experiences accessing the homeless services system, eligibility and enrollment process and the support provided during their stay. DV Workgroup participants are developing surveys to gain input from survivors who are receiving services through CoC funded projects. This feedback is provided to the VC CoC Board for updates on CoC-wide policy and programs to ensure the needs of survivors is incorporated.

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

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

The VC CoC Alliance and VC CoC Public Information & Outreach Committee reaches out and engages Countywide on a regular basis with individuals, agencies and community representatives, regardless of race, ethnicity, color or LGBTQIA+ status. This interaction includes discussions and reviews to ensure all CoC services are trauma-informed, follow the Housing First model and meet the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community. VC CoC regularly solicits feedback to improve and enhance criteria when reviewing partner agency programs and services, including the CoC’s Anti-Discrimination Policy. These revisions are brought back to the VC CoC Board for review and approval as needed. As part of VC CoC’s enforcement of fair housing and anti-discrimination policies, VC CoC works with agencies to ensure equal access to programs and services by reviewing projects at the application stage, during performance monitoring and on a regular basis during Quarterly and Annual Report review. In addition, VC CoC has begun consulting with our County of Ventura Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Council to review its anti-discrimination policy to ensure all CoC services are trauma-informed, follow the Housing First model and meet the needs of the BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ community. Since its creation, the DEI Council works within the community and County staff to enhance and strengthen systems, programs, and trainings to ensure the County and VC CoC develop proper and best practices to work effectively and leverage the richness of its differences. The DEI Council’s expertise provides solid leverage and is committed to improving outcomes and maintaining successful partnerships with BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ community partners. VC CoC continues to look closely for potential violations to safeguard rights. When applicable, agencies shall provide program applicants and participants with project information in writing on their rights and remedies under applicable federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws. VC CoC subrecipients and partners shall submit these written materials to the CoC as an attachment to their Management Plan, as required by their contract to ensure anti-discrimination in their policies. VC CoC will also consult with the DEI Council to ensure staff, partner agencies and contracted service providers are regularly trained on Anti-Discrimination policies and procedures as part of the County’s program compliance.

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

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with—if there is only one PHA in your CoC’s geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Housing Authority of the County of Ventura	38%	Yes-HCV	Yes
Housing Authority of the City of Oxnard	43%	Yes-Both	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)

VC CoC staff meets quarterly with the PHAs to ensure coordination with CES for the prioritization of housing vouchers for those experiencing homelessness. The two largest PHAs have representation on our VC CoC Board. The Oxnard Housing Authority Director and Executive Director of the Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura are both members of the VC CoC Board and have taken the necessary steps to adopt a homeless admission preference. There was significant progress made with the PHAs over the past year to ensure that local policies align with best practices and coordinate with the homeless services system to serve the most vulnerable individuals and families.

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	Yes
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	Yes
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	Yes
7.	Public Housing	Yes
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.	
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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.	
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	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
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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program. Not Scored—For Information Only	
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	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
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If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.

PHA
Oxnard Housing Au...
Housing Authority...
Area Housing Auth...

1C-7e.1. List of PHAs with MOUs

Name of PHA: Oxnard Housing Authority

1C-7e.1. List of PHAs with MOUs

Name of PHA: Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura

1C-7e.1. List of PHAs with MOUs

Name of PHA: Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	19
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	19
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC evaluates every project—where the applicant checks Housing First on their project application—to determine if they are using a Housing First approach;
2.	the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation; and
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC evaluates applications for CoC, ESG and State funding for Housing First (HF) compliance. Scoring and ranking of applications factor in alignment with HF, filling units through CES and serving the most vulnerable eligible households. Applicants that prioritize serving the most vulnerable households with the highest service needs using HF are prioritized for funding over applications that do not. VC CoC’s Rank and Review Policy includes the evaluation of HF consistency to ensure capacity with best practices on the following factors: HF/Low Barrier/Harm Reduction; Participation in the supportive services is based on the needs and desires of the program participant; intake policy consistency to include the acceptance of criminal history, domestic violence history, and/or substance use disorders; commitment to HF for permanent housing projects without preconditions. Projects implementing a HF model with policies and procedures to emphasize their practices are ranked higher. HMIS/CES works closely with CoC to identify concerns with new housing programs who have committed to HF in filling units through CES. To be considered Low-Barrier, participants must not be screened out based on the following: having too little or no income, active or history of substance abuse, having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions, or history of domestic violence. For ongoing compliance, HMIS/CES administration conduct data quality reviews of referrals sent to housing and shelter providers to address HF compliance and document trends related to participant ineligibility. HMIS/CES requires housing and shelter providers to document reasons for ineligibility and referral reports are ran quarterly to mitigate unjustified denials. Unjustified denials are reported to VC CoC staff for review. Individuals seeking services, who may otherwise be denied, have the right to appeal. Appeals are reviewed by the housing/shelter provider and CoC. CoC monitors projects and conducts quarterly reporting which includes addressing HF compliance. VC CoC remains compliant with HF practices among CoC/State funded agencies with PSH agencies at 99% compliance, Rapid Re-housing at 94% compliance, Emergency Shelter at 100% compliance and DV providers at 98% compliance. TA is provided to CoC and State funded agencies if progress toward HF standards are deemed non-compliant.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VC CoC has street outreach teams that provide services seven days a week and cover 100% of the countywide CoC geography. Target areas include encampments to serve persons with the longest history of homelessness and most severe service needs. Teams immediately connect and link people to resources that assist with obtaining temporary placement and permanent housing. Engagement consists of multiple contacts to develop rapport and trust. Connecting them means entering information into HMIS for the CES by-name master list to measure progress and to help make housing related decisions. CES has protocols in place to ensure that persons have immediate access to assistance and assist with obtaining permanent housing. Resources include housing navigation to help with housing search and overcoming barriers to obtain housing. Street Outreach has been tailored to partner with local law enforcement to reach persons that do not seek services on their own. In the last few years, the CoC has seen expansion with outreach and participation in CES through behavioral health and healthcare partners, including a backpack medicine program to engage unsheltered persons with some of the most serious healthcare needs and linking people to services and housing. The Healthcare for the Homeless team conducts outreach efforts through shower pods and offers healthcare services targeting known high utilizers of healthcare services with a history of poor health outcomes. Several outreach teams have hired persons with lived experience to leverage their specific expertise and ability to develop rapport with unsheltered persons.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	Yes
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	Yes
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	516	547

