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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: OH-502 - Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Cuyahoga County

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Cuyahoga County

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	No	No
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	No	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)	No	No	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

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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	No	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	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.	Department of Veteran Affairs	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.	Child Welfare Agency	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.

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Given the overrepresentation of BIPOC persons served in the CoC, the community continuously assesses the system for disparities in outcomes. There is consistent review of By-Name-List data, which tracks and disaggregates returns to homelessness by race, ethnicity, age, and gender. The CoC has developed the Cuyahoga Race & Ethnicity Data Dashboard to regularly assess the system for disparate outcomes. The tool provides information on income, disability, length of stay, chronicity, entries into the system, entries into shelter/TH, entries into permanent housing, and returns to homelessness. The CoC also worked with Case Western Reserve University to conduct a cross-system analysis of HMIS data to examine patterns of shelter use for youth over a 3yr period. Findings showed that Black youth are significantly more likely to have multiple entries into homelessness over multiple years (18.9%) compared to White youth (9.7%). Average length of stay in shelter is longer for Black youth (121.3 days) compared to White youth (71.7 days). As a result, the CoC is focused explicitly on improving outcomes for BIPOC persons. The Race & Ethnicity Data Dashboard is presented throughout the community and used to assist in CoC committee work and specialized training opportunities. This tool is also used for monitoring and developing strategies to address disproportionalities within the system. As part of a longterm strategy, the Racial and Ethnic Equity and Inclusion (REEI) Design Lab was developed as a steering committee of the CoC to address disparate outcomes for BIPOC youth. There are 3 subcommittees composed of representatives from CoC organizations and related systems, including juvenile justice, child welfare, the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), as well as community representatives. Each subcommittee is charged with implementing and testing action strategies to move towards equity.

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).

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(1) CoC membership is open to any individual or organization in the CoC at any time. Community providers are invited to apply annually through mass email, web postings, and bi-monthly announcements at publicly open CoC Advisory Board meetings. Information about joining, the application, and a description of the process can be found on the OHS website. The website also provides information about meetings locations and topics. (2) Formal invitations for board member applications are issued to stakeholder agencies & homeless advocacy groups to recruit all interested parties, including persons with disabilities, through email notifications & by attending stakeholder meetings & inviting participation. OHS staff review membership & strive to address any gaps in representation. OHS continuously works to include new stakeholders. Membership materials are shared through emails & posted on the OHS website. Cuyahoga County protocols regarding electronic PDF files comply with the latest web content accessibility (ADA) guidelines. Prior to uploading any electronic files, they are first checked for accessibility to people with disabilities and modifications made, as required to ensure all communication is readily accessible to people with disabilities. (3) Annually, the CoC Governance Committee issues formal notification & solicits nominations from specific entities and all interested parties via email; notification is posted on the OHS website. The Governance Committee expanded the application process to prioritize BIPOC, LGTBQ, and disabled persons for membership. Specific efforts are made to outreach persons with lived experience. Flyers are distributed at Drop-In & Shelter sites, at PSH single-site buildings, & by attending Shelter Resident & Homeless Congress (HC) meetings. OHS staff attend the monthly HC meetings comprised of shelter residents & formerly homeless. OHS recruits membership representative of persons served in the CoC. The CoC Lead agency, OHS, has partnered in the "Stepping Up Initiative", an effort involving the Police, Courts, Jail, Probation, and the Mental Health system to improve outcomes for mentally ill, homeless persons involved with the Justice system. The CoC invited representatives of these other systems to consider submitting

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.

a membership application for the OHS Advisory Board. The CoC's Governance Committee also revised Advisory Board bylaws to ensure that the composition

of voting members better reflects the community served.

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(1) As the CoC Lead Agency, the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) actively seeks input from existing and potential stakeholders as it develops targeted strategies to prevent and end homelessness. In 2022-23, OHS increased efforts to recruit persons with lived experience and young adults for participation in CoC committees and planning initiatives. OHS staff contact representatives by email and phone to extend an invitation to participate. In addition, provider agencies ask for client feedback and recommendations. (2)OHS convenes CoC activities for stakeholders, persons with lived experience, government leadership, the public, and philanthropy. Feedback and opinions are shared, discussed, and considered through this work. Meetings are accessible and hosted virtually and in person, with agendas and materials to inform the discussion. Before any meeting, email and website postings are used as the primary forms of contact. OHS staff also contacts stakeholders not likely to participate in organized meetings by attending their meetings or asking for faceto-face meetings. In the past program year, the CoC updated its Strategic Plan which included a series of meetings with all key stakeholders. Information was communicated regarding CoC system outcomes and priorities and feedback obtained. (3) All communications from the CoC are provided in formats accessible to people with disabilities; all documents posted are scanned and edited to increase accessibility prior to being posted or distributed. (4) Feedback from public meetings and focus groups informs proposed standards and policies and drives process improvements. The CoC has established a Program Policy Committee (PPC), which meets monthly and allows for public comment and recommendations by the membership. All solicited feedback from organizations and individuals is brought to the PPC, by OHS or other attendees, for review and consideration relative to updating and implementing policy. The updated Strategic plan took into consideration input from public sessions and incorporated recommendations into the Plan. The CoC Advisory Board voting membership has been expanded to include additional BIPOC, LGBTQ, youth, and organization-specific representation. The board maintains four seats designated for persons with lived experience, with each seat representing a specific subpopulation (BIPOC, LGBTQ, youth). An additional chair, representing youth, has been included in the Governance Charter.

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.

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 OHS staff presented the renewal process/new project invitation for the FY24 NOFO to the OHS Advisory Board, which included other CoC membership and public attendees. The meeting is a publicly accessible forum hosted virtually and in person, with OHS informing attendees that applications from organizations not previously receiving CoC Program funding will be considered and support provided to new applicants in the application process. Notification of the open FY24 CoC Competition & application process was emailed to full CoC membership and also posted publicly on the OHS website. (2) Per HUD guidelines, the Request for Applications (RFA) was emailed & posted on the OHS website. RFA information outlined and described the application process for all interested parties. OHS offered two webinars detailing the application process and how to submit a renewal/new project. The webinar content/Q&A was posted on the OHS website. Renewal project applications were informed to submit applications in esnaps, new projects first submitted an expression of interest that was reviewed and scored by a non-conflicted panel with the highest scoring applicants invited to submit full applications in esnaps. (3) The CoC identifies annual priorities, approved by the OHS Advisory Board, and posts this information publicly on the OHS website. The CoC's NOFO Strategy Committee reviews and approves the proposed ranking strategy, as drafted by the OHS. New & renewal projects are scored by the NOFO Review Committee, using the approved scoring tools for each application type, and align with system performance measures & are compliant with HUD/CoC policies. Projects are selected for HUD submission based on score, ranking, and tier. The final project listing serves as the formal recommendation to the Advisory Board for approval. After board approval, the accepted/denied project notifications are emailed to the CoC and posted on the OHS website. The Advisory Board votes publicly at the OHS Advisory Board meeting to accept the ranking of all renewal & new projects. (4) All information related to the NOFO and CoC Application Process is announced at publicly accessible Advisory Board meetings and publicly posted on the County OHS website. Cuyahoga County website protocols ensure that electronic files comply with the latest web content accessibility (ADA) guidelines. County IT reviews all OHS materials to ensure accessibility prior to posting.

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.	Vet Admin, DV & Human Trafficking, Child Welfare, Health, Justice Sys, Public Safety	Yes

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	1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipie	ents.		
		NOFO Section V.B.1.b.			
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		In the chart below select yes or no to indicate	whether your CoC:		
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		gram recipients in planning and allocating ES			Yes
its geographic a		(PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC	c) data to the Consolidated Plan Jurisdic	tions within	Yes
		ness information is communicated and addres	·		Yes
4. Coordinated with	h ESG r	ecipients in evaluating and reporting performa	nce of ESG Program recipients and sul	orecipients?	Yes
1C-3.		Ensuring Families are not Separated.			
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		Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate	how your CoC ensures emergency sh	elter.	7
		transitional housing, and permanent housing family members regardless of each family me	(PSH and RRH) do not deny admission	or separate	
		identity:			
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3. Worked with Co	C and E	SG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimin	nation policies for all subrecipients?	Yes	
4. Worked with ES area that might I compliance?	G recipi be out o	ent(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded f f compliance and took steps to work directly w	facilities within your CoC's geographic vith those facilities to bring them into	Yes	
5. Sought assistan noncompliance	5. Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers?				
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	1C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Y	outh-SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.		
		NOFO Section V.B.1.d.			
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		Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate	the entities your CoC collaborates with	n:	
1. Yo	outh Edu	cation Provider			Yes
2. St	ate Edu	cation Agency (SEA)			Yes
3. Local Education Agency (LEA)		Yes			
4. So	chool Dis	etricts			Yes
	1C-4a.	Formal Partnerships with Youth Education Pr	roviders, SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.		
		NOFO Section V.B.1.d.			
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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)

