

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with—if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.
- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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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: County of Ventura 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, 2023 to April 30, 2024:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	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-1a.	Experience Promoting Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section III.B.3.c.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC Analysis Tool version 4.0 data reveals that 43% of the County’s population is Hispanic. Of this amount, an overwhelming 65% are families with children that are experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness. This staggering overrepresentation is continually addressed on a quarterly basis through our regular CoC (Alliance) meetings which serves two functions; to provide all partner agencies, especially Black, Brown, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) organizations, a safe and friendly space to help disseminate their deeper subject matter understanding and gained experience with fellow CoC agencies and partners, to help address this overrepresentation; Secondly, it allows our CoC an opportunity to reach out to all agencies and solicit their knowledge and expertise when developing special initiatives to help ensure we don’t overlook the needs of our underserved communities. CoC Alliance meetings are well attended and include equal representation from BIPOC agencies, including Youth service providers and Persons with Lived Experience (PLE), that collaborate with our CoC. Participating BIPOC agencies include: the Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE), who advocates and consults with our rural and farmland communities, which have struggled to secure permanent housing for farmworkers who need to live in their vehicles; parked next to fields where they work, or that live in excessively overcrowded apartments. Our own County Farm Worker Resource Program also provides regular program updates for the County’s underserved Mixteco, Zapotec and other indigenous communities.

Another BIPOC partner which supports the County’s immigrant communities is the Coalition for Family Harmony (CFH), that while not exclusively BIPOC-focused, it provides critical support services and outreach to diverse communities, including culturally sensitive support is provided for those fleeing and/or surviving domestic violence. CFH’s Executive Director is also of Mexican descent. In addition, CoC staff are regularly present at House Farm Workers! and Community Action of Ventura County quarterly meetings to keep current of our community’s most vulnerable needs and provide assistance. CoC staff also attend Ventura County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (VC DEI) trainings, to maintain awareness of greater trends that affect our local, underserved, BIPOC, Youth and PLE communities.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The VC CoC Board, committee members and staff invite new partners to participate in the VC CoC Alliance annually by attending community meetings, commissions, local task forces and council meetings. Additionally, CoC announcements include detailed information about the CoC’s mission, importance of membership, benefits of joining, description of committees and responsibilities of committee members. Alliance membership applications are available on the CoC website and promoted on social media through Facebook and Instagram, Alliance Meetings, outreach events throughout the county such as resources fairs, job fairs, community forums.2)CoC communicates with public by offering online transparent invitations for new members to join for virtual/remote meetings with closed captioning available. CoC application forms and templates are readily accessible on the CoC website, which is compliant with screen reader technologies and tabbing, with clear instructions on how to complete and submit. The website details guiding principles, mission of the VC CoC, VC CoC Action Guide to understand how to get involved and closed-captioned videos for those who would like to learn more about the VC CoC programs. CoC regularly updates the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines Compliant website and sends invitations and announcements through various channels to ensure board awareness. Emails are readable by Assistive Technology. Homeless service providers encourage clients to become involved in VC CoC efforts through direct invitation and offer remote access to Zoom meetings.3)The VC CoC Public Information and Outreach Committee improved its partnership with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division with County of Ventura. This partnership has diversified membership by including those with lived experience to address inequities among the LGBTQIA+ community and persons with lived experience. VC CoC staff have invited culturally specific community organizations, including BIPOC, LGBTQIA+ and those serving persons with disabilities, to VC CoC meetings and events.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)VC CoC Alliance has a Board, 5 committees and workgroups focusing on preventing and ending homelessness. CoC solicits and considers opinions from a wide range of stakeholders, non-profits, service providers, government agencies, faith-based groups, advocacy organizations, businesses, and persons with lived experience of homelessness. Invitations to participate and apply for funding are sent through emails, web postings, workshops, trainings, and social media.2)Meetings are open to the public with remote participation available. Public attendees and stakeholders are invited to provide comments and share information during meetings. Staff, providers, and advocates attend community, commissions, and council meetings. CoC staff post agendas and solicit input on the CoC website and social media.

3)CoC ensures effective communication and access for persons with disability by implementing several key strategies including provision of electronic formats such as PDF’s that are screen reader compatible, large print or audio formats and recordings. Use of remote meetings has fostered solicitation with ability for closed captioning. CoC website and electronic forms are easy to navigate and can be used with assistive technology. Design is simple and allows users to adjust zoom, font size. By integrating these approaches CoC is more inclusive where persons with disabilities can fully engage and access services.4)Input and feedback from committee meetings are shared with the CoC Board through quarterly updates to address improvements or propose changes. Recently, the Board authorized CoC staff to develop a Shared Housing program for local service providers to consider as another solution to address our local housing crisis. The Board also authorized CoC staff and Housing and Services Committee to develop a VC CoC Supportive Services Plan Guidebook for Permanent Supportive Housing providers to deliver best practices on staffing ratios, case management service provision and subpopulation modalities. The plan was included in the VC CoC Rank and Review policy. Also, through public meetings, feedback and information gathered from Veteran Affairs and Veteran service providers, VC CoC Veterans committee modified its approach to end Veteran Homeless by adopting a “One Team” strategy, streamlining all HUD-VASH referrals through Veterans One Team By Name List Case Conference committee and prioritize for housing.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;	
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;	
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and	
4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The VC CoC Board, subcommittees and staff discuss grant funding opportunities at all public meetings and encourage new participants to be part of the application and funding process. CoC Staff openly publish Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and invitations for new organizations to apply. CoC staff also informs non-CoC providers and agencies of open grant programs.2)VC CoC regularly publish HUD NOFO calendar updates on how and when to apply for grant funding. This includes making RFP’s openly available with complete guides on how to apply, Rank and Review Policy criteria and required documentation. Access to forms/templates are discussed at all CoC in-person meetings, posted on the CoC website, announced via Alliance email distribution and posted on CoC Facebook and Instagram accounts. All applicants are invited to local workshops for technical assistance in completing a proposal. The workshop addresses changes, requirements, eligibility and a review of how to submit in eSnaps. CoC amply details submittal steps and timelines with due dates for all submittals. Applicants are asked to check for completeness and to consider CoC Rank and Review Policy scoring criteria. Applicants are required to email one PDF copy of the complete e-snaps application with a cover letter signed by the organization’s authorized representative.

3)VC CoC Data Committee reviews and ranks proposals for capacity, performance and makes recommendations to the VC CoC Board accordingly. VC CoC Board reviews and approves new and renewal projects for the Consolidated Application and then RFPs are distributed through community listservs and the entire VC CoC Alliance via email to encourage applicants.4)VC CoC staff use electronic and fillable forms for submittals. VC CoC staff also accepts applications through traditional mail. WordPress, the online hosting platform, is Web Content Accessibility Guidelines Compliant and accessible for persons with disabilities. It also has screen reader compatibility, text alternative for non-text content and sufficient contrast between text and background for easier screen reading. Multiple means are used to announce grant funding, including email, social media and printed materials. Links are imbedded in electronica materials and traditional mail is also offered to accommodate those who may not be able to use digital forms. Assistance and support is provided to assist individuals with disabilities in understand and applying for grant 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)	
18.		

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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 VC CoC Youth Collaborative and Data, Performance & Evaluation quarterly meetings, including working 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. VCOE is also consulted on a regular basis for guidance on how to best serve County youth, including infants and children for special projects. VC CoC staff attend local education agency meetings with school districts to communicate program updates, in addition to attending and learning from special sessions on current topics directly affecting the younger population and students. As our regular consultants, VCOE staff also consistently participate in VC CoC Board and CoC Youth Development committee meetings to provide expertise and input.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VC CoC has adopted policies to ensure that homeless service providers connect individuals and families to educational services as appropriate. For this, the VC CoC has updated its Written Standards (Policies & Procedures) and developed marketing strategies for the purpose of disseminating information on fair and equal access to a variety of services, including eligibility for educational services. Outreach includes delivery of printed informational materials to our partners at the VCOE, making informational flyers available at services sites and public locations, direct street outreach, making announcements at public meetings, providing updates at VC CoC Public Information & Outreach meetings, at quarterly educational training to service providers, by regularly updating our CoC website with resource materials, and a maintaining a contract with 2-1-1 to assist with the coordinated entry (CES) process and refer anyone with need, especially students, to the appropriate services. Our VCOE also 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. VC CoC 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 specifically 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 schools where children or youth are enrolled. 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 Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking—Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers.
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.

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

	Organizations	
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	Yes
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	Yes
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes
	Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)	
4.		

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in Question 1C-5 to:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)VC CoC continually works 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 comprehensive decision-making by including domestic violence providers and others in the CoC’s planning body and decision-making structures. VC CoC collaborates with an array of victim service providers and housing and service providers to ensure housing and services, including immediate medical and well-being attention when needed, is provided to individuals currently fleeing or survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.2)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. Thanks to a special VAWA cohort training offered by HUD consultants ICF, VC CoC ensures that DV survivors are quickly and safely referred to housing and/or services by offering access to an updated Emergency Transfer Plan (ETP) per HUD reauthorization October 2022. DV organizations offer ETP’s and participate in CES to ensure that individuals fleeing or DV survivors are connected with countywide housing & services programs as appropriate. The County of Ventura has established a Family Justice Center (FJC) and a partnership with the Coalition for Family Harmony (CFH) that serve the entire CoC geographic area for those who are fleeing or surviving DV and are in need of victim services. VC CoC staff, including housing and service providers 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. A DV-VAWA workgroup meets regularly to ensure referrals are made to housing and homeless services. The VC CoC Written Standards have been updated to include this process and have been included annual CoC programs training.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)With the implementation of an updated Emergency Transfer Plan (ETP) and a safety focus on those fleeing or surviving DV, Coordinated Entry (CES) staff and involved providers must attend CoC annual training on safety, planning and confidentiality, including emergency response. Training covers ETP use, the principles of DV and privacy including how to handle emergency situations at an access point. Safety planning and confidentially protocols ensure those fleeing are assessed in a safe and confidential manner via our updated ETP, which informs them on how their information will be used to secure safe housing, support services and how they're provided the option to refuse disclosure of any personal information. CES Policies & Procedures (P&P's) includes the use of an ETP that incorporates Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) updates to address the immediate health and safety needs of survivors ensuring confidentiality & housing stability is always maintained. The ETP incorporates trauma-informed, victim-centered support to ensure that transfer decisions and housing relocation options are based on client choice, reassuring safety, preference & success. 2)All CoC, HMIS/CES participating agencies agree to abide by and uphold all privacy protection standards established by the VC HMIS, a HUD-based ETP, as well as each agency's privacy and confidentiality 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 what information is being shared and with whom, including reaffirming the right of refusal if decided by the client. 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 space and process for conducting assessments, providing confidential referrals, and a data collection procedure consistent with VAWA (HUD reauthorized 2022). Many people experiencing homelessness have a history of DV and are able to fully access appropriate DV services safely, regardless of accessing it through a DV CES point.

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

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

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

	Other? (limit 500 characters)	
7.		

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Our VC CoC Written Standards specify the use of an Emergency Transfer Plan (ETP) for persons fleeing domestic violence and/or are victims of dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. The ETP includes a renewed focus on policies and procedures in accordance with VAWA (HUD reauthorized 2022) emphasizing safety, client choice for housing and services and strict confidentiality.2)Individuals fleeing may request an emergency transfer through the CES service provider, by calling Interface 2-1-1, the Family Justice Center or contacting the Coalition for Family Harmony or CoC staff directly. The ETP also has a section listing additional domestic hotlines offering assistance. Updated VC CoC Written Standards and the ETP are both readily available through the CoC website for downloading and printing. References to the ETP and other VC CoC resources are regularly mentioned at community meetings, at all CoC-hosted meetings and through our new quarterly newsletter, the VC CoC Chronicle.3)Per our updated VC CoC Written Standards, any individual or household who is fleeing or 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.4)A request for an ETP 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 ETP 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-5e.	Facilitating Safe Access to Housing and Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

VC CoC ensures that the needs of survivors are incorporated into the CoC’s Coordinated Entry (CES) 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. VC CoC collaborates with all victim, housing and service partners to first triage those fleeing DV and provide immediate medical and well-being attention and relief when needed. All VC CoC partners are trauma informed trained by VC CoC partner agency Human Services Agency and utilize Housing First practices, survivor-centered perspective, empowerment, and autonomy. People fleeing DV have access to CES by use of a non-Identifying ID for case presentation purposes, which is part of the CES protocols 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 current VAWA. CES is intended to also triage for immediate needs and referral to diversion programs for safety planning purposes which may include referrals to as DV shelters/resources, maternity home services, rapid rehousing and/or employment services, financial services and legal services. VC CoC partners with the Coalition for Family Harmony, the Ventura County Family Justice Center, and Interface 211 to ensure that survivors have safe and confidential access to all of the housing and services.

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:	
1.	identifying barriers specific to survivors; and	
2.	working to remove those barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)VC CoC works with an array of services providers through the Housing & Services (H&S) Subcommittee to identify specific barriers for those fleeing or surviving DV. This subcommittee is built on a strategic agreement by the VC CoC, homeless services and housing providers to coordinate attention and services for homeless individuals, households, including those fleeing or attempting to flee DV in a quick, safe and confidential manner to ensure equal access and prevent disparate impacts. For this, all service providers are engaged in focused H&S meetings and guided by regional goals by espousing and focusing on regionalism through shared learning and collaboration, to support systems coordination, integration and alignment with local implementation plans, strengthen local homelessness care systems and better address homelessness across the region.2)The H&S subcommittee identifies barriers and gaps for all subpopulations including DV survivors and the LGBTQIA+ community. The committee meets quarterly and continually looks ahead to identify system impacts, develop goals and strategies to work through challenges and recommend process improvement strategies for the CoC to adopt and implement. The H&S committee reviews system performance metrics on an ongoing basis in relation to subpopulations to assist with the strategic planning process and help safeguard equal access and opportunities.

1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+--Anti-Discrimination Policy and Equal Access Trainings. NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	
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	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.	
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Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC regularly collaborates with LGBTQ+ and other organizations to update its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary to ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and able to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families;
2.	how your CoC assisted housing and services providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy;
3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and
4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)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 LGBTIQ+ 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 LGBTIQ+ community.2)The 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 CoC Board for review and approval as needed.3)As part of CoC’s enforcement of fair housing and anti-discrimination policies, the 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, the CoC consults with our County of Ventura Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Council on a regular basis to ensure CoC policies and services are trauma-informed, follow the Housing First model and meet the needs of the BIPOC and LGBTIQ+ community, including completion of periodic reviews of its anti-discrimination policy. 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 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 LGBTIQ+ community partners.4)The CoC always looks closely for potential violations to safeguard rights and maintain program compliance. 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, as required by contract to ensure enforcement of anti-discrimination policies. The CoC works closely with and consults on a regular basis 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 or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Area Housing Authority	20%	Yes-Both	Yes
Oxnard Housing Authority	20%	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)

1)VC CoC staff meets quarterly with PHAs to ensure CES coordination for housing voucher prioritization for those experiencing homelessness. The two largest PHAs have representation on our VC CoC Board. The Oxnard Housing Authority (OHA) Director and Executive Director of the Area Housing Authority (AHA) of the County of Ventura are both members of the VC CoC Board. During the most recent 3 years, significant progress was made with PHAs to ensure that local policies align with best practices and homeless services system coordination to serve those most vulnerable. Several programs were also implemented, fully utilized, or increased in capacity in serving people experiencing homelessness. At least 20% of individuals or families served by OHA and AHA were experiencing homelessness at admission, thanks to strong efforts by OHA and AHA in applying for and implementing the Emergency Housing Choice Voucher program. All 46 vouchers awarded to OHA and 77 to AHA were issued to individuals and families on the CoC's CES prioritization list. AHA was awarded Moving up vouchers with referrals accepted by CES. OHA was awarded 10 Family Unification Program vouchers and in 2023, CoC, Human Services Agency and OHA revamped outreach efforts, established a formal referral system, developed procedures, and issued all vouchers to eligible families. OHA applied for and was awarded Mainstream Program Vouchers. OHA committed 21 Mainstream Project Based Vouchers (PBVs) and 19 HCV PBVs towards the Casa Aliento development. The project involves the development of 70 permanent supportive housing units dedicated to homeless individuals. OHA collaborated with the CoC to establish a referral system for the 40 units. The initial voucher holders are scheduled to move in by October 31, 2024. OHA further committed 35 HCV PBVs towards the Central Terrace Development. The project is a new construction development dedicated to homeless individuals which was completed in July 2024. OHA worked alongside the CoC to refer and house all residents in the project. OHA has also committed 13 VASH PBVs to the Dolores Huerta project. The new construction is scheduled to be completed in the first quarter of 2025. The VA, CoC and OHA are collaborating to refer VASH program participants to the 13-VASH project-based units. AHA has committed 20 VASH vouchers and receives referrals from HUD-VASH. VASH referrals are received via the CoC One Team Veteran Committee. 2)N/A

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

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

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	Yes
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
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1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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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)?	No
		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.	