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC service providers are provided up-to-date program specific information through on-going trainings by mainstream resource providers noted below, and through CoC-wide list serve info sharing. VC CoC service providers assist program participants in applying for benefits online through BenefitsCal, which includes CalFresh (Food Stamps), WIC, CalWORKs (TANF), General Relief, Medi-Cal (Medicaid) and SSI benefits through ssa.gov. BenefitsCal also includes the renewal of benefits and electronic document submission to ensure benefits do not lapse. 2-1-1 serves as a 24/7 access point to facilitate enrollment in benefits by phone. Providers may link to one of the 7 Community Service Centers or to one of 8 Health Care for the Homeless locations. Referrals may be made to the Human Services Agency (HSA) directly to assist with comprehensive benefits enrollment. VC CoC conducts quarterly training for program staff on mainstream resources. Ventura County Health Care Agency, HSA, Gold Coast Health Plan (local managed care plan), and Clinicas del Camino Real (local healthcare provider) provide outreach, education, and technical assistance on health care programs. VC CoC has an active partnership with the Workforce Development Board to ensure referrals for employment, education and training are facilitated. Service providers may refer homeless program participants for employment training classes, which includes childcare options for households with children. Pathways to Employment assists those experiencing homelessness who are seeking jobs or training. Program participants may be referred to the Screening Triage Assessment & Referral (STAR) program for referrals to substance use and/or mental health services. SAMSHA funds outreach services to connect homeless persons to behavioral health & substance use services. Backpack Medicine provides healthcare focused outreach to unsheltered persons and facilitates connection to healthcare services including the Whole Person Care/Cal AIM program for intensive care coordination for persons with complex healthcare needs who are also experiencing homelessness. VC CoC promotes SOAR certification and shares annual training opportunities offered by SAMSHA for providers to participate with a certificate of completion. Regular webinars are shared through a VC CoC Alliance distribution list for ongoing updates and training. VC CoC offers a Mental Health First Aid course annually for homeless service providers which compliments SOAR.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC developed a non-congregate shelter strategy which included an assessment of potential non-congregate shelter sites to expand the use of motels for a highly vulnerable population of unsheltered persons. Four motels are currently being utilized in various cities in Ventura County for non-congregate shelter. VC CoC has allocated State CDSS and ESG-CV grant funding to continue providing non-congregate shelter to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and protect highly vulnerable individuals from infectious diseases. In addition, State Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant funding has also been allocated to expand non-congregate shelters in cities that have had limited shelter options. Services include housing navigation, supportive services by various providers, referrals for Rapid Re-Housing assistance and meals have been provided by the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging. Priority has been given to clients with pre-conditions and those who are most vulnerable to illness.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies–Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:	
	1. develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and	
	2. prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VC CoC facilitated a CoC-wide policies and procedures plan to respond and to prevent infectious disease outbreaks, which ensures needed partners are involved and familiar with the plan that includes local emergency medical service providers, supportive services agencies, and temporary and permanent housing providers. The VC CoC first consulted with public health officials to gain a clear understanding of components of a comprehensive training plan and continues to regularly consult with them. The VC CoC ensures that homeless service providers understand their collaborative role with health agencies, so they have the necessary skills and resources to respond rapidly and effectively. The VC CoC created an Emergency Shelter Workgroup during the recent pandemic to ensure public health updates and sanitation guidance are shared with local service providers, as well as adequate supplies are provided.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. shared information related to public health measures and homelessness, and	
	2. facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC facilitates communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach teams, emergency shelter staff and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants. Communication is facilitated to prioritize encampments by having outreach staff actively communicate with Coordinated Entry, shelters, and other programs within the CoC to connect individuals experiencing homelessness with needed resources. The County Health Care Agency continues to offer Backpack Medicine to encampments for health care services and to make referrals to service providers for housing and shelter. The VC CoC developed a CoC-wide communication strategy that ensures all stakeholders receive timely and useful information needed to respond appropriately in the event of an infectious disease outbreak.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CES covers 100% of the geographic area through multiple access points for immediate linkage to the system through standardized assessment. Access points include physical locations, street outreach, and virtual entry through 2-1-1 hotline 24/7 for direct referrals to service agencies. CES includes agencies such as healthcare, law enforcement, DV providers, religious organizations, probation, mental health, youth providers, courts, persons with lived experience, veterans administration, maternity homes, area agency on aging, & city governments. The CES standardized assessment reflects CoC's values and was developed through workgroups with providers, stakeholders, and alliance members and approved by CoC Board and County Board of Supervisors. Methodology in developing the assessment included gathering intake/assessment packets from each organization, HMIS beta testing and deduplication, and inclusion of low barrier eligibility criteria for all project types for immediate referral. HMIS is used to collect assessment data and referral data as part of CES which is used for system, project planning and resource allocation. Written policies/procedures detail the CoC's CES assessment process, including criteria for uniform decision-making across access points and for permanent housing resources. CES is reviewed annually to ensure eligibility criteria is low barrier, Housing first compliant and appropriate for each project type to ensure diversity, equity and inclusionary framework and tested to ensure that CES is appropriately matching people to interventions and services. Feedback is solicited quarterly/annually from participating projects and from people experiencing homelessness or recently housed to align with CoC priorities and Federal mandates via community surveys/workgroups and reviewed at the HMIS/CES Steering Committee for adoption and approved by the CoC Board. Policy/procedure update training is executed prior to the new federal fiscal year to align with data entry timelines. When prioritization or Federal mandates occur impacting the prioritization process, CoC evaluates, solicits feedback, and implements changes within 10 days. Our Vulnerability Assessment Tool Workgroup is comprised of case workers from participating projects who contribute by presenting case reviews, scoring guidance, and wording of questions in VAT creation and revision with VAT 1.8 version released in May 2023.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC partners with agencies for specialized outreach to assist people least likely to apply, such as VC Healthcare Agency and VC Behavioral Health. Backpack Medicine conduct weekly outreach to homeless encampments sometimes located in more remote areas of the County partnering with local law enforcement agencies and provide outreach services to people experiencing homelessness. and services including four new outreach programs which include persons with lived experience and a veteran with lived experience of homelessness. VC CoC has policies/procedures that describe the prioritization for persons who are deemed the most vulnerable with longest episodes of homelessness and most severe service needs, including Older Adults, TAY and those at risk of infectious diseases. Partnerships with housing providers include agencies that serve older adults, TAY, BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ persons to ensure equal access to CE and housing. Participants are connected to permanent housing in a timely manner and monitored on length of time between referral to housing. Referral data quality is reviewed quarterly and identifies trends regarding successful placements and referrals that were denied. CES is reviewed annually to reduce burden by ensuring minimum required information for diversion and housing-focused problem solving. CES uses conditional logic tied to homeless status to remove irrelevant questions. Organizations use multilingual staff to assist with assessments or refer to agencies for assistance. CES providers allow participants to refuse answers and reject housing/service options offered without penalty or limiting access to assistance. CES providers gather relevant information to connect a person to a service strategy/housing plan to best meet the person’s needs. There are no limits on the number of times a participant may deny housing resources. Denials are documented to support a more appropriate referral and CoC does not require participants to complete assessments at initial intake. Childcare is utilized to assist participants while completing assessments or case management follow up which include CalWORKS and Child Development Resources. CoC funds street outreach projects to meet participants where they are, including a 24/7 hotline through the 2-1-1 call center. CoC staff provide annual training on culturally and linguistically competent practices, Housing First, Motivational Interviewing, Trauma Informed Care and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Affirmatively marketing activities are conducted throughout the entire CoC and ensure the CES is available to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. All persons have fair and equal access to the CES regardless of the location or method by which they access the system. VC CoC has an established Public Information Committee to ensure that the public is informed about housing & services available in the community. Information is also shared through service providers and the workgroup incorporating people with lived experience. CoC utilizes marketing strategies such as social media (Facebook, Instagram) flyers, videos and updates the CoC website regularly. CoC partners with local university and college to assist with social media of each organization in our continuum. Agencies utilize media outlets such as radio and television to ensure public is aware. CoC is partnering with 2-1-1 to address public information exchange. VC CoC ensures agencies inform participants of their rights and remedies upon application. This also includes providing housing rights resource information and forms that provide information on how to file an appeal or steps to remedy concerns. This also include Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking, Fair Housing and civil rights laws, Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, rights as tenants, confidentiality. VC CoC grantees have policies in place to ensure they follow fair housing and a signed HUD 2991 form. VC CoC requires grantees to report any impediment to fair housing choices to any of the following: Any actions, omissions, or decisions taken because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin which restrict housing choices or the availability of housing choices.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	08/31/2022