Project: OH-502 CoC Registration FY2024

OHS and the CoC's YHDP Planning Committee, in partnership with the YAB (11 young adult leaders), developed the CoC's written plan to end youth homelessness. Organizations that helped develop the plan include PCWA, juvenile court, Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD), CoC providers, RHY providers, LGBT Center, and MetroHealth. The plan, approved by the Advisory Board in 2023, includes four objectives: 1) Develop a network of trauma-informed services to help young adults maintain housing. Strategies are financial capability-building, mentorship, employment, and education. 2) Strengthen the safety net to identify, assess, and connect young adults in a housing crisis. 3) Expand age-appropriate housing options 4) Prevent homelessness among young adults, including those involved with systems. Strategies are coordinated. The four guiding principles support the objectives and strategies: Equity, hospitality, relationships, and flexibility. The CoC has strengthened its partnership with CMSD, the largest school district in Cuyahoga County, enrollment 37,158 (100% students w/ specialized services also economically disadvantaged). CMSD & OHS have a formal Memorandum of Agreement to ensure that families can access CMSD's Project Act, a program providing specialized services to children & youth experiencing homelessness. Through this MOA, families enrolling in homeless assistance through Coordinated Entry will receive assistance to engage with Project Act to access school transportation and other educational resources; families in shelters comply with Basic Education Act requirements to enroll school-age children with Project Act within 24 hours. One of the CoC's Advisory board members is also the LEA Director for the CMSD. This individual is heavily involved in all CoC efforts to support youth and families and has proven instrumental in community planning. The LEA works directly with the SEA for funding, policy, & technical support directly related to CoC service needs & strategies. As part of the community-wide, cross-sector initiative to prevent and end homelessness among young people, the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) has developed a comprehensive data-sharing arrangement that benefits youth-serving providers, including the CMSD's Project Act, a program providing specialized services to children & youth experiencing homelessness. These formal partnerships are solidified through the HMIS Participating Provider Agreement.

IC-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.

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In 2020, the CoC adopted a Coordinated Intake Operations Manual, which includes written CE policies and procedures. The manual was review by the CoC's Program Policy Committee in 2024. The manual is posted on the OHS website. The CE manual identifies a family shelter policy for eligibility that includes access to educational services. The CoC Coordinated Entry System (CES) conducts a thorough assessment of needs and barriers for all persons seeking assistance; this includes children's educational needs. If a family cannot be diverted, it will receive a referral for immediate shelter to a family shelter, or the Family Overflow Shelter. No family seeking shelter is refused shelter if they are literally homeless. CE coordinates with Project Act (PA), the LEA entity. At CE Intake, families are provided written and verbal information about Project Act and the transportation, school supplies, clothing, and other free resources to homeless families. Families are directed to enroll with PA in person. At enrollment, a Release of Information is signed which enables CE and PA to share information regarding family placement and transportation arrangements as needed. PA staff will outreach to the family at the shelter location, particularly if the family is placed in the Overflow Shelter. PA is within walking distance of CE's primary location. CoC-funded Shelter providers are required to connect families with Project Act within 24 hours of the family entering shelter, and to ensure that children are enrolled and attending school during the family's shelter stay. These requirements are listed in the Shelter Standards that providers agree to follow in the contract executed between the agency and the CoC Lead Agency, the Office of Homeless Services. Families in permanent housing receive information on eligibility through their supportive services case manager. As part of enrollment in PSH or RRH households are informed of PA and supported in enrollment.

1C-4c. Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.

NOFO Section V.B.1.d.

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

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

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.	

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1)In 2020, the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) as the CoC Lead Agency convened a workgroup to update Coordinated Entry (CE) Policies and adopt a DV Service Integration Policy (DVSIP). The CoC's Policy Program Committee, which includes DV/Human Trafficking service providers, is responsible for reviewing/updating policies annually. A review was completed in 2024 & updates were made to workflow to increase response time & linkage to housing. (2) CoC providers attend annual training on trauma, assessment techniques, & CoC service coordination outlined in the DVSIP. CE screens all persons for DV to ensure best practice service provision to prevent retraumatization. CoC staff train quarterly on trauma-informed care for safety planning, shelter placement, & service coordination. All measures are taken to ensure clients' safety/security. If a client has safety concerns at CE or during a shelter stay, staff assist in creating an emergency transfer plan through the DV provider & service coordinator, Journey Center (JC). Clients access services through JC's 24-hr hotline. Individuals screened for human trafficking are referred to Project STAR (Sex Trafficking, Abuse & Recovery). Housing is coordinated through JC, CE, & the DV bonus grantee, Emerald Development & Economic Network. Housing is easily accessible & lowbarrier, with services coordinated through a designated DV Housing Navigator(HN). The HN is responsible for facilitating a traumainformed approach by working closely with the DV provider to establish familiarity with client history, needs, and safety plan. The HN ensures continuity of the safety plan from shelter to independent living. Housing placements are directed by client choice. In 2019, OHS required CE, Rapid Rehousing, and Permanent Supportive Housing project staff to participate in cross-training provided by Equality Ohio, specific to survivors of sexual assault & human trafficking. OHS requires all providers document annual trainings as part of the competitive procurement process for local, state, federal funds. In 2022, the CoC hosted a monthly training schedule using the Ohio DV Network training resources & the partners referenced above. JC conducts TIC & victim centered services training to the CoC annually. The Children Who Witness Violence Program, the Family Justice Center, and Legal Aid also provide training. In 2024, CoC partners sponsored training on LGBTQ Support & Awareness for providers.

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.	

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(1)Coordinated Intake (CI) screens all clients, singles and family heads of households, for domestic violence. This screening is included within the HMIS Part B assessment. If a client identifies as having a safety concern, CI staff will assist the client in creating a safety plan through the local Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center (DVCAC) by phoning their 24-hour hotline service. CI staff will also assist the client with accessing emergency shelter placement at the DVCAC. To continue to remain abreast of best practices, CI staff will receive periodic trainings related to service provision to survivors of domestic violence. The following trainings are mandatory and assist CI staff to respond appropriately to DV survivors: Trauma Informed Care Approach Training (Offered to new staff at orientation and offered annually thereafter) Domestic Violence Training, (including safety planning and shelter access. Offered semiannually). CI staff receive supervision, both individual and in groups, to further supplement professional growth and development, as related to domestic violence education and awareness. Additionally, CI staff may consult with a supervisor in real time if additional guidance is needed in working with a survivor of domestic violence. (2) All CI participants shall be requested to consent to have their personal identifying information (PII) collected for administrative, service coordination, evaluation, and auditing purposes. Only after the participant has signed the HMIS Consent and Release form will PII be collected and shared with other service agencies participating in HMIS and CI for the purpose of coordinating service delivery, identifying service needs and tracking outcomes. The victim services agency serving the CoC, Journey Center, uses a comparable data system to HMIS but all data within the Osnium database is protected and is not shared. Cleveland/Cuyahoga CI shall use all available security and privacy protection measures to ensure confidentiality and only agencies that use the Cleveland/Cuyahoga HMIS and CI shall have access to participant information.

IC-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.	CoC monthly case review training/meetings with DV, shelter providers & CE	Yes	Yes

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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)

The CoC has adopted a Domestic Violence Service Integration Policy. included in the Coordinated Intake Operations Manual. The policy is publicly posted on the OHS website. This policy includes procedures to inform participants of their rights for emergency transfers, of what must be done to request an emergency transfer, and the procedures to follow to relocate a household requiring an emergency transfer. At Coordinated Entry, all clients are informed of the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures and their right to request the development of an emergency transfer plan on their behalf. (2) If a client self-identifies or is identified by CE or at a later time by a CoC provider as having a safety concern, CE staff will inform the client of the CoC's emergency transfer plan process, their right to request an emergency transfer plan, and address any questions or concerns at that time. (3) Requests for emergency transfers may be made in person, via phone, through case managers/advocates, or through written or email requests. If requested by the client, CE will immediately approve and assist in creating an emergency transfer plan through the local domestic violence provider, Journey Center (JC), via the 24hr hotline. 4) The CE provides placement to an undisclosed location if shelter placement is needed. CE staff are trained to provide trauma-informed care while assisting survivors of domestic violence in accessing safety planning services, shelter placement, and coordination of services to ensure clients' safety and security. From a safe location, survivors are assisted in securing alternate safe housing, moving to that housing and maintaining housing.

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.

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EDEN is a non-profit housing agency serving as the primary housing provider for the CoC. As the grantee for the CoC Domestic Violence (DV) project, EDEN collaborates with several sub-recipient agencies to offer Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) assistance for survivors. Key partners include the Journey Center for Safety and Healing (JC), Cleveland Rape Crisis (CRC), Jewish Family Services Association, and FrontLine Service. These organizations collectively provide vital services such as survivor safety, legal aid, counseling, shelter, crisis intervention, court navigation, assistance with Temporary Protection Orders, and advocacy.

OHS is dedicated to providing training opportunities that support safe access to housing and services for CoC partners. An annual training calendar highlights best practices for trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches, ensuring that all survivors can access comprehensive services while focusing on safety and wellness during their housing transitions.