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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1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	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 2024 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 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)CoC evaluates applications for CoC, ESG and State funding for Housing First (HF) compliance during and outside the CoC Program competition. Scoring/ranking of applications must align with HF to fill units through CES and serve most vulnerable eligible households (HH). Applicants using HF in serving vulnerable HH's with highest service needs receive funding priority. 2) CoC's Rank and Review Policy includes evaluating HF consistency to ensure adoption of best practices based on: HF/Low Barrier/Harm Reduction; Participation in supportive services (SS) based on participant's needs and wishes; consistent intake policy to include acceptance of criminal and domestic violence (DV) history, and/or substance use disorders; commitment to HF for permanent housing projects without preconditions. Projects implementing/emphasizing HF policies/procedures are ranked higher. 3)HMIS/CES works closely with CoC to identify concerns with new housing programs committed to HF in filling units through CES. To be considered Low-Barrier, participants must not be screened out based on DV history, high utilization of crisis/emergency services, LOT homeless, low/no income, risk of continued homelessness, significant challenges/functional impairments, active/history of substance use disorders or having criminal record. HMIS/CES conducts referral data quality reviews for housing/shelter providers to address HF and notates trends regarding applicant ongoing ineligibility. HMIS/CES requires housing/shelter providers document ineligibility and run quarterly reports to mitigate unjustified denials, which are reported to CoC staff for review. CoC and housing/shelter providers review appeals if individuals seeking services are denied. 4)To improve and maintain HF fidelity, CoC monitors CoC/State funded agency projects quarterly. PSH agencies have met 99% compliance, RRH projects, 95% and ES/DV providers 100%. Barriers to implementing and maintaining HF often include severe service and staffing resource limitations and TA is provided when minimum HF standards are not met. CoC mandates annual HF training on core principles and client-centered, supportive services (SS) approach offer mental health, job assistance or substance use counseling, but are not required. CoC also reviews timeliness in offering and providing housing with supportive services and no preconditions. CoC integrated a SS Guidebook for clients in the development process, including persons with lived experience.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Reaching people least likely to request assistance involves target areas which include encampments, river bottoms, freeway underpasses and other known congregation areas, 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 frequent and consistent 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. From 2022 to 2023, there was a 15% decrease overall in returns to homelessness from SO. However, there was a 58% increase of adults served in 2023, compared to 2022 that exited SO into successful placements. Also, SO has been tailored to team up specifically with local law enforcement and other service providers to reach persons that do not seek services on their own. Persons can seek shelter and services without the fear of criminalization, thanks to the commitment from the Ventura County Sheriff and local city police departments to follow CA Governor Gavin Newsom’s Executive Order on encampments. In the last few years, the CoC has integrated Persons with Lived Experience and Multidisciplinary Teams that include partners from behavioral health healthcare and service partners, including a backpack medicine program that engages unsheltered persons with some of the most serious healthcare needs and linking people to services and housing through CES. With pandemic conditions having subsided, all outreach and backpack medicine teams have been able to conduct deeper outreach. Also, 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. In addition, the CoC has partnered with Partnership for Safe Families and Communities, to consult with Persons with Lived Experience (PLE) 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 your CoC’s strategies to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in your CoC’s geographic area:

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

4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		
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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	2023	2024
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	Longitudinal HMIS Data	547	653

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:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Providers may link to one of the 7 Community Service Centers or 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 Medicaid enrollment. CoC conducts monthly 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. 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. 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.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.2)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 VC CoC Alliance distribution list for ongoing updates and training. Also, VC CoC offers a Mental Health First Aid course annually for homeless service providers which compliments SOAR.

ID-7.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies–Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that:	
1.	respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and	
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)VC CoC facilitated a CoC-wide policies and procedures plan to respond to infectious disease outbreaks such as Covid-19, tuberculosis, Hepatitis A, 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. 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. 2)In order to prevent infectious disease outbreaks, 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. VC CoC created an Emergency Shelter Workgroup and provided Guidance from VC Public Health for Homeless Shelters during the pandemic to ensure public health updates and sanitation guidance are shared with local service providers, as well as adequate supplies are provided. Guidance includes recommendations for cold weather and flu season planning as well as recommendations for sustainable long-term COVID-19 response.

ID-7a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	effectively shared information related to public health measures and homelessness; and	
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)VC CoC developed a CoC-wide communication strategy that ensures all stakeholders receive timely and useful information about how to protect people they serve from public health concerns to respond appropriately in the event of an infectious disease outbreak. As far as CoC wide communication, we share information from the County on our social media pages. We rely on the Ventura County (VC) Public Health Department to provide trainings to the community as well as health fairs in coordination with Gold Coast Health Plan. 2)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. VC Public Health Department has been working closely with the shelters and street outreach teams this past year to prevent outbreaks for any infectious diseases. Trainings are provided quarterly to these homeless service providers through regular onsite visits by public health staff. We have continued to have positive COVID cases this past year and they were able to quarantine and prevent the spread.

1D-8.	Coordinated Entry Standard Processes.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	can serve everybody regardless of where they are located within your CoC's geographic area;	
2.	uses a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services within your CoC;	
3.	collects personal information in a trauma-informed way; and	
4.	is updated at least annually using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)CES utilizes a no wrong door approach regardless of location, street outreach and virtual entry through 2-1-1, 24/7 hotline for direct referrals for housing and services. CES affirmatively markets housing and services available via social media, web posting and email and 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 and backpack medicine. 2)CES uses a standardized assessment to ensure fair and equitable access to housing and services. It is also used for case conferencing and by name lists to support referrals for all HMIS project types for prioritization.3)CES is founded upon trauma informed and person-centered service delivery. This approach ensures clients are treated with respect and empathy and it is based on a joint relationship between the service provider and client, where clients are engaged in their plan development to achieve their self-set goals to avoid or end their state of homelessness.4)CES is updated annually with participating projects, people experiencing homelessness or those recently housed to align with CoC priorities and Federal mandates. Through community workgroups, mandates are reviewed by the HMIS/CES Steering Committee for adoption and approval by the CoC Board. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is prioritized at annual reviews. CoC compares race and ethnicity data to national and regional trends, and reviews CES practices that may be enabling equal access. Review also ensures eligibility criteria is low barrier, Housing First compliant and appropriate for each project type and ensure DEI framework is properly matching people to CES interventions and services. Policy/procedure update training is executed prior to the new federal fiscal year to align with data entry timelines. When prioritization of Federal mandates impact the prioritization process, CoC solicits feedback, evaluates and implements changes. CoC Vulnerability Assessment Tool Workgroup is comprised of case workers from participating projects who contribute by presenting case reviews, scoring guidance and question composition in VAT revisions. In July 2024, the workgroup released a revised VAT version 1.9. Evaluation survey links are sent to training participants for feedback and is used to update HMIS training curricula and scored for reporting purposes.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)VC CoC partners with agencies for specialized outreach to assist people least likely to apply. VC Healthcare Agency, VC Behavioral Health and Backpack Medicine, together with the Homeless Liaison Unit, conduct weekly outreach to homeless encampments in remote areas of the County.2)VC CoC has policies/procedures that prioritize persons who are deemed 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. 3)CES has streamlined its assessment and referral process prioritizing individuals based on vulnerability and matches participants with available housing and resources that align with their needs and preferences such as location, affordability, while minimizing documentation barriers and eligibility restrictions. 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 in successful placements and declined referrals.4)CES is reviewed annually to ensure minimum required information for diversion and housing-focused solutions and uses conditional logic tied to homeless status to remove irrelevant questions. Agencies use multilingual staff to assist with assessments or refer to agencies for assistance. Participants may refuse answers and reject housing/service options without penalty at all. CES gathers relevant information to connect participants 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 CES does not require participants to complete assessments at initial intake. Providers connect participants to CalWORKs and Child Development resources to support completing assessments and follow up. CoC funds street outreach projects to meet participants where they are, including 24/7 hotline through 2-1-1. CoC provides annual training on culturally and linguistically competent practices, Housing First, Motivational Interviewing, Trauma Informed Care, Racial Inequity and cultural competence and mainstream benefits, Anti-Discrimination and Equal Access (including ensuring that families are not separated).

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC through its coordinated entry:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)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.2)CoC provides mandatory annual training for all funded agencies that covers Fair Housing (FH) practices & civil rights laws. Participants are provided w/ information that details their FH rights/remedies which are available in multiple languages & accessible formats.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. 3)VC CoC grantees have policies in place to ensure they follow fair housing and a signed HUD 2991 form. 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-9.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

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

1D-9a.	Using Data to Determine if Racial Disparities Exist in Your CoC's Provision or Outcomes of CoC Program-Funded Homeless Assistance.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.p.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	the data your CoC used to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance; and	
2.	how your CoC analyzed the data to determine whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Every year, VC CoC harvests data from across various quantitative platforms such as our Ventura County Point in Time Count (PIT), Housing Inventory Count, HMIS, Stella P, the HUD CoC Analysis Tool, including prioritized input from our Persons with Lived Experience (PLE) partners that provide feedback through surveys, interviews and participation in our Data Performance and Review Committee. Data is then reviewed for accuracy, analyzed and measured to previous years and adjacent jurisdictions, with results being shared with the entire CoC Alliance and all its stakeholders for feedback.

2)CoC's annual qualitative and quantitative methodology is used to identify the presence of racial disparities, trends, needs and gaps to best serve those most vulnerable. The annual data analysis helps develop targeted working strategies to address disparities with a focus on aiding and eliminating barriers by partnering with the local safety net systems to better understand and address the systemic causes of poverty and inequity. VC CoC also works with local jurisdictions to shape and implement new housing/land use policies to help reverse longstanding housing disparities and help improve conditions. VC CoC also shares outcomes with other CoC workgroups including the local justice system and posts data dashboards on the VC CoC website. The 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 on a regular, ongoing basis. Data reviews have shown that those who identify as Black experience homelessness at a disproportionately higher rate; 6.0% are served by HMIS programs compared to 2% in the overall County population. PIT Count data is consistent showing 6% being Black as well. Those who identify as Asian/Pacific Islander are underrepresented in HMIS with 3% reported being at risk of homelessness with 5% living in poverty. When evaluating ethnicity, people identifying as Hispanic/Latino are overrepresented in the PIT Count at 58%, compared to 43% in the overall population. However, HMIS data reports 50% of Hispanic/Latino experience homelessness. Another concern is that 58% of Hispanic/Latino HH's live in poverty. This shows that this demographic needs more support with homelessness prevention and access to affordable housing. VC CoC staff regularly reaches out to BIPOC organizations for engagement and connection to resources.

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

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

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
4.	Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	Yes
5.	Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	Yes
6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	Yes
7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity?	Yes
9.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
Other:(limit 500 characters)		
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Based on the CoC’s Governance Charter and its dedication to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending racial disparities in Ventura County in a fair, just, compassionate and equitable manner, in addition to the review, analysis and scrutiny of data harvested across all platforms, the CoC will continue to diligently perform regular, ongoing evaluation of its system level processes and Policies & Procedures to safeguard and promote racial equity. These processes include gathering ongoing community input by providing open opportunities to participate in regional coordination and interagency collaborations; Continue promoting fair and equitable access to mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; Inform stakeholders and Alliance members of local planning processes; Inform stakeholders of actions impacting homelessness affecting individuals and families of all race, ethnic backgrounds, subpopulations; Advocate for people experiencing homelessness in areas where they have limited access; Ensure the CoC’s availability region-wide to support all County partners with programs and services offered in their communities; Coordinate responses to funding opportunities for assistance for BIPOC and LGBTIQ+ individuals and families at-risk of or experiencing homelessness based on program and performance outcomes reviewed and approved by corresponding committees and stakeholders, in addition to assuring that requirements under all HUD Regulations and Guidelines are met.

1D-9d.	Plan for Using Data to Track Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. the measures your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
	2. the tools your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)To measure and continually track data to identify progress on preventing/eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance, VC CoC will continue harvesting input and data on a quarterly basis, across all projects and programs, to evaluate and track CoC funded projects and determine which can improve in providing better and more equal access for marginalized communities; Provide deeper outreach to organizations that are led by BIPOC, LGBTIQ+ and PLE to support the goal of fairness and equity in preventing and ending homelessness; Work more closely with the VC DEI Council to effectively communicate with underserved communities to collect and analyze data and experiences that can help identify shortcomings; Conduct greater research on subpopulations experiencing racial inequities; Host annual think-tank sessions with a rich representation from marginalized communities to document and record their first hand experiences to help identify gaps; Work and train landlords to foment anti-discriminatory leasing practices and promote Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) practices; 2)CoC tracks progress by comparing and analyzing data from PIT and HI Counts, CES, HMIS, system performance measures, HUD’s LSA and CoC Analysis Tool, Stella P, the U. S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS), and quarterly partner updates. Regional similarities, characteristic differences and needs of homeless households are incorporated tracked in VC CoC’s annual Racial Disparities Report. This analysis is measured and compared to previous year’s edition(s) and is presented to the CoC Board to for strategic planning efforts and outcome improvement recommendations.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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 2023 to improve partnerships with people with lived experience and develop an action plan. VC CoC Public Information and Outreach Committee continues to expand community outreach and holding space for those who are willing to share their lived experience. Additionally, VC CoC expanded its outreach efforts through use of social media such as Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn. 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-10a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	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.	2	3
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	3	3

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Public and private social service providers are encouraged by VC CoC to prioritize the hiring of individuals with lived experience (ILE) in positions at all levels – front-line, administration, and management including peer counsellors and peer researchers within their CoC and CoC membership organizations. Professional development also includes internships, continuing education, skill-based training. VC CoC social service providers are encouraged to include persons with lived experience in their organization's development of policies, local planning and decision making 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-10c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
2.	how often your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
3.	how your CoC gathers feedback from people who received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program;

4.	how often your CoC gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program; and
5.	steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)VC CoC gathers feedback from participants in its committees and workgroups, including individuals with lived experience (ILE) of homelessness who serve on the CoC Board. A five-member workgroup of ILE has been providing insights through committees and public meetings, and it is expanding to include 20 more members with diverse lived experiences. CoC committees ensure ILE participation in planning processes, allowing them to influence recommendations to the CoC Board. Recent updates to the coordinated entry policies involved a wide range of stakeholders, including ILE, and revisions were reviewed and approved by the CoC Board, providing opportunities for ILE input during public comments. CoC committees have been holding space for ILE during planning processes and new initiatives. 2)VC CoC gathers feedback from individuals experiencing homelessness through committees and workgroups routinely. Shelter providers conduct regular focus groups for input monthly. All CoC Board and Committee meetings are open to the public each month with regular attendance by those experiencing homelessness. 3)Feedback is gathered by requesting input routinely at committee and workgroup meetings on policies, processes, and new initiatives through CoC/ESG programs. Focus groups with people receiving assistance are held by grant funded service providers to improve program operations and provide feedback to the CoC. People receiving assistance are also provided with CoC contact information for any concerns or questions. 4)Requests for input occur routinely and during quarterly committee and monthly workgroup meetings. Focus groups with people receiving assistance through CoC and ESG programs are held monthly by service providers. 5)VCCoC homelessness action plan included recommendations based on feedback from ILP involving unsheltered, sheltered, and prevention programs. VCCoC incorporated feedback from ILE into the evaluation of projects funded under the CoC, ESG and State programs, as well as the CoC strategic planning efforts. VCCoC included individuals with lived experience during the planning and development process of the VCCoC Supportive Services Plan Guidebook for PSH providers. Incorporation of their experience and recommendations were invaluable.