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Every year, VC CoC harvests data from across various platforms such as our Ventura County Point in Time Count (PIT), Housing Inventory Count, HMIS, Stella P and the HUD CoC Analysis Tool. Data is then reviewed for accuracy, analyzed and compared to previous years and measured to adjacent jurisdictions. The data is also shared with the CoC Data Committee, as well as the Ventura County Diversity Equity and Inclusion Council for feedback. This methodology is used to identify trends, needs and gaps to better to best serve the most vulnerable members of the community. The annual data analysis helps develop working strategies to address disparities with a focus on eliminating barriers by partnering with the local safety net systems to better understand and address the systemic causes of poverty and inequity. VC CoC has also been working with local jurisdictions to shape and implement new housing and land use policies that help reverse longstanding housing disparities and help improve conditions. In addition, VC CoC shares outcomes with committees, safety net providers, stakeholders, workgroups, and the local justice system, and posts data dashboards on the VC CoC website. The VC CoC Board has developed recommendations to more effectively and equitably allocate resources, prioritize investments, and advance proactive, targeted strategies to end and prevent racial inequality. VC HMIS data shows that those who identify as Black or African American experience homelessness at a disproportionately higher rate, 6.7% served by HMIS programs in comparison to 2% in the overall population in Ventura County. The PIT Count data is consistent, showing 5% being Black or African American as well. Also, those who identify as Asian or Pacific Islander are underrepresented in HMIS with only 1% reported being at risk of homelessness and 5% living in poverty in VC. When evaluating ethnicity, people identifying as Hispanic/Latino are overrepresented in the PIT Count with 60% compared to 43% in the overall population. However, HMIS data reports 50% Hispanic/Latino experiencing homelessness and utilizing the system. One area of concern is the number of Hispanic/Latino households living in poverty at 60%. This shows that this demographic likely needs more support with homelessness prevention and access to affordable housing. VC CoC staff continue to reach out to BIPOC organizations to engage these populations for connections to resources.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC has developed strategies to address disparities including eliminating barriers by partnering with the local safety net system to better understand and address the systemic causes of poverty and inequity. Community representatives are regularly invited to attend CoC Alliance and CoC Committee meetings and provide input. Representatives include those who may not regularly attend CoC meetings. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS), Point In Time Homeless Unsheltered and Sheltered Count, CES and HMIS are used to look at local data to facilitate analysis of racial disparities. VC CoC has also been working with local jurisdictions to shape and implement new housing and land use policies that help reverse longstanding housing disparities. In addition, VC CoC shares outcomes with CoC committees, working groups, safety net providers, local justice system and posts data dashboards on the CoC website. The VC CoC Board has developed recommendations to more effectively and equitably allocate resources, prioritize investments, and advance proactive, targeted strategies to end and prevent racial inequality.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Measures used by VC CoC track progress concerning equity in service delivery, length of time homeless, housing placements, income and housing retention. VC CoC is tracking progress over time by analyzing data from PIT counts, the Coordinated Entry System, HMIS, system performance measures, Longitudinal Systems Analysis, Stella P and quarterly CoC Board updates. Regional similarities and differences in the characteristics and needs of homeless households in each incorporated and unincorporated are also tracked. An annual disparities analysis is presented to the VC CoC Board to consider recommendations on strategic planning efforts to improve outcomes.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC has conducted targeted outreach to engage people with lived experience of homelessness through homeless service providers and established a new workgroup to open lines of communication, solicit feedback and encourage participation in CoC committees. VC CoC staff participated in HUD Technical Assistance in 2022 to improve partnerships with people with lived experience and develop an action plan. VC CoC Public Information and Outreach Committee is expanding community outreach and holding space for those who are willing to share their lived experience. Some of the new initiatives established through the TA action plan include providing training to VC CoC service providers on how to better engage with persons with lived expertise, offer mentor opportunities through peer support, offer stipends to people who are willing to engage in community meetings and solicit input on policies.