Participants in the program are given housing options tailored to their individual safety needs. Assistance includes case management, housing location support, help with applications, tenant education, transportation, and ongoing housing retention. To promote long-term recovery, agencies maintain engagement with clients even after RRH support concludes, fostering community and helping survivors navigate their new living situations.

Housing locators play a critical role in ensuring that housing options align with clients' safety concerns and adhere to their safety plans. This process underscores the importance of secure and confidential housing information to protect survivors' safety and privacy.

The CoC follows best practices to ensure the safety of survivor housing placements, including comprehensive risk assessments and personalized safety plans. By maintaining high standards and refining their methods, the CoC creates an environment where survivors can thrive. EDEN and its partners are committed to fostering resilience and long-term stability for individuals escaping domestic violence, providing the necessary support and resources for rebuilding lives and achieving self-sufficiency.

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.

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(1) The CoC, EDEN, & victim service providers use various methods to identify barriers for individuals fleeing domestic violence (DV). They collaborate with DV agencies and shelters for insight into survivor-specific challenges, such as safety concerns, trauma, and economic hardships. During intake assessments, survivors are evaluated for immediate needs to identify critical barriers such as the necessity for secure shelter, financial instability, and legal protections. To address the barrier of privacy/confidentiality concerns, the CoC uses specialized housing assessment tools, including confidential data collection. Staff trained in trauma-informed care approaches recognize the emotional and psychological barriers preventing survivors from accessing services/securing stable housing. The CoC uses focus groups or case management session feedback from survivors to identify emerging barriers and gaps, allowing for adaptation of programs and services based on real-world experiences. Additionally, cross-disciplinary coordination with legal, child welfare, and healthcare services addresses challenges like custody issues, access to healthcare, and trauma in children, that may be a barrier to survivors' ability to secure/maintain housing stability.

(2)EDEN, the agency responsible for housing placement/retention, works w/ victim services providers to identify threats to participant safety and mitigate barriers including: safety concerns, a lack of affordable housing, emotional/psychological trauma, and children's needs. The CoC implements specialized housing programs to address safety issues, working with providers to develop flexible, responsive, survivor-centered housing options. Survivors are prioritized for housing vouchers/assistance and offered units with privacy and safety features. The CoC focuses on survivor-centered approaches to enhance affordable housing opportunities and meet survivors' needs. Additionally, the CoC address emotional and psychological trauma by collaborating with domestic violence organizations to facilitate streamlined access to essential services. Coordinated entry systems reduce the risk of re-traumatization by connecting survivors to appropriate resources without needing to repeatedly recount their stories. Finally, access to legal services for protective orders. custody issues, and housing discrimination claims help survivors feel more secure and empowered as they navigate the criminal justice and housing systems.

1C-6.		Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+–Anti-Discrimination Policy and Equal Access Trainings.	
		NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	
	1.	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
 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

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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	
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4. your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

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1)To ensure coordinated entry is responsive to the full range of needs in the community, the CoC lead established a CI workgroup to develop/refine policies. LGBTQ+ organizations and others participate in the workgroup, review & suggest new/modified policies. (2) In accordance with the Equal Access Final Rule & the Gender Identity Final Rule, the CoC adopted a Nondiscrimination Policy, outlined in the CI Operations Manual. The CoC Program Policy Committee (PPC) reviews/updates this policy annually & advances to the CoC Advisory Board for approval. The PPC meets monthly & conducts frequent reviews/updates based on stakeholder feedback. All CoC providers are required to have their own agency policies that align with the CoC established policy. (3) In 2021, the CoC created a CI workgroup, including provider agencies, to review, update, and create new policies. The workgroup established a CoCwide Nondiscrimination Policy. The policy states CI shall market to & serve all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, immigration status, limited English proficiency, or who are least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach or accommodation to promote every individual's full and complete participation in CI. This policy was reviewed/approved in 2024. CoC agencies must comply with Ohio &Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. This CoC-wide policy was a catalyst for the development of policies at the provider level. All providers offering services, shelter, & housing adhere to CoC policies. OHS assisted providers in creating/implementing new policies that align with CoC goals. (4) OHS reviews project compliance annually & requires each agency to document adherence to policies annually. The process involves a checklist including but not limited to intake processes, staff training, evidence of agency anti-discrimination & equal access policy, grievance policies, and documentation of outcomes. If an agency demonstrates evidence of noncompliance during program monitoring, OHS addresses the finding through a formal corrective action plan which includes revisions and/or implementation of policy. OHS works with Cuyahoga County's Dept. of Contract Administration and Performance (DCAP) & the County Department of Law to ensure that all anti-discrimination contract language is up to date and in alignment with CoC Standards.

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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?
Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority	41%	Yes-Both	Yes
Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc	100%	Yes-HCV	Yes

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.
	Describe in the field below:
	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

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admission preference.

(1) Two PHAs, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority and Emerald Development and Economic Network (EDEN), work closely with the CoC and have had "Homeless Preference" in place for many years. (a) The CoC has worked with CMHA to increase preference points for applicants to public housing, on the Housing Choice Voucher program waitlist, and for targeted project-based subsidy programs to households whose homeless status is verified by Coordinated Entry. In addition, the CoC entered into an MOU with the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority to identify CoC clients for the Emergency Housing Voucher program and receives referrals directly from the CoC's Coordinated Entry. Per the attached documentation and for traditional PHA projects, CoC-referred applicants receive additional preference points so that literally homeless households move up the list to access PH more quickly. (b) EDEN has a PHA status but is also the primary direct recipient and sub recipient of CoC funds for PSH and RRH. EDEN is committed to the HUD prioritization guidelines and is a key partner in the CoC strategy to end chronic homelessness. EDEN is the co-developer, owner, and property manager of over 700 PSH/CH units in the CoC and manages over 1,200 scattered-site PSH units. 2.) N/A

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1C-7b.	Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.	
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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 PHA 	
2.		
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.	Affordable Housing Developers, Veterans Administration, HOME	Yes

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

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

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	Yes
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	Yes
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	Yes
7.	Public Housing	Yes
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	
	EHV, PBV, FUP	Yes

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

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

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1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV).	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
Did Vou Plar	ichers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue	Yes

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1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

- 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

NOFO Section V.B.1.i.

Describe in the field below:

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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 public systems listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless	than 90 days are not	
1.	Prison	s/Jails?	Yes	
2.	Health	Care Facilities?	Yes	
3.	Reside	ential Care Facilities?	Yes	
4.	Foster	Care?	Yes	
	1D-:	2. Housing First–Lowering Barriers to Entry.		
		NOFO Section V.B.1.i.		
	- 10	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRI- entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying f Program Competition.	I, SSO non-coordinated or in FY 2024 CoC	28
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.		28		
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-2	a. Project Evaluation for Housing First Compliance.		

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

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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) The CoC is committed to the Housing First (HF) philosophy, ongoing assessment, & services. Recipients checking HF on their project application are evaluated based on the principle that homelessness should be rare, brief, & non-reoccurring. The HF approach is low-barrier, includes client choice, & allows immediate access. HF PSH prioritizes chronically homeless individuals facing severe mental health, chronic health, or substance use challenges. HF PSH units only accept referrals from Coordinated Entry and the Chronic By-Name List (BNL). The CoC evaluates projects regularly to ensure rapid placement and stabilization without requiring service participation. The CoC conducts annual fidelity evaluations to assess alignment with HF principles and identify improvement areas. Client discharges are reviewed to prevent evictions for non-HF reasons, such as substance use or lack of engagement. Providers participate in meetings to discuss BNL status and refer individuals with the longest homelessness and highest needs. (2)The CoC has adopted a datadriven process, supported by the HF Data Dashboard, created by the CoC Lead. This dashboard tracks admissions, rejections, vacancies, turnover, evictions, incidents, and exits. Data sources include HMIS and case managers, offering insights at site, portfolio, and system levels. OHS convenes a monthly HF Dashboard group to monitor performance, with reports auto-generated through HMIS. (3) The HF Dashboard now covers all providers, regardless of funding source, and is reviewed monthly to support BNL meetings. OHS monitors programs throughout the competition year by verifying compliance, reviewing financial records, and assessing administrative practices. Monthly documentation reviews ensure reimbursement accuracy for locally funded projects. OHS staff attends BNL prioritization meetings to assess client vulnerability and explore housing options.4) The CoC, regardless of project type, has adopted the Housing First approach as a condition to receiving local funding to address funding gaps. Providers use dashboard insights to selfevaluate and improve compliance. The CoC Lead continues efforts to collaborate with partners & organizations to develop coordinated investment to house persons experiencing homelessness. The CoC provides training to other systems partners & the community to provide Housing First orientation.

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.