1D-11.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	
	Describe in the field below at least two steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:	
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and	
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)To maintain efforts to increase affordable housing supply and reform and reduce regulatory barriers, during the last 12 months, VC CoC has continued to participate in discussions with local jurisdictions pursuing Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) to create new shelter and PSH units. VC CoC assisted the cities of Thousand Oaks, Oxnard, Santa Paula, Ventura, Ojai and Camarillo with their ERF applications, with 3 cities securing funding. In addition to local efforts to leverage State of CA Homekey (HK) funding in recent years, 3 HK PSH motel conversion projects and two transitional housing projects for homeless youth have been awarded funding. In total, these projects will create 229 new units of PSH and 39 units of transitional housing for young adults experiencing homelessness. Four of these projects are expected to be leased by early 2025, a fifth will be leasing 40 PSH units with PRK clients in the City of Ventura before the end of 2024, with remaining units to be leased upon renovation completion in late 2025/early 2026. Several projects with units set-aside for persons experiencing homelessness have also begun leasing this year; Ventura Springs with 122 units for veterans experiencing homelessness, 35 PSH units at Central Terrace and 5 units for seniors at Westview Village Phase II. It is anticipated that the Rancho Sierra Senior Apartments (24 units for seniors experiencing homelessness with severe and persistent mental illness) and the Dolores Huerta Gardens (15 units for veterans experiencing homelessness) will complete construction and lease before June of 2025. Another project, Casa de Carmen, is expected to lease 56 units of PSH before the end of 2025 and will also count on a 110-bed permanent navigation center for persons experiencing homelessness. 2)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 to help reduce regulatory barriers to housing development. The advancement of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is also used as a key tool to reduce regulatory barriers and to produce 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:

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

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

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	08/26/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	08/26/2024

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

You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:

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

6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes
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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.	
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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?	16
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.	
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Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	the severe barriers your CoC considered.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The VC CoC Data Performance & Evaluation Committee includes nonconflicted voting members to review analyzed 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. 2)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.3)Projects serving CH individuals and families with the longest history of homelessness were given weighted performance consideration. Projects serving or proposing to serve a higher number of persons coming directly from the street were prioritized.4)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. This answer is based on language in last year's request for a narrative response. The severe barriers the CoC considered included: mental illness, substance abuse, low or no income, criminal histories, youth, and abuse/victimization.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)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 to determine the rating factors used to review project applications.2)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 LGBTQIA+ 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.3)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)

1)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, which helps the CoC determine projects that are candidates for reallocation.2)This process helps to identify low performing or underperforming grants for consideration of reallocation. In the FY 2024 competition, there were no projects identified for reallocation. 3)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 FY 2024 CoC consolidated application. It was determined that no projects were reallocated.4)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 FY 2024.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	No
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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 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/10/2024

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/10/2024
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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 Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; 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.	10/24/2024
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC’s website or partner’s website.	10/24/2024
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	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 2024 HIC data into HDX.	05/09/2024
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2A-4.	Comparable Databases for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)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 that meet HUD’s comparable database requirements. HMIS lead and CoC take several proactive steps to ensure VSPs collect data efficiently while safeguarding client confidentiality and complying with HUD standards. HMIS/CoC provide technical assistance ensuring database standards aligning HMIS data collection, reporting and security requirements. Ensure compliance with aggregate reports that effectively generate de-identified data for system performance, annual performance and collecting required Universal Data Elements. HMIS/CoC collaborate with VSPs to ensure data quality standards, and accurate and complete data collection. CoC collaborates with VSPs to ensure clear policies and procedures around confidentiality and both VSPs and CoC offer cross training opportunities to ensure HMIS staff, CoC providers and VSP staff understand each other roles and responsibilities, particularly the distinct privacy needs of survivors of violence.2)The MOU has established that the DV providers will collect the HUD published FY 2024 HMIS data standard elements and submit de-identified aggregate data to VCCoC for all of the emergency shelter, transitional housing and rapid rehousing projects included on the HIC on a quarterly basis. VSP/CoC is compliant with the FY 2024 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.	

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

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	980	63	933	89.45%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	10	0	10	100.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	198	57	113	44.31%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	376	57	433	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	635	0	326	51.34%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	298	0	108	36.24%

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
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2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1)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 onboarded seasonal shelter programs to participate in HMIS to improve 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 and OPH rate improvement will require participation from Public Housing Authorities who have declined to participate related to their own agency capacity to manage multiple databases, although have onboarded projects as required per Assembly Bill 977 with the State of California, including several HUD-VASH Vouchers, this onboarding is still insufficient. 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.2) CoC continues to engage Public Housing Authorities, HUD- VASH and TH/ES providers to onboard. As part of our CoC strategic Plan, CoC has prioritized onboarding discussions and/or data integration with VA to obtain voucher data. Meetings have been requested to address next steps. VC CoC Board has offered to waive the initial onboarding fees and VC CoC staff continue to take every step to onboard TH/ES partners onto HMIS.

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

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/24/2024
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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 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	05/09/2024
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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)

1)VC CoC engaged a diverse group of stakeholders including youth-serving organizations, homeless youth service providers, local colleges, school district liaisons, mental health providers and LGBTQIA+ focused agencies. Unaccompanied youth with lived experience of homelessness were engaged through a series of focus groups held prior to the PIT count. Focus groups provided a safe and inclusive space for youth to share their insights and experiences, ensuring their voices were vital to the planning process. In addition to gathering valuable feedback, focus groups served several key purposes such as identifying barriers by encouraging unaccompanied youth and youth with lived experience to discuss the challenges they face when accessing services and participating in counts. By prioritizing engagement of unaccompanied youth and their organizations, VC CoC aimed to create a more accurate and inclusive PIT count that reflects the realities of those experiencing homelessness in our community. 2) Youth with lived experience of homelessness actively participated in planning meetings, contributing to decisions about where and when to conduct the count. They identified key target locations, such as drop-in centers, outreach teams, community centers, probation sites, and public schools. Additionally, these youth offered insights on the times of day when their peers were most likely to be present in those areas. Their input was invaluable in tailoring outreach strategies, by sharing their perspectives on effective methods in engaging youth and optimizing survey timing and locations. 3) During the most recent Point-in-Time (PIT) count, several unaccompanied Transition-Aged Youth (TAY) were among the stakeholders that actively participated in the survey process. Their involvement was vital in identifying key locations where youth experiencing homelessness might not be easily recognized. TAY participants helped locate targeted areas that are frequented by unaccompanied youth, including drop-in centers, community centers, probation sites, public schools. These locations not only served as counting sites but also as referral points for youth-focused homeless services. In addition to identifying these areas, unaccompanied youth provided valuable insights about the times when youth are most likely to be present, ensuring a more effective/comprehensive count. Their direct knowledge significantly enhanced outreach efforts, leading to more accurate data collection for the 2024 PIT count.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable

2C. System Performance

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

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2C-1.	Reducing the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;	
	2. describe your CoC’s strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and	
	3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)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.2)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. Additional funding dedicated to homeless prevention has been allocated to agencies continuum wide, including targeted funding for transitional age youth. To ensure an accessible way that households at-risk of homelessness can access services, HP continues to be expanded. The expansion will reduce in inflows into homelessness, thus increasing the capacity of the system. Flexible short-term rental assistance, housing-focused case management, strengths-based service planning, and effective strategies for reducing barriers to housing retention. Targeted services to highest-risk populations & geographies to ensure people and communities at highest risk are engaged.3)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:

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

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

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The VC CoC identifies households with the longest LOT homeless through the CES with the prioritization assessment, vulnerability assessment (VAT) 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.2)The CoC identifies individuals and families with the longest length of time homeless by analyzing and reviewing HMIS data on a quarterly basis. Quarterly HMIS reports allow VC CoC and partner housing providers track client stays in various locations to then compare and prioritize those with the most extensive history of homelessness within the system. After identifying individuals/families at risk of returning to homelessness, VC CoC ensures housing navigation and housing-focused services are included in all projects funded through CoC, ESG or State funding and evaluates all projects on performance in efforts to specifically reduce the LOT households that 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. The CoC is a local partner in supporting new Project Homekey applications to support the rapid conversion of local motels 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. 3)The organization responsible for overseeing the strategy is the VC County Executive Office.

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

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The 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.2)The 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. The 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.3) 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.	Reducing Returns to Homelessness—CoC’s Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The 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 CES 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. The 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. Households placed in PSH are supported by individualized case management services to develop a strong support network that includes but is not limited to, reconnecting with family and friends, education about available services and resources, connection to mainstream benefits, employment search assistance and retention resources, and referrals.

2)The 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. In addition, the CoC requires all Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) partners to case present individuals and/or families at risk or returning to homelessness. The CoC also 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. The CoC and its partner agencies continue to engage regularly 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 and increased access to employment.

3)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)

1)VC CoC’s strategy to ensure connections to cash benefits includes systemwide training to provider agencies on methods to link participants to mainstream benefits through the online BenefitsCal program, managed by the Human Services Agency. Each participant is assessed for benefits and reassessed periodically to ensure all possible eligible benefits are received. This includes cash assistance, general relief funds, food stamps and healthcare. Access to these benefits are part of the Coordinated Entry System (CES) assessment to ensure eligibility to all programs and benefits. SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR)trained staff in each program expedite access to SSI/SSDI for persons with disabilities. VC CoC has also implemented systems training on accessing income resources including cash assistance, local general relief funds, and connections to employment resources through workforce investment programs.2)The 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. 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. Resources are shared with service providers frequently and training is provided for new hires and annually for all provider partners. The CoC also works through the county, city and private partnerships to strengthen relationships with local employers to increase access to and placements in sustainable jobs. The strategy provides supportive employment, work environments that includes personal support, case management, job readiness preparation, recruiting and working with employers willing to hire persons who are currently or formerly homeless. CoC providers partner with a range of employers to link their participants to employment opportunities. For example, Turning Point Foundation has maintained “Growing Works” a horticultural employment training program for persons who have behavioral health needs and have experienced homelessness.3)The VC County Executive Office is responsible for 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)

1)VC CoC service providers are provided monthly training 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 BenefitsCal program, which includes CalFresh (Food Stamps), WIC, CalWORKs (TANF), General Relief, Medi-Cal (Medicaid) and SSI and SSDI 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. Service providers may refer clients to one of the 7 Community Service Centers to assist with comprehensive benefits enrollment, in addition to Housing providers assisting with accessing housing vouchers. From 2022 to 2023 there was a 0 increase overall in non-employment cash income. However, the CoC served twice as many adults in 2023, resulting in twice as many accessing benefits and growing their non-employment income. VC CoC has also built partnerships with the Workforce Development Board to provide referrals for employment, education and training. VC CoC regularly promotes and recommends SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (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.2)The VC County Executive Office is responsible for overseeing this strategy.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	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 – Rancho Sierra, Unincorporated Ventura County 2024

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): F1UUYZLNPBW5

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.r.	

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not applicable

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not applicable

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

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

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

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 2024 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.	Data Assessing Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c) and I.B.3.j.(3)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	175
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	75
3.	Unmet Need:	100

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(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)

1)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 75; however, the need is currently 175 DV survivors seeking housing and services based on the data collected through these organizations. 2)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.3) 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 Coalition of Family Harmony is applying for CoC DV funding to support this expansion to meet the need.

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(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.	

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4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant that applied for one or more New DV Bonus housing projects included on your CoC's FY 2024 Priority Listing for New Projects:

1.	Applicant Name	Coalition For Family Harmony
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	100%
3.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	100%

4A-3b.1.	Applicant's Housing Placement and Retention Data Explanation.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(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 the rate of housing placement;
2.	whether the rate for housing placement accounts for exits to safe housing destinations;
3.	how the project applicant calculated the rate of housing retention; and
4.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects).

(limit 1,500 characters)

1)Coalition for Family Harmony uses the EmpowerDB database for their DV Shelter and RRH services. CFH is working with its database vendor to ensure compliance and collect all HUD-required data elements as an HMIS-comparable database. Using data from EmpowerDB, CFH evaluated all persons served by CFH in the latest reporting year. They reported on the total number of clients served and the total number placed in housing, resulting in a 100% placement rate. 2) The rate of retention includes survivors of domestic violence who remained in their housing placement at exit or who have successfully transitioned into a safer or more affordable housing placement after the initial housing placement. 3) CFH looked at the data from the past two years and the total number of clients placed in housing during that time. The data demonstrated that 100% of households remained housed or exited to another housing placement two years following housing placement, aligning with the CoC methodology for collecting this system performance data. 4) CFH uses a comparable database, EmpowerDB, for their DV shelter and rehousing services.

4A-3c.	Applicant's Experience Housing DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(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;	
3.	determined survivors' supportive services needs;	
4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and	
5.	moved survivors from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)It is common that unhoused survivors need safety in permanent housing as soon as possible. Survivors need immediate assistance with rental costs after their abusive partner vacates the property following a formal kick-out order or the survivor is looking for a rental following a temporary shelter stay. 2)The Coalition for Family Harmony (CFH) intake process is intentionally designed to expedite the process of moving from the initial interview to problem-solving and identifying housing options within the same or second appointment. Shelter placements are offered when needed for safe placement before permanent housing is identified. CFH prioritizes survivors by creating seamless coordination with the CES while continuing to uphold the confidentiality rights of survivors. Specifically, CFH utilizes our current 24-hour DV Hotline as the entry point for DV housing. DV staff link survivors to safe placement through RRH referrals, leverage the emergency transfer plan for survivors that need to relocate and utilize all resources within the CoC and community to support survivors in accessing safe housing. 3)CFH provides supportive services to survivor households. These services include therapy for survivors and their children, systems advocacy, family law services, and housing support. CFH utilizes the many local service providers in Ventura County to meet the individualized needs of survivor households. 4)During the intake process, the assessor learns about the survivor's current and potential income streams to shape what would be feasible in rental costs. This gives survivors time and space to work up to the income they realistically foresee themselves earning, even if they are not there at the time of the intake. This is important for survivors who have been out of the workforce but have employable skill sets. 5)CFH helps identify rentals in the community that are close to an amount they feel comfortable maintaining that is sustainable, safe, and affordable.

4A-3d.	Applicant's Experience in Ensuring DV Survivors' Safety.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(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 survivors' 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)

1)CFH maintains safe and confidential office spaces in several accessible sites throughout the county or has utilized public spaces with private spaces to meet for follow-up meetings. At this time, CFH only conducts interviews with survivors of domestic violence. 2) CFH conducts a comprehensive assessment at intake to garner a deeper understanding of the survivor's needs, including the severity of abuse, the survivor's immediate safety needs, history of abuse, social support, employment needs, and co-parenting/custody arrangements with an abusive partner. CFH lets the survivors lead in identifying the location where they feel safe and that which works for their unique situation. 3) CFH adheres to confidentiality laws protecting survivors' personal identifying information, as outlined by the Violence Against Women Act and Victims of Crime Act. Aggregate information is shared with partner agencies that maintain the anonymity of the survivors CFH works with.4) All staff are State of California certified Domestic Violence Counselors pursuant to CA Evidence Code 1037.1. This training includes sections on safety planning and creating safe spaces for survivors. CFH has an established confidentiality and privacy policy, which includes the process for confidential presentations to the Coordinated Entry System and follows VAWA confidentiality requirements. Staff are trained annually on confidentiality policies and practices that align with VAWA requirements. 5) A big part of the initial intake is assessing the survivor's safety needs; we will assess their ability to work, go to school or take their children to school, remain in their current residency with a kick-out order, or move into new residency. This assessment includes legal remedies to protect the survivor in their new residency, assessing for physical structures to improve visibility and safety, and advocating with employers and schools for changes to schedule or worksite. This project will focus on establishing permanent housing options for survivors in the residency of their choosing; however, housing staff will be stationed, and survivors may temporarily stay at the domestic violence housing facility within Ventura County's Family Justice Center. The facility will be behind locked fencing and only accessible to emergency services and staff with badge card readers. Furthermore, the property features a 24-hour security system, provided in-kind by the County of Ventura.

4A-3d.1. Applicant's Experience in Evaluating Its Ability to Ensure DV Survivors' Safety.