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	5	3
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	8	4
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC’s local competition rating factors.	3	3
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC’s coordinated entry process.	3	3

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Public and private social service providers are encouraged by VC CoC to hire individuals with lived experience in positions at all levels – front-line, administration, and management including peer counsellors and peer researchers. VC CoC social service providers are encouraged to include persons with lived experience in their organization’s development of policies and ensure employment opportunities do not exclude people with lived expertise by using skills tests in place of degrees and credentials. Public and private social service providers are also encouraged to include persons in their organization’s equity and diversity policies.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VC CoC has gathered feedback in a variety of ways from people who participate in CoC committees, subcommittees, and workgroups. People with lived experience of homelessness serve as CoC Board members and actively participate in VC CoC Alliance meetings. A workgroup with five active members who all have lived experience of homelessness have been providing feedback to the VC CoC through committees and public meetings. The VC CoC has included recommendations in the homelessness action plan based on the feedback from those with lived experience involving unsheltered, sheltered, and homeless prevention programs. Each year, feedback is solicited from those with lived experience through VC CoC committees and workgroups in regards to the Coordinated Entry System and HMIS to make improvements. The VC CoC incorporated their feedback into the evaluation of projects funded under the CoC and ESG programs, as well as the CoC strategic planning efforts.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

To maintain efforts in increasing affordable housing supply and reduce regulatory barriers, during the last 12 months, VC CoC has continued to: 1) Participate in discussions with local jurisdictions pursuing State Homekey projects to expand PSH units and develop new transitional housing for homeless youth. VC CoC has also participated in presentations to city councils/board of supervisors and provided guidance on key components of each Homekey application, including the supportive services plans, data on subpopulations, and data for racial equity. Thanks to those efforts, three Homekey PSH motel conversion projects have been approved and two transitional housing projects for homeless youth. All of these projects are expected to be completed and leased by mid-2024. Also, the County committed \$5.5M in general funds to a new Homekey project proposed in the City of Ventura. If awarded Homekey funds, the project will create 85 units for persons experiencing homelessness and another 55 units for households who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Additionally, several projects with units set-aside for persons experiencing homelessness will be leasing in the coming year, including Central Terrace (35 units of PSH), Westview Village Phase II (5 units for seniors exp. homelessness); and Rancho Sierra Senior Apartments (24 units for seniors exp. homelessness with severe and persistent mental illness); 2) Presented the Ventura County HOME Consortium's draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to VC CoC community partners in support of utilizing the allocation of \$4.5 M for capital development and operations of housing for persons experiencing homelessness. As a result, loans have closed with funds being allocated for Casa Aliento, Step Up and the Arroyo Springs Apartments for victims of domestic violence; and 3) Encouraged affordable housing development through inclusionary zoning policies in certain areas of the jurisdiction. Additionally, VC CoC makes recommendations for homeless and housing plans including the Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan by providing data from the Housing Inventory Count, Homeless Count, and HMIS. The advancement of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is used as a key tool for the production of affordable rental including permanent supportive housing.