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(1)The Cuyahoga CoC's outreach efforts are rooted in Housing First, with a focus on prioritizing access to housing for all unsheltered persons. The outreach team maintains/updates a comprehensive By-Name-List (BNL), which identifies unsheltered persons by location, # of days homeless, and tracks housing offers. CoC outreach workers operate under the best practice, continuous relationship model, where they also serve as case managers. Outreach workers meet people where they are emotionally, physically, & geographically. This model has proven effective as client engagement for those least likely to engage and is a critical component of this work. CoC Outreach Teams coordinate to provide services to 100% of the CoC geographic area. In 2024, the CoC adopted the use of the HMIS Outreach module which ensures a coordinated effort with regular outreach to individuals and encampments. The following teams have operated in Cuyahoga County for over 20 years: VA Outreach Team; Care Alliance, Family Quality Healthcare Center, which conducts medical/well-being outreach; and FrontLine Service (FLS) PATH Program. Outreach efforts include Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) Grant recipients (Volunteers of America & FLS). Bellefaire, RHY outreach, targets youth. The Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH) organizes year-round volunteer outreach teams. Outreach staff are available 24/7, focusing on early mornings/evenings when people most reluctant to seek services are at encampments. Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless maintains a BNL of unsheltered persons and convenes outreach teams biweekly to coordinate services and track persons/locations/needs and housing placement. Chronically homeless unsheltered clients are referred for housing at the CoC BNL meeting. Outreach members attend weekly CH/PSH Prioritization meetings to link unsheltered CH folks immediately with housing. Tailored outreach efforts, in adherance to the Fair Housing 24 CFR 578.93(c), include daily communication in person/phone/text with Coordinated Entry and community partners to direct resources & support engagement. Information is provided for persons with disabilities and includes multilingual (& sign-language) staff, printed, & electronic materials for persons with disabilities. Outreach workers encourage unsheltered persons to enter the local shelter system. Non-congregate living spaces remain available for those unwilling to enter shelter.

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/Educ Legislators and Policymal	s Laws/Policies/Practices
1	. Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social servinesponses over law enforcement responses to people experinomelessness?		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
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4. Other:(limit 500 characters)

Partnership with City to Develop New Initiative to House Unsheltered Persons Yes Yes

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.	HIC	1,004	1,281

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:

		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)	
	Veterans Health Care	Yes

1D-6a.	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance.
	NOFO Section V.B.1.m
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including those that provide substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services, including Medicaid; and
2.	promotes SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

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(2) CoC provider agency

Project: OH-502 CoC Registration FY2024

(1) CoC providers participate in the Coordinated Health Access Project (CHAP), which is an initiative organized through the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and private insurers to enroll high-barrier and at-risk health populations into health insurance. The health insurance providers schedule regular times at shelters to enroll project participants. The Coordinated Entry System (CES) screens and assesses for substance abuse and mental health issues. The CoC has a number of shelter providers that offer clinical and treatment services to clients. If clients do not seek these services at CES, traditional shelter case managers work towards client engagement and ensure later treatment linkages. The Office of Homeless Services (OHS) meets monthly with the City of Cleveland Public Health, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, and the MetroHealth System for guidance/information on local resourcess to CoC agencies. In addition, OHS meets with CoC providers to discuss challenges and potential solutions to help ensure the implementation of public health protocols.

staff are required to access the State of Ohio's online benefit assessment tool, Benefit Bank, on behalf of clients to determine all possible resources for which the client may be eligible. In addition, providers serving disabled homeless persons have access to an expedited disability Benefit Determination process through SOAR. The CoC supports the SOAR model and promotes integration of SOAR education into the staff orientation process and ongoing provider training through an online curriculum available via SOARWORKS. CoC provider staff completed SOAR certification in 2024. SOAR specialists are available at designated agencies.

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.

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 In accordance with the State of Ohio's Human Infectious Disease Incident Plan, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBOH) updated the local public health plan referred to as the Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan in 2022. This plan provides a foundation for public health guidance to the CoC relative to screening protocols, isolation, and sanitation measures. As the CoC Lead Agency, the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) was heavily involved in planning efforts. The CoC developed a Response Plan which was presented at an OHS Advisory Board Meeting. Updates to the plan occur on an annual basis or when significant changes occur and/or new initiatives established. CoC leadership ensures adherence to mitigation practices through implementation of policy and establishing practice standards that are in alignment with the CoC's Response Plan. In 2024, OHS developed it's own Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan in accordance with Cuyahoga County policy. OHS also coordinated with the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management to assist CoC agencies, specifically emergency shelter providers, in updating emergency preparedness plans and policies to address all situations, including response to infectious disease outbreaks. (2) The CoC coordinates provider training opportunities focusing on prevention and response during an infectious disease outbreak. Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services coordinates semiannual calls with OHS, both City and County Public Health Departments, local healthcare providers, and the CoC to communicate information on local restrictions, trends, and best practices. Ultimately, the forum has provided a better understanding between the health sector and the homeless service community to prevent and limit the occurrence of infectious diseases in our community. As a result of this work, the CoC coordinates with the local public health agency and healthcare providers to conduct infectious disease screening, testing, and administer treatment (including vaccinations) at shelter, permanent housing, and street outreach locations. Lastly, the CoC has designated a seat on the OHS Advisory Board for a member of the healthcare community. This seat is currently held by a physician with Metrohealth, public health provider operating four hospitals, four emergency departments and more than 20 health centers and 40 additional sites throughout Cuyahoga County.

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	
	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.	

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 Ensuring the safety of individuals and families served by Cuyahoga County's Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) is a top priority. The Office of Homeless Services (OHS), in consultation with the City of Cleveland Department of Public Health, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, MetroHealth System, and the CDC. developed a public health response to COVID-19 and future epidemics. This effort strengthened partnerships, establishing direct points of contact with local experts and building preparedness for future public health emergencies. Communication channels were created to support the CoC, offering a framework for feedback and coordination. Improved local data sharing enhanced collaboration between health, homeless, and housing systems. improving service access and outcomes for those experiencing homelessness. The CoC worked with consultants to review and update policies, programming, and operations to document responses to COVID-19 and prepare for other infectious outbreaks. As part of these efforts, CoC providers developed infectious disease protocols, reviewed during contract procurement and monitoring. In addition, the OHS Advisory Board created a designated membership seat for a local healthcare provider, which fosters engagement and integration of the healthcare system. This expertise is then leveraged in the formation and updating of CoC-wide policies. (2) OHS worked with Cuyahoga County & City of Cleveland Departments of Development to align resources to support the renovation of congregate shelters and acquire additional shelter space. Transitioning to a non-congregate shelter model decreases the likelihood of disease transmission and spread. OHS worked closely with outreach providers to mitigate the risk of contamination & spread of disease among unsheltered homeless persons and outreach staff. A key outcome of this process was the provision of freestanding sanitation stations/port-o-lets throughout the City of Cleveland. This project provided essential services and mitigated risk for one of the CoC's most vulnerable populations. OHS facilitated monthly meetings to coordinate service delivery between the CoC and local healthcare providers. In addition, training opportunities were provided to direct service workers to provide education on client engagement and healthcare.

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.

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(1) In accordance with the CoC Program interim rule, the Coordinated Entry system (CE) covers 100% of Cuyahoga County, the CoC's geographic area. New CoC projects dedicated to outreach & navigation recently created additional CE access points through dedicated staff at United Way's 2-1-1 (24/7) & in the field serving youth & unsheltered. The CoC's shelters also serve as an access point. (2) Per the CoC Program interim rule, the CoC operates a full system (indiv & family) CE model. CE is the front door to CoC resources, providing equal access to shelter & housing for all persons in a fair and equitable manner, using a collaborative process between the client & CE worker. The standardized assessment allows each HH a diversion opportunity and referrals for services & housing. This was formally adopted in the CoC's CE manual & prioritizes persons most in need. For intake, the client must be literally homeless. Homeless status is documented & based on HUD guidelines, but lack of third-party documentation does not prevent access to services. CE makes referrals to shelter. Persons fleeing DV are referred to the DV service coordinator, Journey Center. Homeless status may also be provided via shelter letter, outreach, or navigators. During intake, CE completes the following: Intake assessments, Dual Relationship Agreement, Consent for treatment, Vulnerability tool, Housing Plan, Disclosure of Information, & HMIS ROI. CE refers to Cleveland Mediation Center for diversion. CE must refer to shelter if diversion isn't possible. Transportation is available & at shelter entry, staff work with clients on a housing plan informed by client choice. 3) The process is respectful, inclusive of client choice, culturally appropriate, & trauma-informed. Staff are trained on trauma-informed data collection & efforts to avoid retraumitization have been implemented through CE Redesign & access points, ensuring that a HH only shares their story once. (4)CE process is reviewed/updated annually by the CoC's Program Policy Committee (PPC). PPC meets monthly & comprises CoC providers/projects & 2 seats dedicated to persons with lived experience. PPC meetings are public, allowing for feedback & public comment. The CoC administers annual Consumer Surveys providing anonymous feedback on CE, which is shared at monthly PPC meetings & annual Advisory Board meetings. The CoC Lead initiated a year-long CE Redesign process, completed in July of 2024, with implementation to begin in January 2025.

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.	