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)

Describe in the field below how the project evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement throughout the project's operation.

(limit 2,500 characters)

CFH has worked alongside domestic violence and sexual assault survivors since 1976. Since our inception, we have continued to adapt and advance our practices to changing technologies and safety needs that are a barrier to survivors finding peace, especially in their own homes. With regard to safe housing, we have utilized strict confidentiality policies that keep and empowerment model in mind. These policies start from initial interviews with survivors; we will review all aspects of a survivor’s daily life, including common places the abusive partner may look for them. From here, the staff develop a safety plan with a survivor to safely place them in confidential housing. When the survivor is in a safer place, our staff works alongside the survivor to build greater boundaries and structures to maintain safety in their life, including discussing safety concerns with their employer and children’s school or getting a restraining order. For families in our Transitional Housing Program, safety needs may look different than someone in crisis. Structural safety needs in the survivor’s new home, like surveillance systems and changing door locks are common requests. We also work towards longer-term legal remedies to continue keep-away orders or separate assets. Lastly, when a survivor is housed and has developed a greater sense of stability in their life, it provides an opportunity to garner therapeutic support to help strengthen their emotional safety. We have identified one of the greater challenges a survivor of abuse faces after obtaining housing is to shift their focus on addressing the trauma their children have after witnessing or experiencing abuse themselves. The time shortly after a survivor of abuse is housed may become incredibly difficult as they delve deeper into healing the wounds left on their family after abuse. The areas of improvement include deeper and more frequent conversations with current and previous survivors in the program to identify enhanced safety concerns and solutions for survivors fleeing violent relationships. Our belief is that survivors are the experts in their own situation, and these conversations would allow us to further develop our responses to survivors living independently in permanent housing, including necessary community partnerships and resources needed to ensure the safety and privacy of survivors and their children.

4A-3e.	Applicant’s Experience in Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below the project applicant's experience in:	
1.	prioritizing placement and stabilization of survivors;
2.	placing survivors in permanent housing;
3.	placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their preferences; and
4.	placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their stated needs.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)CFH has supported domestic violence and sexual assault survivors since 1976, adapting practices to evolving technologies and safety needs. CFH prioritizes confidentiality and empowerment model to create personalized safety plans which include confidential housing, building boundaries with employers and schools, and securing restraining orders. CFH addresses structural safety needs for the Transitional Housing Program with surveillance systems and new locks. CFH pursues long-term legal solutions for protective orders and asset separation. Once stably housed, survivors can access therapeutic support to address emotional safety for themselves and their children.2)CFH provides survivors with housing options tailored to their needs. CFH Rapid Re-housing Program emphasizes choice, allowing clients to make informed decisions on their housing path. Once a survivor is ready, CFH explores housing resources and advocates with community partners such as United Way VC. In a competitive rental market, we prioritize timely intervention to secure stable housing.3)CFH trauma-informed care begins during the first meeting. CFH staff, trained as certified Domestic Violence Counselors, effectively manage crises and help survivors understand how trauma affects housing stability and self-advocacy. CFH provides trauma aware case management and holistic support that aligns with the survivor's preferences and addresses emotional impacts of their experiences.4)All services are voluntary. Participants may not lose housing due to non-participation in the program, including therapy or case management. Participants have control of their experience in the program and provide input in the design of their safety and housing plan. Clients decide frequency of meetings with their advocate and type of services. CFH believes survivors are the experts in their own situation, and work to uplift their voice and choice in all decisions after leaving their abusive partner. CFH provides initial cultural responsiveness training upon hiring of staff and continued education. Cultural responsiveness is integrated in both 40-hour domestic violence and sexual assault curricula provided to all staff. Staff are mandated to complete 12 hours of continued education annually to strengthen their ability to serve survivors from various populations. All staff receive mandatory 4-hour LGBTQ+ cultural sensitivity training towards creating affirming spaces to survivors of violence from the LGBTQ+ community.

4A-3f.	Applicant's Experience in Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(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.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures survivors and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;	
2.	providing survivors access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing survivors with information on the effects of trauma;	
3.	emphasizing survivors' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;	
4.	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;	
5.	providing a variety of opportunities for survivors' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and	
6.	offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.	
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(limit 5,000 characters)

1)Following the initial assessment and application, staff provide clients with an outline of the options that are available to them. We help guide participants through what each option entails but leave space for the participant to choose what option is best for them. This is a key design of our Rapid Re-housing Program. When the client feels comfortable moving forward in the direction they want to go with housing, our staff will begin working that same day in exploring online resources for housing or advocating for the client with outside community housing resources. As low-cost rentals can be extremely competitive and difficult to obtain, we understand that time is of the utmost importance in securing housing for our clients. A tenant of our domestic violence program is that all services are voluntary - program participants may not lose housing due to non-participation in any aspect of the program. For example, a program participant may stay in housing even if they do not want to participate in therapy or in case management with their advocate. Furthermore, the participant has total control of the direction of their experience in the program. Much of our intake process involves learning from our clients what they would like to do in the following months; clients may choose the quantity of meetings they would like to have with their advocate and the type of services that speak to their needs. The philosophy we follow in our programming is that the survivor is the expert in their own situation, and our work is to uplift their voice and choice in all decisions they face after leaving their abusive partner.2)Information on trauma is provided at the request of the participant, and this work most often happens during the initial meeting with the survivor. As staff are all certified Domestic Violence Counselors, they have training in de-escalating heightened moments of crisis for survivors as well as connecting challenges the survivor faces with how trauma impacts their experiences. Our staff must prioritize housing needs to assist survivors avoid homelessness, so much of the trauma and healing work happens alongside case management meetings. This provides staff with a holistic understanding of how trauma impacts other areas of a survivor’s life beyond their emotional or mental wellness; for example, how trauma impacts their ability to advocate for themselves with a landlord, or asking their employer for accommodations. 3) Our Transitional Housing Program utilizes a Family Development Matrix Assessment that captures a variety of strengths and resources available to the survivor. This assessment covers a broad spectrum of areas in a survivor’s life that can better help guide what case plans look like while in the program. Some of the topics in the Matrix include transportation, health insurance and access to healthcare services, financial wellness, childcare and parenting skill sets, and addiction assistance. The Matrix is available in English and Spanish. 4) Our agency prides itself on providing training on cultural responsiveness at the initial hiring of staff and with continued education. Cultural responsiveness is integrated throughout both 40-hour domestic violence and sexual assault curricula our agency provides to all staff, and staff are mandated to complete 12 hours of continuing education throughout the year that strengthens their ability to serve survivors from various populations. Furthermore, staff are required to attend the agency’s 4-hour LGBTQ+ cultural sensitivity training towards creating affirming spaces to survivors of violence from the LGBTQ+ community. 5)Our agency has partnered with a certified Zumba and holistic healing instructor in providing workshops in a group setting for residents on a variety of topics. Every workshop includes presentations for personal growth (i.e. financial wellness, organizational skills, advocacy), mindfulness, spirit, and body. The groups have been extremely successful with our participants and are held in both English and Spanish. Beyond the instruction from the group facilitator, program participants are able to use the time in the group to share in peer-to-peer discussions on daily life,

resource sharing, and support one another after leaving an abusive partner.6)
 Our agency provides individual and group parenting support utilizing the evidence-based Triple P curriculum. This service is provided for free to survivors in our housing program. Childcare is a substantial issue for survivors of violence in finding meaningful employment. We partner with Child Development Resources (CDR) in assisting survivors sign up for subsidized child care to access safe and affordable care. To help expedite the process of survivors accessing affordable childcare, CDR prioritizes the survivors in our housing program by putting them on the top of the waiting list for receiving subsidized childcare vouchers.

4A-3g.	Applicant's Experience Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(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)

Supportive services the project applicant provided to DV survivors experiencing homelessness while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs: Since 2016, our agency has provided hundreds of survivors of violence with housing options ranging from domestic violence shelter to rental support. This service is grounded in survivor-centered practices and follows a Housing First model. Survivors of domestic violence first contact our Transitional Housing Program through a stay in our emergency domestic violence shelter, by reaching out directly from the community, or are referred from another agency partner. Support begins over-the-phone by having a conversation with the survivor on their experience with abuse, their current safety and housing needs, and what their income looks like. We then meet in person with the survivor in a safe place to conduct a few assessments and tools that can help identify the type of housing the survivor qualifies for. After developing a plan of action alongside the survivor, we begin the housing search immediately. The housing options are presented to the survivor and, at the survivor's request, we may help the survivor with contacting the landlord, discuss rental agreements alongside the survivor with the landlord, accompany the survivor on tours of properties, assess for furniture and repairs the property needs, and more. Once an agreement is reached with the landlord and survivor, we work internally on processing payments. We provide follow-up and support as often as the survivor would like, but this is most often done monthly. Goals or milestones are developed with survivors who work well with this perspective, but no services are required for the survivor to continue to receive housing assistance. We continue to work with the survivor throughout the duration of their agreed-upon time in the program; our goal as a program is for the survivor to assume the full rental payment upon exiting the program. We assess three months before the program ends if this will be a feasible goal; if the client does not appear to have the income amount to assume the full rental costs, we immediately begin looking for another housing option that meets the survivors needs prior to the program ending. The following is an example of one of the many survivors we have helped over the years. We assisted "Kathy" last year (real name of survivor is not used to protect their identity); Kathy is a mother with two young children and was married to her partner for over eleven years. Kathy is also an immigrant after leaving her country of origin over two years ago. Kathy shared that the domestic abuse in her relationship started the moment she got to this country. Kathy endured physical, emotional, sexual and verbal abuse, and was constantly under threat by her partner to destroy her Green Card and other identifying documents. Complicating matters, her husband would not allow her to work. Kathy was expected to clean, cook and care for the kids and her husband, which prevented her from developing employable skills. Kathy described that she was forced to live with her husband's mistress, and that they both began abusing her in front of her children. Kathy didn't know what to do, she didn't know if there was any help for her. She felt trapped because she had no resources or family in Ventura County. After finding our phone number advertised for housing, Kathy finally reached out for help. With absolutely no idea how to leave her husband or find housing for her and her children, we began the process of identifying supports while she found employment. With our assistance Kathy was able to move away from her abuser. Kathy also asked to see our therapist, legal and immigration attorneys for services during her time in the program. We were able to find an apartment that Kathy felt comfortable taking over in one year's time, and they were able to stay close to the community they were living in before.

4A-3h.	Applicant's Plan for Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	
	Describe in the field below how the project(s) will:	
1.	prioritize placement and stabilization of program participants;	
2.	place program participants in permanent housing;	
3.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their preferences; and	
4.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their stated needs.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Prioritizing program participant choice and rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with participants preferences. We plan to begin housing option identification almost immediately following initial intake. This work will be conducted collaboratively with our community partners and alongside the survivor every step of the way to ensure the survivor feels comfortable with the direction of the plan. The housing market is extremely competitive and expensive; we must work together immediately to locate housing options while providing supplemental domestic violence services after the survivor and their children are secure in housing.2)The process of placing participants in permanent housing begins with a comprehensive assessment of the survivor's needs and short and long-term goals. CFH provides individualized case management, advocating for survivors through increased financial and legal support, peer counseling, and landlord engagement. Although assistance with the program typically lasts 12 months, the intention with each placement is for the survivor to stay in their rental well beyond the timeframe of our program.3)During the initial assessment, we gather from survivors the full scope of their preferences given their income, desired location of residency, and access to community and resources. The role of CFH staff is to find rental properties given the survivor's preferences and to assist in securing the rental by advocating for the survivor with the landlord, providing translation/interpretation between the landlord and survivor, and helping the survivor resolve maintenance issues with the property manager.4)CFH does not use a one-size-fits-all approach to assisting domestic violence survivors with housing. It's crucial that the survivor take the lead in defining their housing and safety needs at every step. Respecting the survivor's voice and empowering the survivor to make decisions in their own lives are regular practices in the program. CFH staff are trained to use trauma-informed and empowerment models to deliver all services, including housing.

4A-3i.	Applicant's Plan for Administering Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Practices in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	
	Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:	
1.	establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;	
2.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;	

	3. 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;
	4. 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;
	5. provide a variety of opportunities for program participants' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
	6. offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

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1) 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. As mentioned before, a tenant of our domestic violence program is that all services are voluntary - program participants may not lose housing due to non-participation in any aspect of the program. The survivor informs the direction of what services and opportunities they take while in our program. We plan to keep the structure of our services flexible and open to meeting survivors where they are at. This means having flexible funds available for a variety of rental and housing establishment costs that reflect the needs of the survivor and their family. 2) Providing program participants access to information on trauma e.g. training staff on providing program participants with information on trauma: We will provide information on trauma at the request of the participant and when it is appropriate and comfortable for the client to partake in this conversation. All staff will be trained as certified Domestic Violence Counselors and will have training specific to crisis counseling and peer support. 3) Emphasizing program participants strengths e.g. strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans include assessments of program participants strengths and works towards goals and aspirations: We plan to utilize the Family Development Matrix assessment during intake and at exit interviews to demonstrate change to the survivor. Our goal is to improve scores across categories on the Matrix and will attempt to focus on these areas during case planning meetings with the survivor. 4) Centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, eg training on equal access, cultural competency, nondiscrimination: Staff will be trained utilizing our Cultural 40-hour domestic violence and sexual assault curricula, both of which are carefully constructed around topics of cultural sensitivity. Furthermore, all staff receive 4-hour LGBTQ+ cultural sensitivity training as well as 12 hours of Continued Educational Units. Management at Coalition for Family Harmony is also invested in ensuring all our services are accessible to all survivors of violence and work diligently to ensure greater access to the community regularly. 5) Providing opportunities for connection for program participants, eg groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; In accordance with local COVID-19 regulations, we hope to facilitate regularly-occurring domestic violence peer groups for participants of the program. This will be an opportunity for participants to find support in one another, share resources, and learn important skill sets to prepare them for independent living beyond our program. Furthermore, we have added an MFT Therapist to this proposal. We plan to provide participants with not only peer-to-peer support but confidential clinical support in a group setting with a MFT Associate or Trainee trained in domestic violence issues. 6) Offering support for parenting; parenting classes, childcare: We plan to extend free Triple P Parenting groups to interested parents in the program. Our staff will also work diligently with survivors with children to identify subsidized and low-cost childcare options while they are in the program as part of their case plan.

4A-3j.	Applicant's Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(f)	
1.	<p>Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:</p> <p>with a range of lived expertise; and</p>	
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2. in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.
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1)Staff, community volunteers, and survivors who have graduated from our program offer an array of experience and insight as they provide input on program operations. Our recruitment practices include prioritizing individuals with a variety of lived experiences, and we solicit participation from each survivor exiting the program to share their vital feedback on the program and to provide support to other survivors from the place of finding a deeper sense of healing. 2)CFH incorporates DV survivors in the program development and planning of new projects, including this RRH DV Bonus funding proposal. 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. CFH 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.
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Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	PHA- OHA-Homeless...	09/12/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	PHA-Area HA- Home...	09/12/2024
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	Lived Experience ...	10/22/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/20/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/25/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	10/14/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	10/16/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	10/21/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	10/11/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	CA-611_2024 Compe...	09/20/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	Housing Leveragin...	10/21/2024
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Healthcare Formal...	10/21/2024
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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RE: Homeless Preference

The Oxnard Housing Authority is part of a community-wide commitment to end homelessness in Ventura County. We support the steps our Continuum of Care has taken to create partnerships and working relationships to advance this commitment.

The Oxnard Housing Authority adopted a new admission, homeless limited preference for its voucher program which is articulated in our Administrative Plan. In addition, the Oxnard Housing Authority also recognizes Moving On as a strategy to support stable transitions from permanent supportive housing. Our system framework recognizes that permanent supportive housing is not necessarily the end point. To that end, the Oxnard Housing Authority has committed 130 project-based vouchers for affordable housing developments that house individuals and families that meet the definition of homelessness.

The Oxnard Housing Authority intends to partner with the Continuum of Care to coordinate, integrate, and leverage resources to maximize the impact of services and to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families who no longer require intensive supportive services while living in PSH. By transitioning to a more independent housing assistance program, we intend to free up Continuum of Care funded permanent supportive housing beds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emilio Ramirez".