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:

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g. You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1.	Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/18/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/18/2023

1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e. You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	
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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?	17
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VC CoC Data Performance & Evaluation Committee includes non-conflicted voting members to review HMIS data on each project for grant compliance, cost-effectiveness, best practices including housing first approach, project and system-level performance and vulnerabilities of the target populations. This data includes housing retention for each project as well as the length of time homeless to permanent housing. New and Renewal projects were scored using the VC CoC Rank and Review Policy with emphasis on their commitment to following local standards including low barrier, housing first and local prioritization standards. Projects serving CH individuals and families with the longest history of homelessness and most severe service needs (mental illness, substance abuse, low or no income, criminal histories, youth, abuse/victimization) were given weighted performance consideration. Projects serving or proposing to serve a higher number of persons coming directly from the street were prioritized. The VC CoC Data Committee takes into consideration the projects with lower performance levels based on the hardest to serve populations based on the priority needs set by the VC CoC Board.

1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
NOFO Section V.B.2.e.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	how your CoC used the input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;	
2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and	
3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VC CoC included a review of racial equity in the ranking and review process including soliciting input from persons who represented races/ethnicities of those over-represented in the local homeless population. The VC CoC Rank and Review Policy was distributed to partners for input on the scoring tool and review of the policies prior to VC CoC Board approval. Input was received by people with lived experience and community advocates including those partners who serve people with serious disabilities and incorporated into the scoring tool. The VC CoC Rank and Review committee also includes a diverse membership including people of race/ethnicity representative of the over-represented groups in the homeless population. The VC CoC reviewed and scored equity factors for all organizations submitting applications including the BIPOC and LGBTQ+ representation on the agency's board and within leadership of the organizations as well as inclusion of persons with lived experience on the board or in other decision-making capacity. Renewal projects were evaluated based on outcomes including the demographics served and outcomes based on race/ethnicity for all renewal projects submitted. All project applications were reviewed and ranked based on plans to address equity in outcomes for proposed new and renewal projects, as well as their proposed action to eliminate identified barriers.

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)

The VC CoC Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee reviews all renewal projects based on the VC CoC Rank and Review Policy which includes the APR submission, organizational capacity, compliance with federal grants, ability to fully expend awarded amounts and ability to serve the number of persons/households as detailed in the established grant agreement. This process helps to identify low performing or underperforming grants for consideration of reallocation. In the FY23 competition, there were no projects identified for reallocation. The preliminary rankings of renewal projects were shared publicly with all stakeholders and posted on the VC CoC website prior to consideration by the VC CoC Board. The preliminary ranking of new and renewal projects is shared via email prior to the VC CoC Board making final ranking decisions and selections of project applications to be included in the FY23 CoC consolidated application. The lowest scoring renewal project was not reallocated due to the recent improvement in utilizing Rapid Re-Housing by partnering with United Way of Ventura County’s Landlord Engagement Program, using State funding to offer incentives for additional rental units. VC CoC staff are offering technical assistance and support to ensure the lowest scoring project is successful in FY23.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	No
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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?	Yes
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?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/01/2023

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/01/2023
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project accepted or rejected status; 4. Project Rank—if accepted; 5. Requested Funding Amounts; and 6. Reallocated funds.	Yes
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95. You must upload the Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/26/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC’s website or partner’s website.	09/26/2023
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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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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	WellSky
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC’s HMIS coverage area.	Single CoC
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/27/2023
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases;	
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database—compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards; and	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VC CoC has established formal agreements with DV housing and service providers to ensure HMIS comparable databases are used to collect data on DV projects. The MOU has established that the DV providers will collect the HUD published FY 2022 HMIS data standard elements and will submit de-identified aggregate data to the VC CoC for all of the emergency shelter, transitional housing and rapid rehousing projects included on the HIC on a quarterly basis. VC CoC is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	786	51	735	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	10	0	10	100.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	284	100	130	70.65%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	547	0	547	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	734	0	352	47.96%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	269	0	0	0.00%

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)

The only ES beds that are not covered in HMIS are with the Rescue Mission programs. VC CoC and HMIS staff have continued to engage with new leadership at the Rescue Mission to consider data sharing to include these beds in HMIS. The VC CoC is committed to getting seasonal shelter programs onboarded to participate in HMIS in the next 12 months to assist with improved bed coverage rate. VC CoC continues to engage with TH service providers and has one large family provider (The City Center) interested in onboarding. VC CoC Board has offered to waive the initial onboarding fees and VC CoC staff continue to take every step to onboard this partner onto HMIS which will bring HMIS bed coverage rates to 100% for TH programs. PSH rate improvement will require participation from Public Housing Authorities who have declined to participate related to their own agency capacity to manage multiple databases. VC CoC and HMIS lead are working with service providers and striving for a solution to include these vouchers and units in HMIS to get to 85% or better coverage rate.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2023 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/24/2023
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/27/2023
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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)