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(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The CoC's CE policies & procedures ensure access points are accessible to people with disabilities & persons least likely to access homeless system assistance. CE provides assistance & information in accessible formats as needed for disabled persons & provides accommodations for those with limited English proficiency. The CoC's CE access points support a "no wrong door" approach & accommodate all persons via call center, shelter, or mobile outreach/navigation. Community awareness is promoted via United Way's 2-1-1 call center, CoC & provider websites. A flyer describing access information is distributed to area libraries, social service agencies, drop-in sites, meal sites, & health care sites. A "Streetcard" is distributed by outreach teams. The VA, CoC & Healthcare outreach teams designed an intensive approach to support hardto-reach populations. CE ensures immediate access to shelter or PSH if the individual meets order of prioritization. The CoC determined unsheltered chronically homeless (CH); youth, & survivors of human trafficking are least likely to seek assistance. The CoC developed targeted approaches: a Peer Youth Outreach Team partners with PATH/Youth centered trained staff; CH & Veteran Outreach teams maintain a "By Name List" & visit people weekly to offer services; CE connects with survivor service providers to conduct CE assessments by phone or other locations to avoid retraumatization. Specialists monitor the BNL & engage in assessing service needs & provide support. (2) CE uses CPD-16-11 to prioritize resources for highest-need households. The CE BNL documents, tracks, & prioritizes Vets, families, youth, & CH for housing. (3) The CoC holds a weekly provider group to review the BNL, # of days homeless, disability status, vulnerability scores, & housing preferences, ensuring timely access to housing. BNL is managed via HMIS & reports automated to track outcomes (4) The CoC strives to lower barriers to CE access. No ID, appointment, or referral is necessary. There is no residency requirement & no income restriction.CE call center is staffed for triage & phone assessments for all persons. The process increases response time, minimizes burden & eliminates unnecessary questioning, focusing on critical information for placement. After-hours services are via CE on-call staff or via 211. CE provides transportation. Trained staff complete outreach intakes. For persons fleeing DV, specialized access is through the DV 24 hr hotline.

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.

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(1) The Cleveland/Cuyahoga CE process affirmatively markets housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, immigration status, limited English proficiency, or who are least likely to apply in the absence of specialized outreach. This is accomplished through the United Way 2-1-1 main call center, outreach/navigation teams, distribution of materials, posters, website postings, and community outreach events. The Cuyahoga CE promotes every individual's full and complete participation in CE. CE and all CoC Participating Agencies comply with all State of Ohio and Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. (2) As part of the intake and assessment associated with CE, potential participants are informed of their rights and remedies under State and Federal statutes to be protected against discrimination in housing. As part of the briefing, participants are informed about a range of possible discriminatory behaviors, how to recognize discrimination, and how to report violations of their rights to local, state and federal authorities. (3) There are two CON Plan jurisdictions, Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland. CoC leadership confers with the City Department of Community Development and the County Development Department to provide data and information on homelessness to inform the Consolidated Plan. As part of that process, the CoC reports on impediments to Fair Housing experienced by CoC participants and provides suggestions to increase compliance.

1[D-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.	04/24/2024
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(1)Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS), CoC Lead, takes ongoing collective action, rooted in meaningful use of quantitative & qualitative data, to address homeless system inequities and ensure equal access to services. The CoC was selected to participate in HUD's Coordinated Entry Race Equity Demo project in 2021 & furthered this work through a year-long CE Redesign process. The CE Redesign focused on identifying measures to evaluate/analyze local data to develop a more racially equitable assessment and prioritization tool. To engage and obtain feedback from persons with lived experience impacted by disparities, the CoC used committee representation and focus groups. Through the CE Redesign planning process the CoC reviewed/updated the system-wide race equity data dashboards to assess CoC funded homeless assistance projects using HMIS data. The dashboards establish equity performance monitoring and support improved outcomes for the BIPOC population served in the homeless system. The CoC measures outcomes for length of time homeless, exit destinations, and returns to shelter by age and race cohort. The CoC's Policy Program Committee regularly reviews findings to modify standards and practices and develop policy. The CoC is aligning resources to provide targeted strategies and demonstrate a culturally responsive system that addresses the unique barriers for persons of color. 2) The CoC analyzed data using series of custom HMIS reports and Stella P. The CoC identified overrepresentation of Black persons experiencing homelessness at Coordinated Entry and, subsequently, throughout the CoC's homeless services. Black individuals make up about 29% of Cuyahoga County's population but about 70% of the county's homeless population. Black individuals exiting PSH projects were two times as likely to go back to shelter and about ten times as likely to go to jail/prison. Most of these negative exits were a result of or resulted in eviction. Patterns of shelter use over a 3yr period indicated Black persons experiencing homelessness are more likely to have multiple entries into homelessness (50.9%) than White persons (39.7%). Current data shows that more than 72% of youth experiencing homelessness are Black. System-involved youth are disproportionately more likely to experience homelessness: 62% history of child welfare, 25% pregnant/parenting, 8% LGBTQ. Black youth experience repeat episodes of homelessness at a higher rate (43.8%) than White youth (36.5%).

1D-9b.	Implemented Strategies to Prevent or Eliminate Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p	
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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
	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
	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

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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.	The CoC monitors YHDP projects to identify disparities and gaps	Yes

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.

Given the overrepresentation of Black youth & those with public system involvement, the CoC took action to address the disparity by convening a Race Equity Committee (REC). This work has been divided into three subcommittees comprised of representatives from CoC, juvenile justice, child welfare, City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County HHS, & young adults with lived experience. The Entry Subcommittee focuses on policy for youth entering the homeless system to increase collaboration across systems. Action steps continue to include identifying those at risk of homelessness & weekly meetings to identify those at risk of homelessness, developing prevention plans, & implementation of restorative justice plan. The Exit Subcommittee focuses on helping young adults exiting homelessness access & maintain housing. Based on this work, the CoC received a YHPD TH-RRH award provides up to 36 months of rental assistance. The Office of Homeless Services has approved \$200,000.00 of local funding for a prevention project for at-risk and homeless youth. The leadership subcommittee is focused on increasing representation of Black leaders through the CoC/partner systems to create pathways to leadership. The group examines HR policies on recruitment/hiring, retention, & promotion with a racial equity lens. This is reviewed annually. OHS redesigned the CoC's RFP to advance race equity via the procurement process. All funding applications include recruitment strategies to increase race equity/inclusion of agency staff, board, & individuals with lived experience. Agencies must demonstrate equity and inclusion through project performance data. Areas are reviewed & scored, resulting in contracts with high-performing agencies. In 2024, the CoC took action to address disparities through the CoC's CE Redesign process. The CoC sought to advance racial equity by conducting an audit of the CE system including existing practices/access to resources for specific populations. Stella P & the HMIS Race & Ethnicity Dashboard assessed racial disparities for access, referrals, & outcomes. Other factors included gender, HH type, disability status, & mainstream benefits. Participant focus groups guided redesign & increased participation from underrepresented persons. Youth Advisory Board was included. The CE Redesign was completed 9/2024. As a result, the CoC identified modified the CE assessment system & prioritization policies & procedures to improve access to resources for persons of color.

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.		

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 The Office of Homeless Services (OHS), the CoC/HMIS lead, collaborated with the HMIS vendor to develop a race/ethnicity/age equity dashboard. The dashboard allows the CoC to monitor/track project & system performance outcomes and identify disparities across racial categories and age cohorts. The dashboard reflects data on homeless persons entering the system, utilizing the system, and exiting the system, disaggregated by racial categories and age cohorts. The dashboard is used in forums, including the HMIS Data Committee, the CoC's Program Policy Committee, the Youth Community Planning Committee & Core Team, A Home 4 Every Neighbor Outreach Committee, and the Advisory Board. These groups meet monthly & bi-monthly, with performance reviews conducted by the HMIS lead monthly. Various service providers & persons with lived experience are members & participate in discussions, provide feedback, and review outcomes. This ensures data is used to inform and drive policy recommendations and programmatic changes to prevent and eliminate disparities. Discussions about this data are focused on a) front door policies addressing the disproportionate number of Black individuals coming into the system b) exit policies & programmatic changes addressing the disproportionate number of Black individuals exiting the system to negative destinations - specifically jail and shelter, and c) subpopulations and intersectionality with race/age in order to address service needs specific to each individual. 2) OHS redesigned the system RFP to advance the CoC's goal of a more racially equitable system through funding opportunities and the contracts process. A core component of each agency's funding application is submitting performance data based on race and ethnicity. During the application scoring process, review teams comprised of internal and external representatives evaluate applicant data sets for race equity within project performance and the agency's plan for improvement. It is the expectation that organizations strive to provide equitable services for persons of color. As a result of updating the RFP process, OHS will determine race equity project performance benchmarks within agency contracts, which will be monitored on an annual basis. OHS will require contracts seeking renewal to submit race equity data and be evaluated against the established benchmarks as part of the RFP scoring process. This evaluation will ultimately determine the level of funding on an annual basis.

ID-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.