Emilio Ramirez
Housing Director



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Re: Area Housing Authority - Homeless preferences

The Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura (AHA) has three preferences within its Housing Choice Voucher program related to assisting homeless households. The “AHA Preference” is a general preference for homeless households and households in a substandard living condition; the “Move On Preference” is a limited preference for households transitioning from Permanent Supportive Housing who no longer require intensive supportive services and want to move out of CoC Program funded-PSH to other housing assistance programs;; and the “Transitional Age Foster Youth Voucher Preference” is a limited preference for youth, age 18- 24 transitioning out of the foster care system. The descriptions of each preference from our Administrative Plan are listed below.

1. AHA Preference

This preference encompasses applicants with challenging living conditions:

- 1) Applicants whose head or co-head of household is displaced and are not living in standard, permanent replacement housing or are unable to live in their current residence because of:
 - Demolition or disposition of their residence as a result of local, state, or federal mandates.
 - Residing in a multifamily rental housing project when HUD sells, forecloses upon or demolishes the project.
 - Residing in a project covered by a project-based Section 8 HAP contract at or near the end of the HAP contract term.
 - Providing information on criminal activities to a law enforcement agency and, after a threat assessment and to avoid reprisals, the law enforcement agency recommends housing the family to reduce risk of violence to the family. The AHA will take reasonable precautions to assist the law enforcement agency in concealing the new location of the family in cases of witness protection.
 - Being the victim of one or more hate crimes and vacating the home because of the crime or the fear of such a crime. A hate crime is actual or threatened, physical violence or intimidation that is directed against a person or his property and is based upon the person’s race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, familial status, or sexual orientation, and occurred within the past year and is of a continuing nature.
 - Being the victim of domestic violence is defined as applicants who have been subjected to or victimized by a member of the family or household within the past year. The AHA will require evidence that the family has been displaced as a result of fleeing violence in the home. Applicants are also eligible for this preference if there is evidence that the family is currently living in a situation where they are being subjected to or victimized by violence in the home. The AHA will consider the following criteria to establish this preference:

- Evidence of actual or threatened physical violence directed against the applicant or the applicant's family by a spouse or other household member who lives with the family. Such violence must be documented as being of a continued nature.
 - The applicant must certify that the abuser will not reside with the applicant unless the AHA gives prior written approval.
 - The applicant may be transitioning from an interim-housing program designed to assist victims of domestic violence and their children.
 - An applicant who lives in a violent neighborhood or is fearful of other violence outside the household is not considered involuntarily displaced and is not eligible for this preference.
 - If the abuser returns to the family without approval of the AHA, the AHA will deny or terminate assistance for breach of the certification. At the family's request, the AHA will take precautions to ensure that the new location of the family is concealed in cases of domestic abuse.
The AHA will take reasonable precautions to assist the law enforcement agency in concealing the new location of the family in cases of domestic violence.
 - Facing the imminent placement of a family's child or children in out-of-home care, or the delay of the discharge of a child or children to the family from out-of-home care due to the lack of adequate housing. The "lack of adequate housing" means the family is:
 - Living in substandard housing,
 - Homeless,
 - Displaced by domestic violence, or
 - Living in an inadequately sized unit.
 - Facing the imminent release from an authorized children's-care facility (such as a foster-care home) or other juvenile facility due to reaching the maximum age allowable at the facility. Applicants must have a need for affordable housing as certified by Interface Children Family Services of Ventura County. Such applicants must meet all Section 8 Program requirements, including minimum age qualifications.
- 2) Applicants whose head or co-head of household's dwelling meets one or more of the following criteria:
- Is dilapidated, as cited by officials of the local code enforcement agencies;
 - Does not have operable indoor plumbing;
 - Does not have a usable flush toilet or bathtub/shower inside the unit for the exclusive use of the family;
 - Does not have electricity or has inadequate or unsafe electrical service;
 - Does not have a safe or adequate source of heat;
 - Should, but does not, have a kitchen (Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Housing is not substandard solely because it does not contain sanitary and/or food preparation facilities in the unit); or
 - Has been declared unfit for habitation by a government agency.
- 3) Applicants whose head or co-head of household is homeless and are considered to be living in substandard housing due to:
- The lack of a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, and
 - Having a primary nighttime residence that is a supervised public or private shelter providing temporary accommodations, or an institution providing residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a public or private place not ordinarily used as a sleeping accommodation for people.



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Families who are residing with friends or relatives on a temporary basis may be evaluated for inclusion in the homeless definition.

This preference also includes displacement by non-suitability of the unit when a member of the family has a mobility or other impairment that makes the person unable to use critical elements of the unit and the owner is not legally obligated to make changes to the unit.

Critical elements are:

- Entry and egress of the unit and building
- A sleeping area
- A full bathroom
- A kitchen, if the person with a disability must do their own food preparation/other.

2. Moving Up Limited Preference

This preference will apply to up to five (5) families that are currently residing in Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units within the AHA's jurisdiction, who have successfully completed the program obligations and have demonstrated the ability and desire to live independently.

Applicants for this preference will only be accepted by referral from the CoC PSH agencies.

3. Transitional Age Foster Youth Voucher Preference

This preference will apply to up to five (5) Transitional Age Foster Youth ages 18-24 years to connect eligible households who are at-risk or experiencing homelessness, including those who are aging out of Foster Care to housing and related supports. Applicants will only be accepted by referral from Ventura County Children and Family Services (CFS) who are certified by CFS to be eligible.

Sincerely,

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Director of Housing Programs

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October 1, 2024

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Re: Lived Experience Support Letter

The Partnership for Safe Families and Communities, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting individuals experiencing homelessness. We tirelessly advocate for the rights and needs of those in our community who have faced housing instability. As the Child Abuse and Violence Prevention Council for Ventura County, we serve and partner with child advocacy centers and families in Ventura County to provide resources to families in need, protect children from abuse and neglect, and ensure healthy families are a community priority.

Our agency has worked closely with Persons with Lived Experience (PLE) for over 40 years, and we recognize the profound impact this experience has on their lives. The individuals we work with possess valuable insights that can enhance programs and policy initiatives, including the Ventura County's Continuum of Care (VC CoC) work. In turn, we provide valuable, real-life input to the VC CoC, its Youth Development and the Violence Against Women Act – Domestic Violence (VAWA-DV) Workgroups. As the designated Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) in the County, we have provided inter-agency coordination, networking, advocacy, public awareness, and education to prevent child abuse, neglect, and family violence across the lifespan of PLE's we work with.

Members of The Partnership for Safe Families have not only been welcomed at Ventura's CoC policy table, but encouraged to participate in a variety of committees and weigh in on all major decisions. Our input has been taken seriously, including the development of a Youth Action Board, incorporating the voices of those with lived experience across all subpopulations, including the prioritizing of incorporating youth voices, and social connections programs for those with lived experience.

We fully support the VC CoC and their ongoing efforts in addressing homelessness. Our shared effort is crucial in providing sustainable solutions and improving the lives of those affected. We encourage continued collaboration with individuals with lived experience to ensure their voices are heard in decision-making processes.

The following individuals have been meeting on a regular basis and have participated in multiple opportunities to provide valuable input from their lived experiences throughout a variety of community projects in support of Ventura County's CoC's mission to Prevent and End Homelessness.

1. Janel Aguayo
2. Leah Davis
3. Denise Fritch (Youth Guardian)

Thank you for considering our support.
Sincerely,

Dr. Kathleen Van Antwerp
Authorized Representative Printed

Dr. Kathleen Van Antwerp
Signature

Partnership for Safe Families & Communities/Child Abuse Prevention Council

Agency Name

Date 10.17.24

**Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC)
2024 Ranking and Selection Criteria
HUD Continuum of Care Program Competition**

The Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) will use the following process to rank all projects/applications in the 2024/2025 HUD Continuum of Care Program Competition.

Section I: HUD CoC General Requirements and Policies

Section II: 2024/2025 HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Detail

Section III: Ventura County CoC Policy on Reallocation, Project Ranking, and Tiers

Section IV: Process and Criteria for Rating and Ranking Renewal Projects

Section V: Process and Criteria for Ranking New Projects

Section VI: Final Project Priority Listing and Notification to Applicants

Section VII: Appeal Process

Section I: HUD CoC General Requirements and Policies

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) publishes the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) annually for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. The NOFO establishes the available level of funds, identifies HUD national priorities, and describes the criteria and data needed in the competitive application.

HUD requires CoCs to conduct a local review process and to designate a Collaborative Applicant to submit requests for funds in the CoC Competition. HUD provisionally awards funds to CoCs based on the scoring of a CoC system-level application up to a maximum allocation established by an area pro-rata need. The CoC conducts a local process to determine needs within the system and to evaluate and select and prioritize project level applications to include in the annual application for funds.

Section II: 2024/2025 HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Detail

The HUD CoC NOFO was released on July 31, 2024 for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. Approximately \$3.13 billion is available for FY 2024. The VC CoC is eligible for an estimated \$3.5 million in annual renewal funding (ARD) plus and estimated \$266,124 in planning grant funds with the potential to apply for new bonus project funding. Final amounts are subject to change based on the HUD Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) report.

Although the available amount of funding is expected to be sufficient to fund all eligible renewal projects in the FY 2024 funding process, HUD continues to require Collaborative Applicants to rank all projects in two tiers. Additionally, there is an ongoing emphasis on project performance. 24 CFR Part 578.7 (6) requires CoCs to 'monitor recipient and subrecipient performance, evaluate outcomes, and take action against poor performers'. HUD encourages CoCs to reallocate under-performing projects to higher performing projects or to respond to community needs. The VC CoC responds to these factors by establishing policies, procedures, and criteria for reviewing and ranking each application for funding; for reallocation, and for selection of projects for inclusion in the CoC national competition. HUD also requires the CoC to meet requirements and guidelines specific to the annual NOFO.

- A. Threshold/ Eligibility Review:** The CoC is required to review all applications to verify eligibility for federal CoC funding. Applicants must meet HUD thresholds regarding eligibility to do business with the federal government; legal status; commitment to participation in HMIS and the Coordinated Entry System (CES); and fiscal capacity. Projects from applicants not meeting these requirements are ineligible to apply for HUD CoC funding.
- B. Ranking Requirements:** The CoC must assign a unique rank to each project that it intends to submit to HUD for funding except for the CoC planning grant. Ranking of renewal projects must incorporate scoring on project performance, system performance and effectiveness. Each CoC must comprehensively review both new and renewal projects within its geographic area, using CoC-approved scoring criteria and selection priorities, to determine the extent to which each project is still necessary and addresses the listed policy priorities. Funds for projects that are determined to be underperforming, obsolete, or ineffective should be reallocated to new projects that are based on proven or promising models.
- C. Reallocation & Bonus:** CoCs may use funds from part or whole existing grants to create new projects through reallocation. A CoC is eligible to apply for up to 12% of its Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) and may apply

for more than one bonus project provided it has demonstrated the ability to reallocate lower performing projects to create new higher performing projects. CoCs may submit new or expansion project applications under the bonus process for the following project types:

1. **Permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects** where all beds are dedicated for chronically homeless individuals or families as defined in 24 CFR 578.3.
2. **Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) projects** for homeless individuals or families that come directly from the streets or emergency shelters, including unaccompanied youth.
3. **Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and Permanent Housing (PH)-Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) TH-RRH:** projects that will serve homeless individuals or families who meet the HUD definition of homelessness or are residing in a TH program being eliminated.
4. **Supportive Services Only (SSO-CE)** for coordinated entry system.
5. **HMIS projects** for costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(2) to be carried out by the HMIS Lead.

D. New Projects for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus:

CoC's may create new DV projects. CoC's may apply for up to 15% of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), or a minimum of \$50,000 or a maximum of \$5 million. Final amount is subject to change based on the HUD ARD report. A CoC may apply for one of each of the following types of projects. Projects may add funds to an existing DV Renewal project by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants. Projects are limited to a 1 year funding request and must follow the Housing First approach:

1. **Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH) projects** dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless under 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
2. **Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) projects** defined in section I.B.2.b.(18) of this NOFO dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are defined as homeless under 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; or
3. **SSO projects for coordinated entry (SSO-CE)** to implement policies, procedures and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking (e.g. to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoCs coordinated entry and the victim service provider system where they are different).

E. Tiers & Priority Order:

In the FY24 CoC Program Competition, Tier 1 will equal 90% of the CoC's ARD. Tier 2 is 10% of the ARD plus the amount available for the identified bonus project funding. Any new or renewal project may be placed in Tier 1. CoCs should carefully consider the priority and ranking for all projects in Tier 1 and Tier 2. Projects in Tier 1 will be conditionally selected if applications pass both HUD's eligibility and threshold review.

Projects placed in Tier 2 will be assessed for eligibility threshold and threshold requirements and funding will be determined using the CoC Applications score as well as factors listed in the NOFA. Projects in Tier 2 are evaluated on a project by project level across the CoCs nationally. As a result, selection for funding of projects in Tier 2 is more rigorous than in Tier 1.

- F. **CoCs should consider the policy priorities established in the NOFO in conjunction with local priorities** to determine the ranking of new projects created through reallocation, CoC planning, and renewal project requests.

HUD CoC FY24/25 Policy and Program Priorities

- 1) **Ending homelessness for all persons** by aligning strategies with the [ALL IN: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#).
- 2) **Use a Housing First approach** to help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing. This should include landlord engagement, removing barriers to entry and adopting client-centered service.
- 3) **Reduce unsheltered homelessness** by exploring all available resources. CoCs should work with law enforcement and local governments to eliminate policies and practices that criminalize homelessness.
- 4) **Improve system performance** and use the Coordinated Entry process to make homelessness assistance open, inclusive, and transparent.
- 5) **Partner with housing, health and service agencies** to improve how all available resources are utilized to end homelessness. Partnerships with public and private healthcare organizations, public housing authorities, local workforce development centers and tribal organizations to maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based resources. For new projects written commitment letters from housing and healthcare providers is a HUD priority which could impact rank order (for example - as a tiebreaker for projects in the same type that initially have the same score).
- 6) **Address racial equity** to ensure successful outcomes for all persons experiencing homelessness.
- 7) **Improve assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals** by ensuring privacy, respect, safety and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation in projects.
- 8) **Include persons with lived expertise and experience** in the local planning and decision-making process. CoC leaders and stakeholders should prioritize hiring people who have experienced homelessness in areas where their expertise is needed.
- 9) **Increase the affordable housing supply** by communicating with jurisdiction leaders about steps such as zoning and land use reform that would increase the supply of affordable housing.
- 10) **Build an effective workforce** to ensure homeless assistance providers are well supported to provide high quality assistance.
- 11) **To increase affordable housing supply** by ensuring CoCs communicate with jurisdiction leaders, including for the development of Consolidated Plans, about the harmful effects of the lack of affordable housing, and they should engage local leaders about steps such as zoning and land use reform that would increase the supply of affordable housing.

Ventura County Policy on Project Ranking and Tiering

(Adopted and finalized on August 26, 2024 by VC CoC Board)

Section III: Ventura County Policy on Reallocation, Project Ranking and Tiering

A. Policy Objectives:

In developing our local policy governing project ranking, reallocation and tiering, Ventura County CoC's objectives are to align with the VC CoC mission, values and guiding principles:

- *Mission Statement:* The VC CoC Alliance is a collaborative group dedicated to promoting a safe, desirable and thriving community by ending homelessness in Ventura County.
- *Vision:* Homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring
- *Values:* We value the dignity of every human life, the well-being of the community and the power of the community to work together to solve community problems.
- *Guiding Principles:*
 - Collective Impact
 - Housing First
 - Strengths-Based and Trauma-Informed Care
 - Harm reduction
 - Centering Racial Equity in System Design
- Comply with HUD requirements.
- Preserve funding for high performing and effective projects.
- Fund programs that contribute positively to overall system performance.
- Shift investments from lower performing projects and ones which are at risk of losing HUD funding to new projects that help advance our community's goal of reducing homelessness and demonstrate effective approaches and best practices.