The VC CoC Youth Collaborative meets monthly with youth-serving organizations, homeless youth service providers, local colleges, school district liaisons, mental health providers, and LGBTQIA-focused agencies. VC CoC staff also incorporated unaccompanied youth in the planning process to ensure outreach was completed to designated areas for the PIT Count. All of the youth service providers provided staff to assist with the PIT Count and three local homeless youth volunteered to assist with surveys. VC CoC staff have been hosting focus groups with youth who have lived experience in homelessness to assist in the planning process and ensure youth are counted. Several TAY clients assisted in identifying target locations where youth typically stay and may not easily be identified as living unsheltered. Day service sites also participated in the surveys for the PIT Count, including drop in centers, probation sites and public schools.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable;	
	2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and	
	3. describe how the changes affected your CoC’s PIT count results; or	
	4. state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC staff evaluated risk factors that pose the highest risk of becoming homeless for the first-time including loss of income, history of residential instability, utility shutoffs, disabilities or severe health conditions, COVID-19 impacts, increased rent costs and those fleeing DV. The Coordinated Entry System (CES) points of entry staff are utilizing the CES assessment to screen for these factors and connect households to mainstream assistance and homelessness prevention including Emergency Rental Assistance Program funding. CES points of entry assist with problem solving and diversion to assist households and link them to appropriate resources and natural supports when possible and safe. Additional work to prevent new episodes of homelessness are through upstream systems, with the CoC educating and informing partners such as the education system of resources to assist families in connection to resources to prevent new episodes of homelessness. Additional partnerships have been formed with nonprofit and advocacy groups who primarily serve BIPOC and LGBTQ+ persons and families to link these organizations and the persons they serve with emergency resources and partnerships to prevent homelessness particularly among racial groups that are overrepresented among the local homeless population. VC CoC advocates for and supports private funders in providing financial support to undocumented families including farmworker families to assist with maintaining stable housing for populations that are underserved by traditional government funded programs. The VC County Executive Office oversees this effort to prevent new episodes of homelessness and has contracted with a consultant for an updated strategic plan to assist with the efforts in homelessness prevention.

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:
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1.	natural disasters?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area?	No

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.c.	

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| 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)

VC CoC identifies households with the longest LOT homeless through CES with the prioritization assessment and utilizing reports from HMIS. All CES partners participate in meetings to identify the longest LOT homeless households and most severe service needs to match with housing. VC CoC recognizes challenges in reducing the LOT homeless with a tight and costly rental market. A strategy to counter this challenge is continued funding of landlord incentives and housing navigation through the United Way of Ventura County’s Landlord Engagement Program (LEP) to identify rental units and connect those units to housing vouchers, subsidies and RRH. The LEP provides flexible incentives to landlords to assist securing units for this effort through State grant funding. These incentives include holding fees, enhanced security deposits, set-aside fund for damages and conflict resolution assistance. VC CoC is ensuring housing navigation and housing-focused services are included in all projects funded through CoC, ESG or State funding and evaluating all projects on performance in efforts to reduce the LOT households are experiencing homelessness. Other efforts to reduce LOT homeless include a systemwide implementation of a Housing First/low barrier approach, incorporating shelter diversion practices, and scaling PH opportunities through new state funding resources. VC CoC is a local partner in supporting the rapid conversion of local motels and county owned property into permanent supportive housing to increase housing resources available to serve households with the longest lengths of homelessness. Two new motel conversion projects will be move in ready in 2023 with CES engagement for PSH. The organization responsible for overseeing the strategy is the VC County Executive Office.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing–CoC’s Strategy NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;	
2.	describe your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC’s strategy to increase exits to PH includes a multi-faceted approach of streamlining admissions, using a Housing First approach, providing housing navigation services, funding a systemwide Landlord Engagement Program, leveraging mainstream resources to facilitate increased income and strategically investing resources to create and expand permanent housing are some of the strategies currently employed to increase exits to permanent housing. All programs funded through VC CoC including CoC, ESG and State funded programs are evaluated on their performance as it relates to housing placements and retention. VC CoC facilitated a countywide MOU with all Ventura County jurisdictions to get all governmental funding partners to align with CoC System Performance with their contracts to emphasize the importance of increasing housing placements and focusing on housing retention. Current strategies to retain PH includes housing-focused case management and ensuring landlord/provider communication to resolve issues before they escalate. CES case conferencing assists by discussing cases where an individual may be at-risk of returning to homelessness and assisting with enhancing support services or exploring transfer options if necessary. VC CoC is also facilitating Move-On strategies to assist with participants who are no longer in need of intensive support services but may need an ongoing housing subsidy. This strategy ensures participants exit from PSH to another PH destination and frees up PSH for a highly vulnerable household in need of PH. In addition, VC CoC staff recently completed Technical Assistance training with Homebase through the State which focused on Shared Housing strategies for local providers to pursue through master leasing or property management agreements. This shared housing has been implemented by two homeless service providers to offer additional options to those who are seeking affordable room rentals with case management support. VC County Executive Office is the lead on this initiative with the partnership of all housing service providers and the CES Lead entity.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC’s Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC’s strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;	
2.	describe your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC’s strategy to prevent returns to homelessness starts with identification of households who are at risk of returning to homelessness through our regional case conferencing meetings. This effort has proven to be effective in preventing returns to homelessness or transferring a PSH resident to a more supportive environment that is better suited for their needs. VC CoC runs reports out of HMIS on a monthly basis to identify new households who have returned to homelessness and brings this list to the CoC case conferencing meetings for review and discussion for re-engagement and assistance to rehouse these households. The CoC analyzes demographic & service history data to identify common factors across clients who return to homelessness noting any racial groups that are overrepresented in the homeless population. VC CoC identifies agencies and programs that have an increase in returns to homelessness and offers technical assistance and support in enhancing their supportive services and connections to mainstream resources to support housing retention efforts. VC CoC reinforces the focus of housing retention by tying performance to funding decisions in evaluating new projects for funding opportunities. Project applicants with high rates of returns to homelessness are less competitive for future funding sources unless they have modified practices and enhanced housing retention supports and connections to mainstream benefits. VC CoC and its partner agencies continue to engage in technical assistance and training opportunities to implement best practices for housing retention including implementation of a Housing First approach throughout the CoC partner agencies. The VC County Executive Office is the lead entity in efforts to reduce returns to homelessness with support from the Lead HMIS and CES entity and all partnering housing and service providers.