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The OHS Advisory Board creates opportunities for those with lived experience to serve in leadership roles & influence decision-making processes. System data is used to ensure members reflect the diverse demographics & experiences of those experiencing homelessness in Cuyahoga County. The Advisory Board represents all sectors of the community & requires involvement of individuals that are homeless or formerly homeless. Annually, the Governance Committee (GC) reviews expiring terms, including Persons with Lived Experience (PWLE), & requests nominations for membership vacancies. The CoC recruits to specifically engage PWLE, providing information on the Advisory Board & encouraging board member applications. This includes attending Homeless Congress meetings & individual communication with organizations that work directly with PWLE. The CoC posted the Advisory Board New Member Orientation (includes member application process) presentation recording publicly to the OHS website. The Advisory Board includes a Program Policy Committee (PPC), which is comprised of community representatives, young adults, BIPOC, & LGBTQ. The PPC provides guidance & leadership on housing and services policies/procedures and recommends standards for the administration and operation of projects funded by the CoC. The PPC makes data-driven decisions on CoC program operations and outcomes and submits recommended policies and procedures to the Advisory Board. The CoC regularly incorporates those with lived experience into broader planning efforts and provides stipends for those participating on specialized work groups & committees. The CoC completed a strategic planning process inclusive of the related system of care for persons experiencing homelessness. The strategic plan includes a Network Map (inventory of agencies currently providing services), Program Model Standards (practice standards for core CoC programs), Investment Analysis (identification of current homeless system investments and future recommendations), and System Improvement Strategies (recommendations for how CoC system gaps and deficiencies can be addressed). OHS designed the process with opportunities for engagement. feedback, and discussion. These opportunities include focus groups and listening sessions, both of which will include individuals with lived experience. Input from the discussions will directly refine system goals, review gaps, inform

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

recommendations, and provide context for system enhancement.

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:

			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 address	sing homelessness.	14		0
2.	2. Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.		51		1
3.	3. Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.			4	0
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	4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	104	10

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)

The CoC believes the inclusion of Persons With Lived Experience (PWLE) is a moral imperative and an operating advantage in our practices and continuum culture. In 2022, the CoC updated all boards/committees to require membership of PWLE. Continuum efforts have included examining Human Resources policies and procedures around recruitment/hiring, retention, and promotion. Recommendations for equitable policies and procedures promote the professional development of PWLE and BIPOC, including posting positions in non-traditional places (i.e. churches, vocational programs, black professional groups) and removing common barriers that may have disparate impact such as drug testing and education requirements. CoC partners continue to work on increasing the hiring of PWLE, with some agencies achieving the goal of employing 50% of housing and shelter staff, including management, with lived expertise of homelessness, justice involvement, or mental health/substance abuse. All PWLEs are offered ongoing training and professional development opportunities for advancement. The CoC also has a Workforce/Homeless Services Steering Committee which provides feedback on interventions and policies designed to support PWLE in pursuing employment/training opportunities. The steering committee has two PWLE members who are also staff at CoC member agencies. There are opportunities for members with lived experience to co-lead focus groups with other PWLE. PWLE are paid \$25/hour stipends for meeting and preparation time. The Steering Committee provides PWLE with opportunities to share and develop CoC work, including what is prioritized and how it is planned, delivered, and evaluated. PWLE are influencing decision-making and are significant contributors to this process. The CoC also recognizes the contributions of young adults and provides compensation for their time and expertise. The CoC is working on a continuum wide policy to ensure all PWLE are compensated and supported in their professional development.

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;	

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 - 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)The CoC routinely gathers information from people experiencing homelessness (PEH) receiving services, using board/committee membership, policy workgroups, program focus groups, and outreach/navigation work seeking to engage people experiencing homelessness. These opportunities assist the CoC in obtaining information on unmet, critical needs. For PEH not receiving assistance, the CoC collaborates with other systems, outreach, and navigation teams to obtain feedback. (2) The CoC gathers feedback from persons experiencing homelessness receiving/not receiving services monthly for committee work & annually as a system. (3) The CoC requests feedback from all CoC & ESG programs for persons experiencing homelessness monthly review & annually for contracts & ranking process. Providers administer client surveys on a rolling basis throughout the year & annually to rate, evaluate, & improve service delivery. Annually, CoC/ESG providers must submit survey results, grievance policies & results to the CoC lead. Providers must demonstrate client feedback is used to inform changes to agency policy. This information is critical in monitoring performance & funding decisions. The NOFO Review Committee (NRC) rates & ranks all new/renewal projects using performance standards including administration, response rate, & results of consumer surveys by project. Client survey results are factored into project review, scoring, & ranking by the NRC. The NRC addresses concerns with the providers directly. Annually, qualitative analysis is reported to the Advisory Board. All CoC meetings are open to the public. (4) OHS is focused on meaningful engagement of persons with lived experience of homelessness, recognizing these individuals as stakeholders in system improvement. Feedback is provided on a regular basis through committee work, board membership, policy review/discussions, and annual surveys & focus groups. (5) In 2023, the CoC released its Community Action Plan which incorporated a year-long inclusive process towards improving access/services for those experiencing homelessness. The CoC's goal is to develop a more responsive & equitable system. In 2024, the CoC elected to initiate a CE Redesign to improve responsiveness and increase access to services and housing. This was guided by feedback from persons with lived experience and the committee work that these individuals participated in. The redesign will ensure housing and services are used efficiently and effectively.

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.

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(1) The Office of Homeless Services (OHS) received ARPA funding to allow CoC providers to rehab and/or develop new housing units. One of the identified rehab sites, chosen because of proximity to services, was originally zoned as commercial. OHS worked with the provider to draft a request letter, then met with elected city and county officials to share the provider's comments and propose the change to residential/mixed use. This was successful, and the project is now moving forward with ARPA funding and scheduled to open in 2025. Recently, the Cuyahoga County Housing Stakeholder Group drafted the county Housing Refresh Plan, incorporating CoC housing data demonstrating that the lack of affordable housing has directly impacted the CoC's ability to rapidly re-house persons experiencing homelessness. As a result, the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, First Suburbs Consortium, and the Cuyahoga County Land Bank partnered to develop a Single-Family Zoning Analysis to detail zoning barriers to infill housing. Infill housing is new housing constructed on existing lots within largely developed communities. These lots tend to be vacant as a result of previous home demolition. Cuyahoga County has a large number of these lots, with potential for affordable housing and/or multi-family units. This report will identify issues with municipal zoning regulations hindering infill and assess potential for new housing development. Changes to zoning will improve the process for developers and builders and increase housing stock in Cuyahoga County. (2) Housing demolitions outpace new construction by 2:1 in Cuyahoga County. The Cuyahoga Land Bank funded an initiative in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission to assess how antiquated zoning regulations create barriers to housing development. Communities county-wide are looking at ways to revise these regulations. The partnership organizations have recently entered into a contract to develop phase two of the analysis, which will involve the development of best practices and model ordinances for communities in 2025. The goal, through this analysis, is to reduce regulatory barriers and increase the number of units available to low-income and persons experiencing homelessness. CoC providers have written letters and spoken at Cuyahoga County meetings to support changes to meet the continuum's housing needs. (2)Cuyahoga County has already begun identifying outdated housing codes that can impede the development of

Yes

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

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

- 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

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	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
	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

1. Established total points available for each project application type.

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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 overrepresented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes
1E	-2a. Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
	You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:	
1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	10
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	2
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH
1E	-2b. Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.d.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	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;	
	 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.	

(1) The Review & Ranking process utilizes HMIS data for scoring all renewal projects. Agencies are required to submit Annual Performance Reports (APRs) for the specified 12-month period. The NOFO Review Committee (NRC) develops & approves a scoring tool. Scores for Permanent Housing (PH) providers are based on HUD performance measures related to income, stability, & exits to PH. Consumer surveys are quantified. PH projects are scored on client retention or exits to PH. Returns to homelessness are scored using a custom HMIS report. This report uses HUD Sys Pm logic to determine percentages of clients returning to homelessness after PH exits from PSH/RRH projects. Total scores are analyzed by project for "Rank Order" for the CoC. (2) Review & Ranking scores for time to PH are considered in the performance standards (housed within 60 days or less) for RRH projects. APR data averages time between project enrollment date & housing move-in date for clients. (3)The Review & Ranking process considers each project application's success in providing appropriate housing options to persons with the highest service needs & longest length of time homeless with a housing first approach. Housing placements are driven by client choice. Projects are assessed for placements based on exits to PH & percentage of returns to homelessness. 4)Performance Standards are reviewed/approved annually by the NRC; adopted by the Advisory Board. The NRC reviewed system performance data & updated standards for PH projects serving high-barrier clients. Projects were scored based on percentage of underrepresented persons & lived experience on staff & governing boards. This resulted in increased scores for (PH) projects serving hardest to serve clients. This change addressed the need to lower performance requirements & ensure much-needed projects were competitively ranked. Housing projects were analyzed to include (a) degree of vulnerability/disability/CH of the target population; (b) # of units for CH; (c) number of youth/families (including DV). This assisted in the "Rank Order" of Projects. The CoC prioritizes projects that serve persons with documented high utilization of crisis services, including health, behavioral health, & justice system facilities and services, and who, based on vulnerability assessment, will require significant support to maintain housing. The Review & Ranking Committee also consider youth and survivors of domestic violence as meeting a higher vulnerability index.