Rationale for Preliminary Rankings

- Closely followed HUD's priorities and guidelines for ranking projects.
- Positive contribution to System Level Performance will be heavily weighted when ranking projects including exits to permanent housing and housing retention.
- Examine under-performing projects and under-utilized projects and consider reallocation.
- Projects/agencies engagement in Continuum of Care efforts and participation in Coordinated Entry will be weighted when ranking projects.
- Projects that serve chronically homeless (CH) are ranked higher on the list than programs without dedicated CH beds. Programs that target chronically homeless for non-dedicated beds as they became available are ranked higher on the list.
- Projects implementing a Housing First model with policies and procedures to emphasize their practices rank higher.

- Projects serving vulnerable populations (chronically homeless, mentally ill, youth and persons fleeing domestic violence) will receive additional points when ranking projects.
- Cost efficiency and utilization will be considered when ranking projects within the project component (PH-RRH, PSH, TH-RRH).

B. Project Review and Ranking Policy:

The Ventura County CoC will invite submissions for new and renewal projects and will conduct a review and ranking following the procedures stated in Sections IV and V.

The general approach to rating and ranking will be to organize projects into groups:

- 1) renewal PH and RRH
- 2) renewal Safe Haven
- 3) new PH and RRH
- 4) new TH-RRH
- 5) new SSO CES
- 6) HMIS projects

Within each type, projects will be scored using a score system specific to that program type and placed within their ranked order, with renewal PSH and RRH in the first group (ordered by score) and the new PSH and RRH in the second group (ordered by score). Renewal projects scoring less than 70 points will be considered for reallocation. If CoC decides to rank and submit a project scoring below 70 points, it may be ranked in Tier 2. The CoC goal is to preserve funding for the entire community and will make ranking decisions to submit a competitive application and not put community-wide funding at risk.

C. Tiering Policy:

Once the rank order of projects has been determined the projects at the bottom of the list will fall into Tier 2 (10% of ARD).

As HMIS and Coordinated Entry are HUD mandated requirements in order to receive Continuum of Care funding, HUD strongly recommends that these projects remain top priorities in Tier 1 in order to secure and maintain funding for this required activity.

The CoC Planning Grant is not ranked per HUD’s guidance.

Section IV: Process for Rating and Ranking Renewal Projects

A: Rating and Ranking Process:

A Preliminary Letter of Intent (LOI) was issued by the VC CoC on July 20, 2024 to gather relevant performance and threshold documentation from each project identified as eligible for renewal in anticipation of the HUD CoC NOFO release. All LOIs were due to VC CoC staff by August 10, 2024. The LOI will be re-released to allow applicants the opportunity to review the 24/25 HUD CoC NOFO and finalized Rank and Review Policy, make relevant changes and submit a pdf copy and relevant documentation to CoC staff via venturacoc@ventura.org and in e-snaps by 2:00pm, September 23, 2024. All renewal projects will be ranked using an objective scoring

system as recommended by the VC CoC Data and Performance Committee and approved by the VC CoC Board. VC CoC Staff will use data provided through the LOI process (for both SH and PH renewals) to calculate a score for each renewal and use the results to develop the Project Priority Listing for review and approval by the VC CoC Board as recommended through the VC CoC Data and Performance Committee.

The LOI process is intended to assess agency's capacity to administer CoC projects while complying with HUD requirements. Additionally, the LOI helps staff and the CoC Committees review the following:

1. System Performance Data (project contribution)
2. Annual Performance Report (APR) timeliness and data quality
3. Vulnerabilities of populations served by projects including filling vacancies through coordinated entry. Factors to consider when filling vacancies should include the acceptance of criminal history, domestic violence history, high utilization of crisis or emergency services, length of time homeless, low income, no income, risk of continued homeless, significant challenges or functional impairments, unsheltered homeless (especially youth and children) and/or substance use disorders.
4. Financial commitment (match)
5. Alignment with best practices: Housing First/Low Barrier/Harm Reduction, [VC CoC Supportive Services Plan Guidebook](#)
6. CoC participation/VC CoC Partner Agency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

VC CoC Staff and VC CoC Data and Performance Committee use data provided through the LOI process, HMIS reports (Annual Performance Reports and CoC System Performance Data) analysis to develop the Project Priority Listing for review and approval by the VC CoC Board. This process is conducted in open public meetings and all materials are posted on the VC CoC website: www.venturacoc.org

B. Scoring Criteria for Renewal Permanent Housing (PSH and RRH):

The scoring system will have a maximum of 100 points with points for project and system performance and threshold factors. Data to assess both performance and threshold criteria will be obtained from the information submitted by the applicants in their LOI response. System Performance Data will be pulled from HMIS; however, victim service providers must submit data generated from a comparable database for review.

The performance measures will be based on those established by HUD, VC CoC local performance targets and tracked through HMIS data:

- at least 85 percent of project participants either remained in permanent housing or exited to another permanent housing location.
- at least 55 percent of project participant increased their income from sources other than employment (such as non-employment cash sources) in an operating year.
- at least 90 percent of project participants obtained mainstream benefits

Some renewing projects will not have a full year of performance data to be considered in the review and rank process because they have not yet been operational for a full year. These projects will be reviewed on the data they have available but will not be penalized for not serving the full number of participants. If a new project does not have enough performance data to review, they will be reviewed for administrative and program compliance and be ranked at the bottom of Tier 1. Their overall score will place them in the bottom of the group of PSH and RRH renewals but they will be placed in Tier 1 because PH renewals as a group will be the first on the

Project Priority List. If a project is poorly performing and lacks capacity, the committee may recommend the project for reallocation.

C. Scoring Criteria for Renewal Safe Haven:

The scoring system will have a maximum of 100 points with points for project and system performance and threshold factors. Data to assess both performance and threshold criteria will be obtained from the information submitted by the applicants in their LOI response. System Performance Data will be pulled from HMIS.

The performance measures will be based on those established by HUD, VC CoC local performance targets and tracked through HMIS data:

- at least 80 percent of project participants either exit to permanent housing, or a temporary placement progressing towards permanent housing.
- at least 55 percent of project participant increased their total income in an operating year.
- at least 90 percent of project participants obtained mainstream benefits, as eligible

D. HMIS Renewal:

Consistent with previous CoC applications, HMIS renewals will be exempt from the full Letter of Intent (LOI) but will be assessed for performance and spending in alignment with HUD requirements. As noted in Section II, the HMIS renewal will be placed in Tier 1.

Section V: Process and Criteria for Ranking New Projects

The VC CoC Board will examine recommendations from the VC CoC Data and Performance Committee and VC CoC staff to determine the amount of funding available for reallocation. New CoC bonus funds and any reallocated funds will be awarded through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for open competition for projects that provide Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) to chronically homeless individuals or Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) projects that serve single adults, families, youth, Joint Transitional Housing (TH)/ Permanent Housing (PH) or dedicated HMIS projects to be carried out by the HMIS lead.

An additional RFP process will be held for VC CoC Domestic Violence Bonus funding. This funding is eligible for the following project types that serve individuals and families experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or: 1) PH-RRH; 2) TH-RRH; 3) CE-SSO. Applications will be scored the same as other new projects with additional points for projects that have a plan for promoting safety for the population served. Victim Service Provider applicants will provide data from a comparable database to demonstrate need, capacity and performance.

The RFP will be structured to award funds to projects that 1) meet Ventura County's CoC priorities; and 2) are most competitive in evaluating project capacity and past performance. In addition, projects must meet HUD's threshold and quality requirements. The RFP will require applicants to submit project narrative, applicant capacity and financial information sufficient to assess all of these factors. To evaluate whether projects meet the HUD threshold, quality standards, and performance standards, the projects will be reviewed by the VC CoC Data and Performance Committee.

To evaluate project quality and fit with Ventura County objectives and develop a ranked order, the CoC will convene an unbiased project review meeting to review each new project. Projects will be scored based on a 100 point system (Attachment A and B). The VC CoC Staff will then hold one meeting to review and score applications and arrive at a proposed final ranking for new projects, including a recommendation of which project should be submitted as the bonus. The panel may also recommend that projects should either increase or decrease their funding request to maximize the use of available reallocated or bonus funds.

The final ranking of new projects as determined will be discussed and approved by the VC CoC Board on October 9, 2024 to determine the order on the Project Priority Listing.

Section VI: Final Project Priority List and Notification to Applicants

Once the rating and ranking processes for new and renewal applicants are complete, VC CoC staff will integrate the results of the scoring/ranking processes and create the final proposed Project Priority Listing for review by the VC CoC Board. This proposed list can include recommendations to adjust the placement of projects in Tier 2 in order to maximize the total funding award for Ventura County. The proposed final list will be approved, and notice sent to the applicants of the final results no later than October 10, 2024.

Section VII: Appeal Process

Applicants may appeal any of the following decisions of the VC CoC:

- 1) Placement of project into Tier 2
- 2) Reduction in funding
- 3) Project not included in final FY23 VC CoC consolidated application.

Appeals must be submitted to the Ventura County Collaborative Applicant no later than October 14, 2024

Appeals will be heard by the VC Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee. The decision of the appeal panel will be submitted to the VC CoC Board to make a final determination.

Attachment A

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Performance Measures - Max. 100 Points with 40 points towards System Performance detailed below.

- at least 85 percent of project participants either remained in permanent housing or exited to another PH (up to 10 points)
- at least 55 percent of project participants increased their total income in a given operating year (up to 10 points).
- Demonstrate quickly moving persons into permanent housing from program entry to housing moving in date with goal of fewer than 30 days from program entry to move in (up to 10 points).
- fewer than 5% returns to homelessness within a year of exiting from PH/RRH program (up to 10 points).

Projects can receive an additional 10 points for maximizing utilization of their program vacancies with an average of no less than 95% utilization in the previous 4 quarters. HMIS Data Quality should reflect no more than 10% of any missing data element, as indicated in the chart below.

Underperforming projects will be discussed in detail with VC CoC Data and Performance Committee and recommendations will be made for reallocation to the VC CoC Board when appropriate.

Permanent Housing (PSH/RRH) Projects: **Applicant:** _____ **Project:** _____

Threshold Renewal Points	Source Document	Max Points	Total Scored
Compliance with Grants and Financial Management	Annual Performance Report submitted timely, HUD monitoring, eLOCCS, close-out certificates; new projects will provide relevant information on managing federal grants. 5 points for APR submittal timely; 5 points for 95% or greater expenditure of grant funds.	10	
Housing First/Low Barrier/Harm Reduction	Intake policy consistent with Housing First / Low Barrier / Harm Reduction (including the acceptance of criminal history, domestic violence history, high utilization of crisis or emergency services, length of of time homeless, low income, no income, risk of continued homeless, significant challenges or functional impairments, unsheltered homeless (especially youth and children) and/or substance use disorders) = 10pts Commitment to Housing First with some exceptions, based on project type = 5pts No Housing First = 0 pts	10	
Best Practices/Supportive Services	LOI + supportive documentation (intake packets, lease agreements, service documents, staffing plan, incorporation of VC CoC Supportive Services Plan) consistent with Housing First, Low Barrier and local prioritization standards (<i>servicing the most</i>	10	

	<i>vulnerable</i>), filling vacancies through coordinated entry = 10pts Missing document (-2pts from score) Inconsistency with documents, services and staff plan = 5pts Not aligned with best practices = 0 pts		
CoC participation, HEARTH compliance	Attendance records or commitment for new partners to participate in CoC meetings (up to 5); compliance with CoC Partner MOU (up to 5)	10	
Project Performance	Bed Utilization (95%+) (up to 5 points), HMIS Data Quality (up to 5 points)	10	
System Level Performance	<5%Returns to Homelessness (up to 10 points), Length of time Homeless (up to 10 points), at least 55 percent of project participant increased their income from sources other than employment (such as non-employment cash sources) in an operating year (up to 10 points), 85% of participants with successful exits to Permanent Housing (up to 10 points)	40	
Cost Effectiveness - Successful housing outcomes	Cost per successful housing outcome – within project type (up to 10 points)	10	
TOTAL		100	

Attachment B

The following will be applied for the performance measures scored for Safe Haven (SH) Projects renewals.
SH Performance Measures - Max. 100 Points with 40 points towards System Performance

- at least 80 percent of project participants exit to a permanent housing or other positive destination (up to 10 points).
- at least 55 percent of project participants increased their total income in a given operating year (up to 5 points).
- at least 90 percent of project participants obtained or maintained mainstream benefits (up to 5 points).
- fewer than 5% returns to homelessness within a year of exiting from SH program (up to 10 points).
- Average length of stay <180 days (up to 10 points)

Projects can receive an additional 10 points for maximizing utilization of their program vacancies with an average of no less than 95% utilization in the previous 4 quarters. HMIS Data Quality should reflect no more than 10% of any missing data element.

Underperforming projects will be discussed in detail with VC CoC Data and Performance Committee and recommendations will be made for reallocation to the VC CoC Board when appropriate.

Safe Haven (SH) Projects: Applicant: _____ **Project:** _____

Threshold Renewal Points	Source Document	Max Points	Total Scored
Compliance with Grants and Financial Management	Annual Performance Report submitted timely, HUD monitoring, eLOCCS, close-out certificates; new projects will provide relevant information on managing federal grants. 5 points for APR submittal timely; 5 points for 95% or greater expenditure of grant funds.	10	
Housing First/Low Barrier/Harm Reduction	Proposal and program design consistent with Housing First / Low Barrier / Harm Reduction (including the acceptance of criminal history, domestic violence history, and/or substance use disorders) = Up to 10pts Commitment to Housing First with some exceptions, based on project type = 5pts No Housing First = 0 pts	10	
Best Practices/Supportive Services	Project design and staffing plan consistent with Housing First, Low Barrier and local prioritization standards (<i>servicing the most vulnerable</i>), filling vacancies through coordinated entry, using HMIS and housing participants as quickly as possible = Up to 10pts Inconsistency with documents, services and staff plan = 5pts Not aligned with best practices = 0 pts	10	

CoC participation, HEARTH compliance	Attendance records or commitment for new partners to participate in CoC meetings (up to 5); compliance with CoC Partner MOU (up to 5)	10	
Project Performance	Bed Utilization (95%+) (up to 5 points), HMIS Data Quality (up to 5 points)	10	
System Level Performance	<5%Returns to Homelessness (up to 10 points), Length of time Homeless (up to 10 points), 55% of participants Increase Total Income (up to 10 points), 85% of participants with successful exits to Permanent Housing (up to 10 points)	40	
Cost Effectiveness - Successful housing outcomes	Cost per successful housing outcome – within project type (up to 10 points)	10	
TOTAL		100	

New Projects: Applicant: _____ **Project:** _____

Threshold Points	Source Document	Max Points	Total Scored
Compliance/Experience with Grants and Financial Management	Provide relevant information on managing federal grants and demonstrate capacity for success. Financial capacity, staffing capacity, past performance in implementing grant funded programs. Demonstrates ability to meet match requirements. (Up to 10 points)	10	
Housing First/Low Barrier/Harm Reduction	Intake policy consistent with Housing First / Low Barrier / Harm Reduction (including the acceptance of criminal history, domestic violence history, high utilization of crisis or emergency services, length of time homeless, low income, no income, risk of continued homeless, significant challenges or functional impairments, unsheltered homeless (especially youth and children) and/or substance use disorders), for PSH, incorporation of VC CoC Supportive Services Plan) = 15pts Commitment to Housing First with some exceptions, based on project type = 5pts No Housing First = 0 pts	20	
Timeliness for New Project Start Up	Proposed project timeline demonstrates ability to staff up, launch program and spend funds timely. Establish benchmarks at 60, 120, & 180 days post grant award. (Up to 10 points)	10	

Serving vulnerable populations	Proposal commits to serving highly vulnerable populations. Proposal details how program will provide services to meet unique needs of participants. (Up to 10 points)	10	
CoC participation, HEARTH compliance and collaboration	Commitment for new partners to participate in CoC meetings (up to 5); compliance with CoC Partner MOU (up to 5); Collaboration with other organizations and programs to address the needs of the target population, including mainstream benefits, social services, employment programs and other mainstream programs (up to 10)	20	
Project/System Performance	Proposed program aligns and demonstrates plans to achieve HUD and CoC project and system performance benchmarks (Up to 20)	20	
Cost Efficiency	The average cost per exit to permanent housing based on the total program costs.	10	
TOTAL		100	

**Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC)
2024 Ranking and Selection Criteria
HUD Continuum of Care Program Competition**

Permanent Housing (PSH/RRH) Projects: Applicant: Turning Point Foundation Project: Wooley House II PSH

Threshold Renewal Points	Source Document	Max Points	Total Scored
Compliance with Grants and Financial Management	Annual Performance Report submitted timely, HUD monitoring, eLOCCS, close-out certificates; new projects will provide relevant information on managing federal grants. 5 points for APR submittal timely; 5 points for 95% or greater expenditure of grant funds.	10	10
Notes: Federal grants management compliant, Partnering with PLE, policies and procedures			
Housing First/Low Barrier/Harm Reduction	Intake policy consistent with Housing First / Low Barrier / Harm Reduction (including the acceptance of criminal history, domestic violence history, and/or substance use disorders) = 10pts Commitment to Housing First with some exceptions, based on project type = 5pts No Housing First = 0 pts	10	10
Notes: Housing first detailed, mainstream benefits connections, filling vacancies through CES Pathways to Home,			
Best Practices/Supportive Services	LOI + supportive documentation (intake packets, lease agreements, incorporation of the VC CoC Supportive Services Plan Guidebook, service documents, staffing plan consistent with Housing First, Low Barrier and local prioritization standards (<i>servicing the most vulnerable</i>), filling vacancies through coordinated entry = 10pts Missing document (-2pts from score) Inconsistency with documents, services and staff plan = 5pts Not aligned with best practices = 0 pts	10	10
Notes: Supportive services plan incorporation, filling vacancies through CES Pathways to home serving the most vulnerable			
CoC participation, HEARTH compliance	Attendance records or commitment for new partners to participate in CoC meetings (up to 5); compliance with CoC Partner MOU (up to 5)	10	10
Notes: active participation in numerous committees, strong collaboration among many partners, including housing and healthcare and behavioral health			
Project Performance	Bed Utilization (95%+) (up to 5 points), HMIS Data Quality (up to 5 points)	10	8
Notes: Aligns with benchmarks, plan to achieve performance goals, meets CoC priorities			

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System Level Performance	<5%Returns to Homelessness (up to 10 points), Length of time Homeless (up to 10 points), 55% of participants Increase Total Income (up to 10 points), 85% of participants with successful exits to Permanent Housing (up to 10 points)	40	38
Notes: Aligns with system level benchmarks, plan to achieve performance goals, meets CoC priorities			
Cost Effectiveness - Successful housing outcomes	Cost per successful housing outcome – within project type (up to 10 points)	10	10
Notes: cost effective supportive services			
Match funding = to 25% \$9,9645			
TOTAL		100	96

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) - Max. 100 Points with 40 points towards System Performance detailed below:

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Underperforming projects will be discussed in detail with VC CoC Data and Performance Committee and recommendations will be made for reallocation to the VC CoC Board when appropriate.

Morales-McKinney, Alicia

From: VenturaCoC
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2024 3:58 PM
To: 'Denise Cortes'; 'Kris Youngman'
Cc: Flores, Felipe; Saveliff, Morgan; VenturaCoC
Subject: RE: Grant Application HUD CoC - Harbor House 2024
Attachments: Harbor House 2024_CoC Letter .pdf

Good afternoon Denise,

Thank you for submitting the Harbor House Rapid Rehousing CoC Bonus funding application. The Ventura County Continuum of Care reviews all applications to verify eligibility for federal CoC funding. Applicants must meet HUD thresholds regarding eligibility to do business with the Continuum of Care and federal government; legal status; commitment to participation in HMIS and the Coordinated Entry System (CES); and fiscal capacity. Please find enclosed a response letter to your submission.

As a reminder, our CoC will have Notices of Funding Opportunities later this year and early 2025, please continue to monitor the [CoC website](#) for upcoming Requests for Proposals for the following NOFO's Housing and Community Development, Homeless, Housing, Assistance and Prevention Funding Round 5 and State Emergency Solutions Grant funding.

Thank you,
Alicia

Alicia Morales-McKinney, L.C.S.W.

Alicia Morales-McKinney
Interim CoC Director
Ventura County Continuum of Care
County Executive Office
805-654-5108



From: VenturaCoC
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 10:09 AM
To: Denise Cortes <dcortes@harborhouseto.org>; VenturaCoC <VenturaCoC@ventura.org>; Kris Youngman <kyoungman@harborhouseto.org>
Cc: Flores, Felipe <Felipe.Flores@ventura.org>; Saveliff, Morgan <Morgan.Saveliff@ventura.org>
Subject: RE: Grant Application HUD CoC - Harbor House 2024

Hello Denise,
We are in receipt of your HUD CoC Bonus New application. Our CoC will conduct a review and reach out for questions.

September 25, 2024

Ms. Denise Cortes
Harbor House
430 W. Avenida de los Arboles
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Dear Ms. Cortes,

The Ventura County Continuum of Care reviews all applications to verify eligibility for federal CoC funding. Applicants must meet HUD thresholds regarding eligibility to do business with the federal government; legal status; commitment to participation in HMIS and the Coordinated Entry System (CES); and fiscal capacity. Projects from applicants not meeting these requirements are ineligible to apply for HUD CoC funding. The HUD/CoC threshold criteria for new grants includes:

- Meets minimum requirements of HUD
- Experience and Capacity of the Applicant
- Project/Program Features
- Vulnerabilities of target population
- Past or current system performance and plans to achieve satisfactory performance
- Applicant Readiness to Submit Full Application
- Ventura County Continuum of Care Priorities

Harbor House's application for Rapid Re-Housing did not meet HUD/CoC threshold criteria and will not move forward for this year's Rank and Review process. We appreciate your submission and your team's efforts with the CoC on serving those most vulnerable in our community.

The Ventura County CoC Ranking Recommendations for Funding will be posted to www.venturacoc.org on October 10, 2024 and the complete Consolidated HUD CoC Application will be posted no later than October 23, 2024.

Thank you for your partnership in ending homelessness in Ventura County.

Sincerely,

Alicia Morales-McKinney, L.C.S.W

Alicia Morales-McKinney
Interim VC CoC Program Director

Morales-McKinney, Alicia

From: Morales-McKinney, Alicia
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 10:45 PM
To: Allison Davenport; 'Larry Haynes'
Cc: Flores, Felipe; Saveliff, Morgan
Subject: CoC Project Renewal Local Competition Selection Results
Attachments: Ventura County CoC Local Competition Selection Results.pdf; MH Casa de Carment 2024_CoC Letter.pdf

Hello Ms. Davenport,

Thank you for submitting a HUD CoC Bonus application for PSH. HUD will only allow each CoC to submit one PSH application for Bonus funding in the consolidated application and based on overall scores, this project was not selected. Please see the attached letter. We appreciate your continued dedication to serving those most vulnerable in our community. Please let me know if you any questions.

Warmly,
Alicia



Alicia Morales-McKinney, LCSW
Interim CoC Program Director

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October 10, 2024

Ms. Allison Davenport
Mercy House
P.O. Box 1905
Santa Ana, Ca 92702

CC: Larry Haynes

Dear Ms. Davenport,

The FY24 Ventura County Continuum of Care Competition final ranking of new and renewal projects to be included in the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) competition was completed and approved by the Ventura County CoC Board on October 9, 2024. The rank and review process including review of the following criteria:

- **Compliance and experience** managing federal grant programs including financial management. The HUD threshold criteria for renewal grants includes:
 - Project performance including providing housing assistance to total number of households as established in the grant agreement
 - Timeliness standards including expenditure of all funds, quarterly drawdowns and timely reports
 - Performance in assisting program participants to achieve and maintain permanent housing.
- Alignment with a **Housing First** approach
- Implementation of **Best Practices** in providing Permanent Supportive Housing assistance.
- **CoC Participation** through attendance of CoC meetings and participation in committees.
- **Project Performance**
- **System Performance**
- **Cost Effectiveness**

The Mercy House new application for Permanent Supportive Housing for Casa de Carmen PSH scored a 91, however was not selected this year for the Consolidated Application, therefore not ranked and funding will not be requested from HUD. A full project listing is attached to this letter. We appreciate your submission and your team's efforts with the CoC on serving those most vulnerable in our community.

The Ventura County CoC Local Competition Selection Results for Funding was posted to www.venturacoc.org on October 10, 2024, and the complete Consolidated Application will be posted no later than October 30, 2024.

Thank you for your partnership in ending homelessness in Ventura County.

Sincerely,

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VC CoC Interim Program Director

	Project Name	Score	Status	Rank	Amount Requested from HUD	Reallocated Funds
1	County of Ventura Executive Office-Planning Grant		Accepted	Not Ranked	\$266,124	\$0
2	HMIS Expansion-Coordinated Entry System 2024		Accepted	1	\$402,631	\$0
3	Wooley House II Permanent Housing 2024	96	Accepted	2	\$39,857	\$0
4	Choices Permanent Supportive Housing 2024	96	Accepted	3	\$494,187	\$0
5	MM Supportive Housing - Thousand Oaks/Oxnard 2024	96	Accepted	4	\$188,804	\$0
6	MM Supportive Housing - Mountain View Fillmore 2024	95	Accepted	5	\$44,592	\$0
7	Stephenson Place Permanent Housing 2024	93	Accepted	6	\$37,905	\$0
8	Wooley House I Permanent Housing 2024	93	Accepted	7	\$46,726	\$0
9	MM Supportive Housing - Simi Valley 2024	93	Accepted	8	\$141,941	\$0
10	Ventura County Rapid Re-Housing 2024	92	Accepted	9	\$81,829	\$0
11	Oxnard/East County and Santa Paula CoC Consolidated	91	Accepted	10	\$487,661	\$0
12	2024 Coalition for Family Harmony DV Bonus (CA2059)	90	Accepted	E11	\$741,934	\$0
13	Rapid Re-Housing 2024	88	Accepted	12	\$172,132	\$0
14	Our Place Safe Haven 2024	85	Accepted	13	\$168,977	\$0
15	The Salvation Army Ventura PSH 2024	81	Accepted	14	\$169,907	\$0
16	Salvation Army RRH FY24	79	Accepted	15	\$58,842	\$0
17	County of Ventura-County Executive Office-RRH 24	78	Accepted	16	\$223,295	\$0
18	2024 DV Bonus Expansion (CA2059)	100	Accepted	DE17	\$798,372	\$0
19	MM Supportive Housing – Rancho Sierra, Unincorporated Ventura County 2024	98	Accepted	18	\$255,545	\$0
20	FY24 Joint Transitional Housing - Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH)	94	Accepted	19	\$292,131	\$0
21	Casa de Carmen PSH	91	Rejected	Not Ranked	\$0	\$0
22	Harbor House RRH 2024-2025	32	Rejected	Not Ranked	\$0	\$0

Morales-McKinney, Alicia

From: Morales-McKinney, Alicia
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 9:21 PM
To: Denering, Loretta; Seal, Maryza
Cc: Saveliff, Morgan; Flores, Felipe
Subject: CoC Project Renewal Local Competition Selection Results
Attachments: Ventura County CoC Local Competition Selection Results.pdf; VCBH 2024_CoC Letter.pdf

Hello Dr. Denering,

Thank you for submitting your renewal project for the Ventura County Continuum of Care Competition. Please see the attached letter and project listing. We appreciate your dedication to serving those most vulnerable in our community.

Thank you!

Alicia



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October 10, 2024

Dr. Loretta Denering
Ventura County Behavioral Health
1911 Williams Dr. Suite 200
Oxnard, CA 93036

CC: Maryza Seal

Dear Dr. Denering,

The FY24 Ventura County Continuum of Care Competition final ranking of new and renewal projects to be included in the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) competition was completed and approved by the Ventura County CoC Board on October 9, 2024. The rank and review process including review of the following criteria:

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The Ventura County Behavioral Health Permanent Supportive Housing Oxnard/East County and Santa Paula CoC Consolidated grant is placed in tier 1 for \$487,661, scored 91/100 and ranked 10th. A full project listing is attached to this letter.

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Thank you for your partnership in ending homelessness in Ventura County.

Sincerely,

Alicia Morales-McKinney, LCSW

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VC CoC Interim Program Director

Morales-McKinney, Alicia

From: Morales-McKinney, Alicia
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 10:08 PM
To: Jason Meek; Rena Sepulveda
Cc: Flores, Felipe; Saveliff, Morgan
Subject: CoC Project Renewal Local Competition Selection Results
Attachments: Ventura County CoC Local Competition Selection Results.pdf; TPF 2024_CoC Letter.pdf

Hello Mr. Meek,

Thank you for submitting your renewal projects for the Ventura County Continuum of Care Competition. Please see the attached letter and project listing. We appreciate your dedication to serving those most vulnerable in our community.

Thank you!

Alicia



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October 10, 2024

Mr. Jason Meek
Turning Point Foundation
PO Box 24397.
Ventura, CA 93002

CC: Rena Sepulveda

Dear Mr. Meek,

The FY24 Ventura County Continuum of Care Competition final ranking of new and renewal projects to be included in the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) competition was completed and approved by the Ventura County CoC Board on October 9, 2024. The rank and review process including review of the following criteria:

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- **Project Performance**
- **System Performance**
- **Cost Effectiveness**

The Turning Point Foundation renewal grants Rapid Re-Housing 2024 for \$172,132 received a score of 88/100 and ranked 12th, Wooley House I Permanent Housing 2024 for \$46,726 received a score of 93/100 and ranked 7th, Wooley House II Permanent Housing 2024 for \$39,857 received a score of 96/100 and ranked 2nd, Stephenson Place Permanent Housing 2024 for \$37,905 received a score of 93/100 and ranked 6th and Our Place Safe Haven 2024 for \$168,977 received a score of 85/100 and ranked 13th. All projects are all placed in tier 1. A full project listing is attached to this letter.

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VC CoC Interim Program Director

Morales-McKinney, Alicia

From: Morales-McKinney, Alicia
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 9:57 PM
To: Adriana Mattox; sc.divisional.commander@usw.salvationarmy.org
Cc: Flores, Felipe; Saveliff, Morgan
Subject: CoC Project Renewal Local Competition Selection Results
Attachments: Ventura County CoC Local Competition Selection Results.pdf; Salvation Army 2024_CoC Letter.pdf

Hello Mr. Dickinson,

Thank you for submitting your renewal project for the Ventura County Continuum of Care Competition. Please see the attached letter and project listing. We appreciate your dedication to serving those most vulnerable in our community.

Thank you!

Alicia



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October 10, 2024

Michael Dickinson, Lt. Division Commander
Salvation Army
16941 Keegan Ave
Carson, CA 93001

CC: Adriana Mattox

Dear Mr. Dickinson,

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The Salvation Army Ventura PSH 2024 grant scored a total of 81/100 points and is ranked at position 14. The project straddles the tiers in the project listing with \$101,922 in tier 1 and \$67,985 in tier 2. The Salvation Army RRH FY24 grant for \$58,842 scored 79/100 points and is ranked in position 15 in Tier 2. A full project listing is attached to this letter.

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Morales-McKinney, Alicia

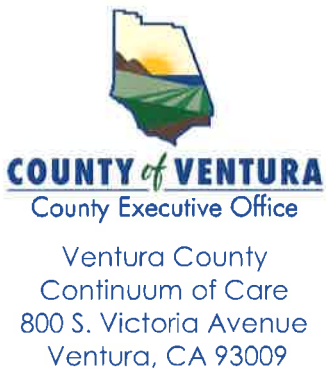
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Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 9:32 PM
To: rick@manymansions.org; Kim Koettel
Cc: Flores, Felipe; Saveliff, Morgan
Subject: CoC Project Renewal Local Competition Selection Results
Attachments: Ventura County CoC Local Competition Selection Results.pdf; Many Mansions 2024_CoC Letter.pdf

Hello Mr. Schroeder

Thank you for submitting your renewal project for the Ventura County Continuum of Care Competition. Please see the attached letter and project listing. We appreciate your dedication to serving those most vulnerable in our community.

Thank you!