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)

VC CoC has monthly systems training on accessing cash income resources including cash assistance, local general relief funds, SOAR training for SSI/SSDI benefits and linkages to employment resources through workforce investment programs. VC CoC partners with the Workforce Development Board (WDB) to improve access to employment and training resources including a new Pathways to Employment program started in July 2022 to link people experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness to employment and training programs. The America’s Job Centers of California located in East and West County provide access to workshops, technology (computers, printers, etc.), job listings, career fairs, on-the-job training, resume building, workshops, assistance with tuition and skills certifications and outreach to employers. There are specific employment support and navigation resources for youth, veterans, persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency. The CoC and WDB executed a MOU in 2019 and continue to strengthen this partnership through cross system meetings and streamlining referrals from CES. Resources are shared with service providers frequently and training is provided for new hires and annually for all provider partners. VC CoC also works through the county, city and private partnerships to strengthen partnerships with local employers to increase access to and placements in sustainable jobs. The strategy provides supportive employment, work environments that includes personal supports, case management, job readiness preparation, recruiting and working with employers willing to hire persons who are currently or formerly homeless. VC CoC providers partner with a range of employers to link their participants to employment opportunities. For example, Turning Point Foundation offers a horticultural employment training program for persons who have behavioral health needs and have experienced homelessness. VC CoC has also partnered with the National Health Foundation to incorporate people with lived experience into the strategic planning process with stipends and mentorships provided to increase cash income and offer additional training opportunities. The VC County Executive Office is responsible for the overseeing this strategy.

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)

VC CoC service providers are provided monthly trainings and program information by mainstream resource providers on how to assist clients in accessing non-employment cash income. VC CoC service providers assist program participants in applying for benefits through the online Benefits CalWIN program, which includes CalFresh (Food Stamps), WIC, CalWORKs (TANF), General Relief, Medi-Cal (Medicaid) and SSI benefits. 2-1-1 serves as a point of entry where staff are trained to assist with assessments and also facilitate enrollment in benefits by phone. Providers may refer clients to one of the 7 Community Service Centers to assist with comprehensive benefits enrollment. VC CoC has built partnerships with the Workforce Development Board to ensure referrals for employment, education and training are facilitated. VC CoC promotes SOAR certification and shares annual training opportunities for staff to participate with a certificate of completion. Regular webinars are also shared through a VC CoC Alliance distribution list for ongoing updates and training. The VC County Executive Office is responsible for the overseeing this strategy.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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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
MM Supportive Hou...	PH-PSH	18	Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? MM Supportive Housing - Central Terrace
Oxnard 2023

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): 95-3424516

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 18

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

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.s.	

Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No
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3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:

1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and
2.	HUD’s implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No
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3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:

1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	Yes
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4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2023 Priority Listing.

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

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

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

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	175
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	33
3.	Unmet Need:	142

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(c)	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 and element 2; and
2.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or
3.	if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC collects data from the Coalition for Family Harmony, Interface Children and Family Services, and the Ventura County Family Justice Center to determine the number of DV survivors seeking housing and services each year. These organizations are dedicated to serving DV survivors by offering a 24/7 DV hotline and day service centers at various locations throughout Ventura County which collect data to determine the need. The number currently being served through transitional housing and rapid rehousing programs is 33; however, the need is currently 175 DV survivors seeking housing and services based on the data collected through these organizations. Each of these entities uses a comparable database and reports to VC CoC annually. One of the barriers to meeting these needs is our capacity in transitional housing and rapid rehousing. These programs are critical to meet the needs by offering trauma informed supportive services and the opportunity to locate safe and secure housing for DV survivors. The Ventura County Family Justice Center Foundation is applying for CoC DV funding to support this expansion to meet the need. .

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

Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects—only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.

Applicant Name
Ventura County Fa...

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

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

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

1.	Applicant Name	Ventura County Family Justice Center Foundation Inc.
2.	Project Name	VCFJC Domestic Violence Shelter
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	17
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	NP41Z3K8W8N5
5.	Amount Requested	\$442,358
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors—Percentage	95%
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors—Percentage	97%

4A-3b.1.	Applicant Experience in Housing Placement and Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

For the rate of housing placement and rate of housing retention of DV survivors reported in question 4B-3b., describe in the field below:

1.	how the project applicant calculated both rates;
2.	whether the rates accounts for exits to safe housing destinations; and
3.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects).

(limit 1,500 characters)

The Ventura County Family Justice Center (VCFJC) has been collecting data through a comparable database which indicates a need to serve 175 DV survivors through housing and services. The calculated rate of 95% into housing placement is based on the prior year's success rate of connecting DV survivors to Rapid Re-Housing and other permanent housing options, including Emergency Housing Vouchers. The calculated rate of 97% for housing retention is based on the six-month case management assessments to ensure DV survivors remain housed in safe and stable housing. The comparable database has been managed by the Coalition for Family Harmony who was previously awarded with HUD CoC DV Bonus funding in a prior round and continues to serve DV survivors in collaboration with the VCFJC.