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.	
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	Describe in the field below:	I
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.	

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 In preparation for the 2024 NOFO, the CoC Program Policy Committee (PPC) reviewed the rating factors used to review applications for new and renewal projects in the prior year's competition. In addition to objective and system performance factors, the committee also explored methods to incentivize applicants to identify and address barriers to participation experienced by those over-represented in the homeless population. In the Cuyahoga/Cleveland CoC, Blacks are over-represented among homeless people. Of the 12 members of the PPC, 3 (25%) are Black. (2) New and renewal applications are reviewed by the NOFO review committee. The key requirements for membership are understanding CoC policies and outcomes and being free of conflicts of interest – not being employed by or serving on the board of an organization seeking funding in the competition. Renewal projects were scored based on objective and system performance factors and all scores were reviewed and approved by the NOFO review committee. The committee reviewed and scored all new project applications based on factors approved by the entire CoC board which has 4 members with lived experience and overall 20% of the membership is Black. (3) As part of the ranking and review process of CoC project applications, the CoC provided 10% of all points to applicants who described barriers to participation that were experienced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented among people experiencing homelessness and identified the steps taken to eliminate the barriers. This is a significant point allocation increasing the competitiveness of projects that remove barriers to participation.

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.

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 The CoC charges the NOFO Review Committee to review the NOFO application evaluation process and set the FY2024 performance standards. Written guidelines were submitted to the CoC Advisory Board for approval. All renewal projects were reviewed to confirm their alignment with (a) housing first objectives, (b) participation in the CES prioritization process for CoC housing resources, (c) compliance with HUD Equal Access and VAWA guidance; maintaining good standing with HUD monitoring and audit reviews; (d) moving closer to reducing shelter LOS and are meeting PH outcomes standards; and (e) positive collaboration with CoC partners. This process initiates a recommendation for reallocation when/if a project is low performing or if a higher need activity was identified. Performance evaluation produced different results for different projects, with two of the renewal projects determined as insufficiently performing (2) The CoC identified the underperforming projects in this year's review. (3) The CoC identified two projects for reallocation to better support the needs of persons served, the health of housing programs overall, and the CoC. The CoC released a "Request for New Applications" which was publicly posted to the Office of Homeless Service's website. The reallocation process was communicated at Advisory Board meetings (open to the public), sent via blast email (community/partner agencies), and posted on the OHS website (4) N/A

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
	E-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.	
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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?	Yes
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.	09/16/2024
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1F	E-5a. Projects Accepted-Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Se	election Results for All Projects.	
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1E-5c.		Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program ion Submission Deadline.	
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
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ŹA-1.	HMIS Vendor.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	
Ent	er the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Bitfocus, Inc.
2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area. Not Scored–For Information Only	
Sel	ect from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area.	Single CoC
2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
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1) Journey Center is the only dedicated DV shelter within the CoC. Journey Center uses Osnium, an HMIS comparable database, to collect and report data to the Cuyahoga Office of Homeless Services, the CoC and HMIS Lead agency. Osnium is fully compliant and the HMIS Lead ensures that both Journey Center and the Osnium System Administrator are informed when HUD Data Standards changes or updates are required. This ensures the dataset is compliant with HUD Data Standards and consistent with data collection across the CoC. Osnium is also compliant with CoC reporting requirements, with Journey Center generating monthly, de-identified, aggregate data in the form of Annual Performance and CAPER reports to the CoC/HMIS Lead for report submissions and data quality review. In addition, de-identified aggregate data is generated out of Osnium for system performance and all other CoC annual reporting. Journey Center serves up to 45 persons a night which translates into approximately 4 singles and 11 families. 2) DV and housing services providers in the CoC are compliant with 2024 HMIS Data Standards. (3) The Cuyahoga County HMIS is compliant with FY 2024 HMIS data standards.

2A-5.	Bed Coverage Rate-Using HIC, HMIS Data-CoC Merger Bonus Points.
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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	1,399	44	1,443	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	51	0	51	100.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	91	0	91	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	1,281	0	1,281	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	4,495	0	3,994	88.85%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c.
	For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:
1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

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The percentages above are incorrect. All project types are at 100% for HMIS/Comparable Database Coverage Rates other than PSH, which is at 88.85% HMIS coverage. An email was sent to e-snaps.hud.gov on August 27, 2024 and again on October 16, 2024. The CoC did not receive a response.

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	Yes
L	p.m. EST?	

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	
Ent	er the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/23/2024
2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	
Ent	er the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	05/09/2024
2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC's Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	engaged unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations in your CoC's most recent PIT count planning process;	
2.	worked with unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified during your CoC's most recent PIT count planning process; and	
3.	included youth experiencing homelessness as counters during your CoC's most recent unsheltered PIT count.	

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(1) Preventing and ending youth homelessness is a CoC goal, with partner collaboration being a key component of this effort. In partnership with community stakeholders, the Youth Advisory Board (YAB), A Place 4 Me (AP4M), and the Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA), the CoC has implemented a leadership team that meets quarterly. The CoC has also implemented two working groups, comprised of outreach staff and managers. that meet bi-weekly. Both groups work the Young Adult (YA) By Name List (BNL) generated with Coordinated Entry in their weekly meetings, identifying newly homeless sheltered and unsheltered YA, tracking housing plans and outcomes, and identifying barriers to system navigation. The Leadership Team developed a plan to improve the Young Adult PIT count by increasing outreach coordination, data quality, and sharing young adult experiences. The group of YYA providers and volunteers were deployed on the night of the PIT, targeting locations where homeless YYAs are known to be. (2) Outreach teams were comprised of Youth Navigators with lived experience, CoC Young Adult outreach workers, SSVF Outreach, PATH, and RHY-funded outreach staff. These multifaceted teams were key relative to engagement efforts and strategies targeted at identifying homeless youth. The Young Adult outreach workers have been instrumental in identifying locations where homeless youth are most likely to be located. (3) During the CoC's planning phase for the PIT, outreach teams discussed known locations and engagement strategies to promote system awareness of unstably housed youth. The group developed a comprehensive listing of camps and locations that YA were known to frequent and then assigned locations to each team on the night of the count. The Sheltered Count was confirmed through HMIS. Young Adult outreach workers – who themselves have lived experience of homelessness, recruited other youth with lived experience to serve as counters in the 2024 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.

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 NA, 2) Like last year, the Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (the CoC Lead) engaged outreach teams early in the year to prepare for the PIT Count. The lead entity convened all their partners/volunteers in outreach/provider services to design a deployment plan that included which group would be covering which geographic areas of our CoC. The lead outreach entity also engaged additional food banks/non-HMIS-participating day shelters/services and the Greater Cleveland RTA to assist in gathering information on persons who were utilizing their services and identified as homeless. The amount of time allowed for PIT cards to be returned was shortened compared to last year. The CoC also has an annual effort to stand up seasonal shelters to avoid persons experiencing homelessness having to stay on the streets during the cold weather. As with other years, those who are in seasonal shelters are included in our sheltered PIT count. (3) Overall, our CoC has seen an increase in persons who recently arrived in our homeless system over the last couple of years (see 2C-1a). This has contributed to a trend back toward pre-pandemic levels of homelessness. (4) The CoC's timeframe identified to return PIT cards, deployment strategy, and the annual seasonal shelter effort did lead to a decrease in the unsheltered PIT count compared to last year. Comparison of unsheltered PIT count cards to HMIS shelters assisted the CoC Lead Agency in identifying duplication across unsheltered and sheltered counts. If a participant was enrolled in an HMIS shelter bed, they were counted as sheltered. The increase in newly homeless person in our system along with a stronger seasonal shelter effort contributed to increases in our sheltered PIT count.

2C. System Performance

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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

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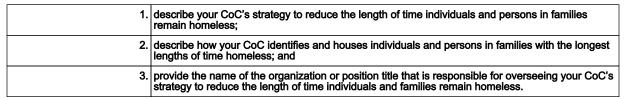
 Newly homeless" is determined by enrollment and exit information in HMIS. Cross-system analysis has been conducted and used to determine risk factors for becoming homeless. Low/No Income Households are at the greatest risk of becoming homeless (90%). The second highest risk factor is having, or having a family member who has, behavioral/chronic health issues (60+%). Experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault correlates highly with housing instability (50%). Young Adults who have system involvement with the Child Welfare System, Juvenile and/or Adult Justice system, and/or identify as LGBTQ are at significantly higher risk of experiencing homelessness. Parenting Youth are also at increased risk of homelessness. (2) The CoC Coordinated Entry (CE) staff are at the frontline in assessing risk of homelessness and are responsible for employing strategies to divert households which can be safely redirected. All persons seeking shelter have immediate access to an intake specialist and receive an assessment for diversion or shelter placement. Sameday family mediation is scheduled, if appropriate. Young adults, Veterans, and DV survivors are provided a more specific assessment to identify immediate referral links to system resources to prevent shelter entry. These may include housing resources for youth aged out of foster care, VA housing resources, or legal assistance for persons fleeing DV. (3) The Office of Homeless Services (OHS) is the HMIS and CoC lead, responsible for overseeing strategies to reduce newly homeless entries. OHS implemented CE for all populations in FY2012. In 2022, OHS created a customized data dashboard to align with HUD System Performance measures that identifies the newly homeless and tracks each participant's pathway through the system. This report is reviewed monthly for outcomes. Additionally, CE submits quarterly reports on the # of diversions, # of shelter placements, # of HH in "overflow" shelter. In addition, Rapid Rehousing referral/exit data for all populations is tracked monthly. The goals are to increase diversions, shorten shelter length of stay, and reduce returns.