Alicia



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October 10, 2024

Rick Schroeder, Esq
Many Mansions
1259 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd.
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

CC: Kim Koettel

Dear Mr. Schroeder,

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The Many Mansions renewal grant for MM Supportive Housing - Simi Valley 2024 for \$141,941 received a score of 93/100 and ranked 8th, MM Supportive Housing - Thousand Oaks/Oxnard 2024 for \$188,804 received a score of 96/100 and ranked 4th, and MM Supportive Housing - Mountain View Fillmore 2024 for \$44,592 received a score of 95/100 and ranked 5th. All grants are placed in Tier 1. A full project listing is attached to this letter.

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Thank you for your partnership in ending homelessness in Ventura County.

Sincerely,

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Morales-McKinney, Alicia

From: Morales-McKinney, Alicia
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 9:15 PM
To: Livingston, Melissa; Blakley-Spain, Brenda
Cc: Flores, Felipe; Saveliff, Morgan
Subject: CoC Project Renewal Local Competition Selection Results
Attachments: Ventura County CoC Local Competition Selection Results.pdf; HSA 2024_CoC Letter.pdf

Hello Ms. Livingston,

Thank you for submitting your renewal project for the Ventura County Continuum of Care Competition. Please see the attached letter and project listing. We appreciate your dedication to serving those most vulnerable in our community.

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October 10, 2024

Melissa Livingston
Ventura County Human Services Agency
855 Partridge Drive L#4400
Ventura, CA 93009

CC: Brenda Blakey Spain

Dear Ms. Livingston,

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The Human Services Agency renewal grants for Ventura County Rapid Re-Housing 2024 for \$81,829 received a score of 92/100 and ranked 9th, Choices Permanent Supportive Housing 2024 for \$494,187 received a score of 96/100 and ranked 3rd, and HMIS Expansion-Coordinated Entry System 2024 for \$402,631 received a passing score and ranked 1st. All projects are placed in tier 1. A full project listing is attached to this letter.

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Morales-McKinney, Alicia

From: Morales-McKinney, Alicia
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 11:26 PM
To: Madden, Christy
Cc: Flores, Felipe; Saveliff, Morgan
Subject: CoC Project Renewal Local Competition Selection Results
Attachments: Ventura County CoC Local Competition Selection Results.pdf; CoV 2024_CoC Letter.pdf

Hello Ms. Madden,

Thank you for submitting your renewal project for the Ventura County Continuum of Care Competition. Please see the attached letter and project listing. We appreciate your dedication to serving those most vulnerable in our community.

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October 10, 2024

Christy Madden
Senior Deputy Executive Officer
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura, Ca 93009

Dear Ms. Madden,

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The County of Ventura-County Executive Office-RRH 24 for \$223,295 renewal project is placed in tier 2, scored 78/100 and ranked 16th. A full project listing is attached to this letter.

The Ventura County CoC Local Competition Selection Results for Funding was posted to www.venturacoc.org on October 10, 2024, and the complete Consolidated Application will be posted no later than October 30, 2024.

Thank you for your partnership in ending homelessness in Ventura County.

Sincerely,

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Morales-McKinney, Alicia

From: Morales-McKinney, Alicia
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 9:04 PM
To: c.prijatel@thecoalition.org; Noel S
Cc: Saveliff, Morgan; Flores, Felipe
Subject: CoC Project Renewal Ranking
Attachments: Ventura County CoC Local Competition Selection Results.pdf; CFH 2024_CoC Letter.pdf

Hello Ms. Prijatel-Sutton,

Thank you for submitting your renewal project for the Ventura County Continuum of Care Competition. Please see the attached letter and project listing. We appreciate your dedication to serving those most vulnerable in our community.

Thank you!

Alicia



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October 10, 2024

Caroline Prijatel-Sutton, PsyD
Coalition for Family Harmony
1000 Town Center Drive, Suite 500
Oxnard, CA 93036

CC: Noel Stalcup

Dear Ms. Prijatel-Sutton,

The FY24 Ventura County Continuum of Care Competition final ranking of new and renewal projects to be included in the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) competition was completed and approved by the Ventura County CoC Board on October 9, 2024. The rank and review process including review of the following criteria:

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The 2024 Coalition for Family Harmony DV Bonus (CA2059) expansion renewal grant for \$741,934 scored 90/100, ranked 11th and is placed in tier 1. A full project listing is attached to this letter.

The Ventura County CoC Ranking Recommendations for Funding was posted to www.venturacoc.org on October 10, 2024 and the complete Consolidated Application will be posted no later than October 30, 2024.

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Morales-McKinney, Alicia

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Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 11:18 PM
To: Noel S; c.prijatel@thecoalition.org
Cc: Flores, Felipe; Saveliff, Morgan
Subject: DV Bonus Local Competition Selection Results
Attachments: Ventura County CoC Local Competition Selection Results.pdf; CFH 2024_CoC DV Bonus Letter.pdf

Hello Ms. Prijatel-Sutton,

Thank you for submitting a HUD DV Bonus application, the 2024 DV Bonus Expansion (CA2059) project has been selected to be included in the consolidated application based on overall scores and CoC Board priority. Please see the attached letter and CoC Competition Selection Results. We appreciate your continued dedication to serving those most vulnerable youth in our community.

Please let me know if you any questions.

Thank you!

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1000 Town Center Drive, Suite 500
Oxnard, CA 93036

CC: Noel Stalcup

Dear Ms. Prijatel-Sutton,

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The 2024 Coalition for Family Harmony DV Bonus Expansion (CA2059) grant for \$798,372 scored 100/100, ranked 19th and is placed in tier 2. A full project listing is attached to this letter.

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Morales-McKinney, Alicia

From: Morales-McKinney, Alicia
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 10:58 PM
To: dan.parziale; Rebecca Benard
Cc: Flores, Felipe; Saveliff, Morgan
Subject: CoC Bonus Local Competition Selection Results
Attachments: Ventura County CoC Local Competition Selection Results.pdf; MESA 2024_CoC Bonus Letter.pdf

Hello Mr. Parziale,

Thank you for submitting a HUD CoC Bonus application MESA's FY24 Joint Transitional Housing - Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) project has been selected to be included in the consolidated application based on overall scores and CoC Board priority. Please see the attached letter and CoC Competition Selection Results. We appreciate your continued dedication to serving those most vulnerable youth in our community.

Please let me know if you any questions.

Thank you!

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October 10, 2024

Mr. Dan Parziale
MESA Independent Living
400 Gorham Road
Ojai, CA 93023

CC: Rebecca Benard

Dear Mr. Parziale,

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The MESA application for FY24 Joint Transitional Housing - Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) project has been selected for this year's Consolidated Application for the funding amount of \$292,131, ranked in Tier 2 and scored 94/100. A full project listing is attached to this letter.

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Cc: Flores, Felipe; Saveliff, Morgan
Subject: CoC Bonus Local Competition Selection Results
Attachments: Ventura County CoC Local Competition Selection Results.pdf; Many Mansions 2024_CoC Bonus Letter.pdf

Hello Mr. Schroeder,

Thank you for submitting a HUD CoC Bonus application MM Supportive Housing – Rancho Sierra, Unincorporated Ventura County 2024 project has been selected to be included in the consolidated application based on overall scores and CoC Board priority. Please see the attached letter and CoC Competition Selection Results. We appreciate your continued dedication to serving those most vulnerable youth in our community.

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October 10, 2024

Rick Schroeder, Esq
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Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

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The Many Mansions new application for MM Supportive Housing – Rancho Sierra, Unincorporated Ventura County 2024 project has been selected for this year's Consolidated Application for the funding amount of \$255,545, ranked in Tier 2 and scored 98/100. A full project listing is attached to this letter. The Ventura County CoC Local Competition Selection Results for Funding was posted to www.venturacoc.org on October 10, 2024 and the complete Consolidated Application will be posted no later than October 30, 2024.

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4	Choices Permanent Supportive Housing 2024	96	Accepted	3	\$494,187	\$0
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13	Rapid Re-Housing 2024	88	Accepted	12	\$172,132	\$0
14	Our Place Safe Haven 2024	85	Accepted	13	\$168,977	\$0
15	The Salvation Army Ventura PSH 2024	81	Accepted	14	\$169,907	\$0
16	Salvation Army RRH FY24	79	Accepted	15	\$58,842	\$0
17	County of Ventura-County Executive Office-RRH 24	78	Accepted	16	\$223,295	\$0
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September 26, 2024

Many Mansions
1259 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd.
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

RE: Commitment of Project Based Voucher Funding Rancho Sierra Senior Apartments

Dear Many Mansions,

The Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura is committed to provide up to 49 project-based housing choice vouchers (PBV) for the residential tax credit units with an initial term of up to 20 years at the proposed Rancho Sierra Senior Apartments in unincorporated Ventura County.

The total estimated value of the commitment for 49 PBVs, including 24 Permanent Supportive Housing units, is \$879,060.

If you should have any questions, or need any additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Michael Nigh
Executive Director

**Memorandum of Understanding between the Ventura County Continuum of Care Alliance
and Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura (participating agency)**

PURPOSE

The CoC Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to individuals, families and communities by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) is entered into by the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VCCoC)'s lead agency and the partner agency. The purpose of this MOU is to set forth expectations and responsibilities of the VCCoC and its member organizations.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

VC CoC Lead Agency will:

- 1) Serve as the CoC Lead responsible for the coordination and oversight of the CoC planning efforts and has the authority to certify and submit the CoC homeless assistance funding application(s).
- 2) Complete and submit the activities associated with the annual HUD Continuum of Care funding cycle and Emergency Solutions Grant and California State funding.
- 3) Serve as staff to the VC CoC Board, the Alliance and its subcommittees.
- 4) Complete the Annual Strategic Plan update
- 5) Work with the CoC Board and subcommittees to develop an advocacy agenda to inform policies in order to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness in Ventura County.
- 6) Coordinate with the HMIS Lead to facilitate using the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) as a database, to capture client-level, system-wide information over time on the characteristics and service needs of the homeless persons to be served within the CoC geography.
- 7) Provide technical assistance and training to provider agencies to ensure compliance with HUD CoC, ESG, State funding and other funding regulations, standards and guidelines.
- 8) Monitor provider agencies' programmatic and financial management to ensure compliance with HUD CoC, ESG, State funding and other regulations, standards and guidelines.
- 9) Maintains an active prioritization list of persons who have a completed Ventura County Vulnerability Assessment score entered into HMIS and Pathways to Home. Case conference meetings are held with all homeless service providers to discuss vacancies and match prioritized persons with available units.
- 10) Coordinate, integrate and leverage resources to maximize impact of services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- 11) Submit reports to HUD and other funding entities including (PIT, HIC, AHAR, System Performance and others) with input from providers and partner agencies.

VC CoC Partner Agency will:

- 1) Implement programs based on Evidenced Based Practices including Housing First, trauma-informed care and strengths based programs that are client focused and culturally competent.
- 2) Leverage Area Housing Authority resources by providing up to 49 project-based housing choice vouchers for an initial 20 year team, 24 for chronically homeless seniors 62 and over.
- 3) The total estimated value of the commitment for 49 PBVs, including 24 Permanent Supportive Housing units, is \$879,060.
- 4) Support the VC CoC Alliance Strategic Plan by aligning participation in CoC workgroup or subcommittee activity with the goals, action items and timelines agreed upon in the strategic plan.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT:

This MOU shall be effective upon adoption by each signatory agency and entity.


This MOU shall be reviewed and revised as needed to further implementation of strategic and long-term goals of the project.

This MOU can be expanded, modified or amended as needed by the consent of both agencies.

This MOU shall be in effect from October 1, 2024- September 30, 2026 unless terminated by mutual agreement in writing prior to this project end date.

(Partner Agency Name)

Name: Carrie Sabatini

Sign: 

Date: 10/15/2024

Ventura County Continuum of Care

Name: Alicia Morales-McKinney

Sign: 

Date: 10/15/24

September 19, 2024

Rancho Sierra Senior Apartments
Attn: Rick Schroeder, President and CEO
Many Mansions
1259 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd.
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Re: Provision of Services in Rancho Sierra Senior Apartments

Dear Mr. Schroeder,

Consistent with the MOU signed between Ventura County Behavioral Health and Many Mansions for the purpose of provision of Supportive Services to future tenants of Rancho Sierra Senior Apartments, I am pleased to offer the following additional details as to our commitment. Ventura County Behavioral Health is pleased to partner with Many Mansions in providing Mental Health and Case Management services to Chronically Homeless seniors (in the extremely low income <30% AMI) who will reside in the 24 units of Permanent Supportive Housing at the Rancho Sierra Apartments property (1732 S. Lewis Road, Camarillo, CA 93012) operated by Many Mansions.

These services, provided according to the Housing First model, are voluntary, responsive to the needs of the tenants, and designed to enhance tenants' ability to maintain independent living. Services will include support in navigating complex healthcare needs including behavioral health and addiction medicine services.

The services will be provided starting at residents move-in into this new construction property (projected early spring 2025) and will be ongoing by mutual agreement. The in-kind services are valued at \$362,847.00 annually.

Sincerely,



LORETTA L. DENERING DrPH, MS
Behavioral Health Director



**Memorandum of Understanding between the Ventura County Continuum of Care Alliance
and Ventura County Behavioral Health (partner agency)**

PURPOSE

The CoC Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to individuals, families and communities by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) is entered into by the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VCCoC)'s lead agency and the partner agency. The purpose of this MOU is to set forth expectations and responsibilities of the VCCoC and its member organizations.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

VC CoC Lead Agency will:

- 1) Serve as the CoC Lead responsible for the coordination and oversight of the CoC planning efforts and has the authority to certify and submit the CoC homeless assistance funding application(s).
- 2) Complete and submit the activities associated with the annual HUD Continuum of Care funding cycle and Emergency Solutions Grant and California State funding.
- 3) Serve as staff to the VC CoC Board, the Alliance and its subcommittees.
- 4) Complete the Annual Strategic Plan update
- 5) Work with the CoC Board and subcommittees to develop an advocacy agenda to inform policies in order to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness in Ventura County.
- 6) Coordinate with the HMIS Lead to facilitate using the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) as a database, to capture client-level, system-wide information over time on the characteristics and service needs of the homeless persons to be served within the CoC geography.
- 7) Provide technical assistance and training to provider agencies to ensure compliance with HUD CoC, ESG, State funding and other funding regulations, standards and guidelines.
- 8) Monitor provider agencies' programmatic and financial management to ensure compliance with HUD CoC, ESG, State funding and other regulations, standards and guidelines.
- 9) Maintains an active prioritization list of persons who have a completed Ventura County Vulnerability Assessment score entered into HMIS and Pathways to Home. Case conference meetings are held with all homeless service providers to discuss vacancies and match prioritized persons with available units.
- 10) Coordinate, integrate and leverage resources to maximize impact of services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- 11) Submit reports to HUD and other funding entities including (PIT, HIC, AHAR, System Performance and others) with input from providers and partner agencies.

VC CoC Partner Agency will:

- 1) Implement programs based on Evidenced Based Practices including Housing First, trauma-informed care and strengths based programs that are client focused and culturally competent.
- 2) Commit to leveraging VCBH resources for Many Mansions- Rancho Sierra- 24 New Permanent Supportive Housing Units for seniors 62 and over.
- 3) VCBH value of the commitment will provide \$364,847 by leveraging VCBH resources by providing housing support for those who are VCBH eligible.
 - a. Strive for a safe placement for all VCBH participant with appropriate level of care;
 - b. Help program participants increase independent living skills ;
 - c. Help program participants connect with voluntary substance use disorder treatment and/or recovery services and mental health care;
 - d. Facilitate community-based referrals and support navigating complex healthcare needs including behavioral health and addiction medicine services.
- 4) Support the VC CoC Alliance Strategic Plan by aligning participation in CoC workgroup or subcommittee activity with the goals, action items and timelines agreed upon in the strategic plan.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT:

This MOU shall be effective upon adoption by each signatory agency and entity.

This MOU shall be reviewed and revised as needed to further implementation of strategic and long-term goals of the project.

This MOU can be expanded, modified or amended as needed by the consent of both agencies.

This MOU shall be in effect from October 1, 2024- September 30, 2026 unless terminated by mutual agreement in writing prior to this project end date.

(Partner Agency Name)

Name: _____

Sign: 

Date: 10/17/2024

Ventura County Continuum of Care

Name: Alicia Morales-McKinney

Sign: Alicia Morales-McKinney

Date: 10/17/24