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

Describe in the field below how the project applicant:

1.	ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;
2.	prioritized survivors—you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC’s emergency transfer plan, etc.;
3.	determined which supportive services survivors needed;
4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and
5.	moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VCFJC collaborates with several DV programs throughout the CoC, including Interface and the Coalition for Family Harmony. DV Survivors are provided with trauma informed care through the day services locations or DV 24/7 hotline to coordinate a placement into safe affordable housing. These DV providers have been participating in the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Pathways to Home to ensure DV survivors are connected to housing resources through the prioritization list. Ventura County CoC also has an emergency transfer plan to quickly transition or move DV survivors into safe affordable housing or emergency shelter as needed. VCFJC staff are trained on trauma informed care practices to provide supportive services and connect DV survivors to the appropriate housing and resources. When clients are placed at transitional housing or emergency shelter, supportive services staff work with the clients on a housing plan to transition to safe affordable housing as quickly as possible. Rapid Re-Housing will be offered to assist with the security deposit, rental assistance and utilities as needed.

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

Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:

1.	taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;
2.	making determinations and placements into safe housing;
3.	keeping information and locations confidential;
4.	training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and
5.	taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.

(limit 2,500 characters)

VCFJC has an established confidentiality and privacy policy which includes the process for confidential presentations to the Coordinated Entry System and follows VAWA confidentiality requirements. All DV survivors are informed of this policy during the intake and interview process. DV shelter advocates work closely with the County and other community partners to ensure DV survivors are connected to the appropriate, safe and stable housing or shelter locations. All information collected remains at locations that maintain privacy protocols. Staff are trained annually on confidentiality policies and practices that align with VAWA requirements. All emergency shelters and transitional housing sites have security in place for physical safety. Confidentiality of locations is of the utmost importance for DV survivors who are housed in the community at scattered site locations with supportive services provided on a weekly basis in the first six months of placement and regular monthly check ins thereafter for the first year.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Ventura County CoC staff reviewed the VCFJC policies and procedures, project locations, VAWA compliance, staff trainings and ensures that trauma informed practices are in place for DV survivors. VCFJC provides a 24/7 hotline and coordinates with other DV service providers. The project will be successful as proposed.

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

Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant's experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

VCFJC prioritizes the placement of DV survivors through the Coordinated Entry System and provides supportive services to ensure clients are connected to permanent housing that meets their needs as stated. VCFJC follows equal access rules and maintains an environment of mutual respect based on equity and inclusion. Program participants are provided with trauma informed supportive services as well as counseling services at the VCJFC. Assessments are completed that include strength based measures to assist DV survivors in determining goals for current and future. Cultural competence and equal access training is required annually for all VCFJC staff. Peer support staff at the VCFJC assist with DV survivors based on their experiences and assist through mentorship programs. Program participants with children are provided with parenting classes through a contract partnering agency and referrals to CalWORKs for childcare and housing support services.

4A-3f.	Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below examples of supportive services the project provided to domestic violence survivors while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs.	

(limit 5,000 characters)

VCFJC supportive services include case management, housing plan, counseling services, basic needs, connections to health care services, linking to employment services and legal aid assistance. VCFJC staff also assist with connecting DV survivors to the Coordinated Entry System for safe and stable housing placement.

4A-3g.	Plan for Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Practices for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(e)	
	Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:	
	1. prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;	
	2. establish and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;	
	3. provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;	
	4. emphasize program participants' strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;	
	5. center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;	
	6. provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and	
	7. offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.	

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VCFJC will prioritize the placement of DV survivors through the Coordinated Entry System and will provide supportive services to ensure clients are connected to permanent housing that meets their needs as stated. VCFJC will continue to follow equal access rules and maintain an environment of mutual respect based on equity and inclusion. Program participants will be provided with trauma informed supportive services as well as counseling services at the VCJFC. Assessments will be completed that include strength based measures to assist DV survivors in determining goals for current and future. Cultural competence and equal access training is required annually for all VCFJC staff. Peer support staff at the VCFJC will continue to assist DV survivors based on their experiences and assist through mentorship programs. Program participants with children will be provided with parenting classes through a contract partnering agency and referrals to CalWORKs for childcare and housing support services will also be provided as needed.

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

Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:

1.	with a range of lived expertise; and
2.	in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

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VCFJC incorporates DV survivors in the program development and planning of new projects, including this proposal for joint TH-RRH DV Bonus funding. Former DV survivors who have been permanently housed in safe and stable housing participate as well as those who are currently being assisted by DV programs. VCFJC will include DV survivors in the evaluation of operations and ensure that survivors are included for feedback.

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	2023 PHA Homeless...	09/25/2023
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	Ventura County PH...	09/25/2023
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	People with Lived...	09/21/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	2023 Housing Firs...	09/21/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	VC CoC Website Po...	09/21/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	2023 VC CoC Rank ...	09/21/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	VC CoC NEW PSH Pr...	09/22/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	VC CoC Rejection ...	09/22/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	2023 VC CoC Renew...	09/22/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	2023 Final Projec...	09/21/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2023 HDX Competit...	09/21/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	VC CoC MOU with O...	09/22/2023
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	2023 Healthcare A...	09/21/2023
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No	PHA MOU for Emerg...	09/25/2023

Submission Summary

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

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3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	09/21/2023
3B. Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs	08/25/2023
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4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants	09/22/2023
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