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	
	Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:	
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1.	natural disasters?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your CoC's geographic area?	Yes

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Approximately 85% of households served at Coordinated Entry reported that their prior residence was from within our CoC's geographic area. Approximately 15% reported coming from outside of the CoC's geographic area; 8% came from another county in Ohio and 7% came from out of state.

2C-2. Reducing Length of Time Homeless	s–CoC's Strategy.	
NOFO Section V.B.5.c.		
In the field below:		
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1) The Office of Homeless Services (OHS), designated as the CoC and HMIS Lead Agency, requires all HUD-funded projects to implement a Housing First, low barrier approach defined in CoC contract language, written MOUs, and data monitored for performance. The CoC Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) program administrator, EDEN, Inc. implements a low-barrier, Housing First approach with RRH and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) resources. MOUs between CoC providers lay out the time frame for a referral to RRH, and specific shelter staff responsibilities to prepare the clients to move quickly into Permanent Housing. EDEN holds weekly meetings with Shelter staff to track client referrals and barriers to a rapid exit. EDEN reports at every OHS/CoC Advisory Board meeting on RRH outcome stats, including length of time from referral to placement. (2) Cuyahoga County adopted CPD-16-11 for allocating PSH resources. An automated HMIS chronicity tool reflects days homeless, disability status, and type, and is used to generate a system-wide Chronic Homeless (CH) By Name List (BNL); a vulnerability index score is added for each client on the BNL to determine highest need. Outreach workers, shelter case managers, and CH/PSH housing providers have a weekly PSH Prioritization meeting to identify the highest need person(s) and match available PSH units with the person(s). CH persons who are sleeping on the street are prioritized for immediate placement. CH/high-barrier families are identified through a progressive engagement model and tracked on a Family Prioritization BNL. Family case managers meet monthly. Length of time, vulnerability, and a progressive engagement model are combined to identify the families with the highest barriers to housing stability. A BNL for Young Adults tracks all homeless Youth, chronicity, and utilizes a progressive engagement model of RRH to PSH if needed. (3) The CoC strategy is led by the OHS and implemented through contracts with FrontLine Service (FLS) to manage the Coordinated Entry System and EDEN, Inc. to manage the PSH and PH/RRH Project resources. OHS has initiated a process to track all BNL information in HMIS and develop customized reporting to support a more efficient/streamlined process.

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.

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1)The CoC is committed to implementing strategies to shorten length of stay in temporary housing projects for all persons. Shared protocols are to use a By Name List (BNL) to know who has the greatest need for housing and track progress in reducing time homeless. Shelter interventions are focused on ensuring rapid & safe housing exits. Exit plans include reunification with family/friends, self-resolution options, or Rapid Re-Housing (RRH). The strategy is coordinated by the Office of Homeless Services (OHS), enforced by CoC RRH policies, and implemented by the RRH contracted provider, EDÉN. EDEN'S RRH Coordinator convenes shelter staff & Housing Locators weekly to track referral/housing search/inspection and move-out process, and to problem solve any barriers. Shelters, Coordinated Entry, and EDEN sign required CoC MOUs specifying roles, responsibilities, & timeline for the rapid exit process. (2) The CoC is committed to housing stability. The CoC extended RRH to 12 months of assistance. This strategy maintains housing & serves as an incentive to landlords, covering the term of the lease. The Housing First Initiative (HF) follows fidelity to the Housing First model. Support services are available but not required for tenancy. Property management staff at HF PSH properties work with on-site caseworkers to address & resolve lease violations and avoid evictions. For Moving On clients exiting the system, EDEN links individuals with ongoing subsidies to support housing stability. The scattered site PSH case management model builds relationships with landlords & community resource partners and uses a Critical Time Intervention model to support housing stability. Multiple service provider and housing agencies coordinate PSH retention strategies with significant experience engaging and housing homeless. SMD/AOD persons. The CoC maintains 19 separate single-site projects and over 3000 scattered site beds. The CoC & the PHA coordinated efforts and prioritized recently homeless families in RRH and currently homeless individuals/families for EHV vouchers. OHS was awarded YHDP funding to serve YYA. SSO & TH/RRH programs were developed with a primary goal to increase rates of PH exits. (3) The CoC strategy is led by the OHS and implemented through contracts with local single/adult emergency shelters. FrontLine Service (FLS) to manage the Coordinated Entry System and EDEN, Inc. to manage the PSH and PH/RRH project resources.

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.

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1) Reducing rates of return to homelessness is a primary goal of the CoC. For all persons and each subpopulation (Youth, Families, Veterans, CH), the CoC analyzes HMIS "Return to Shelter" data monthly to gain understanding of: a) which singles & families return to Coordinated Entry(CE) and Shelter, b) reason for return; c) length of time between last exit & return; d) if return is due to eviction, housing type at exit (PSH/RRH, other); e) discharge from shelter, as a basis for developing interventions to prevent housing loss. For families returning to shelter from RRH, loss of income to sustain the rent is the primary cause. Most returns to shelter for single adults are also income related. Along with HMIS custom reports, the CE By Name Lists enable providers to identify individual returnees. (2) Examples of specific strategic responses include For Youth - implement access to youth-specific mediation at CE, while in shelter, and after shelter exit to maintain housing and promote stability. In 2022, OHS funded a prevention project for at-risk and homeless youth which will reduce the number of returns to shelter. YHDP funding newly awarded to our CoC funds an SSO program that is meant to support YYAs in housing search and stability. For all populations, the CoC has implemented Housing Stability Specialists who attempt to contact Leavers at frequent intervals to assess stability and offer additional assistance if needed. RRH subsidies have recently been extended to a full twelve months of assistance for all homeless persons and offered through the Progressive Engagement model to prevent shelter returns while income sustainability efforts continue. Lastly, RRH Families and homeless persons have been prioritized and linked to EHV vouchers and ERA1 & 2 assistance. (3) The Office of Homeless Services, the CoC and HMIS Lead, is responsible for overseeing the strategy to reduce the rate of persons returning to homelessness. OHS monitors and generates a customized data dashboard for returns to homelessness guiding discussion of interventions, monitoring performance, and identifying steps towards improving services and outcomes for all persons. Data is reviewed monthly at CoC leadership meetings focused on ending homelessness for Youth, Families, Veterans, and CH populations. Overall policy changes are reviewed, recommended, and submitted to the Advisory Board for approval by the CoC's Policy and Program Committee.

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.

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(1)The CoC, in partnership with Enterprise Community Partners, has engaged in systems collaboration planning focusing on employment and increased income strategies for homeless persons in Cuyahoga County. This project aims to better connect homeless job seekers with appropriate employment services and quality jobs. Activities in the initial phase of work included development and delivery of a cross-system training for countywide stakeholders; creation and administering a stakeholder survey for outreach for the training and conducting an environmental scan to support an asset mapping process; and assistance with planning and launching a cross-system steering committee. The CoC strategy has established real partnerships with Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) and the non-profit employment and training providers funded through the County's Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) RFP processes. The Office of Homeless Services, as the CoC Lead, is building off an existing partnership and has an MOU with OMJ and JFS spelling out protocols to link persons experiencing a homeless crisis with benefits and career services. Continued efforts are being made to link clients on the BNL with the Workforce Development system through shelter case management. (2) Through the MOU with OMJ and JFS, specific protocols that acknowledge barriers that persons lacking a permanent address experience in accessing mainstream employment resources and benefits are identified. This partnership allows the CoC to coordinate transportation, clothing, job coaching, increased income and retention services. Co-locating OMJ/JFS/ employment providers at Coordinated Entry, at specific CoC shelter sites, or virtually, allows for multiple access points. In 2019 JFS signed an MOU with the CoC, FrontLine Service (FLS), and Enterprise Partners to implement a process involving dedicated JFS staff as a Liaison to a dedicated Shelter representative who would then coordinate Benefit Status requests for all newly homeless families. This was the first step in connecting families to JFS contracted mainstream employment organizations. The CoC intends to expand this effort to include all homeless persons. (3) The OHS Director coordinates the CoC strategy to increase jobs and income for all populations.

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.

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(1)As the CoC Lead Agency, the Office of Homeless Services' (OHS) strategy to increase non-employment cash income is to make it clear to CoC-funded providers that linking clients with non-cash income is a service priority. The CE process has assured that residents of PSH have significant long term disabilities and acquiring earned income is not feasible for most increasing the importance of securing benefit income. This expectation is emphasized through the Renewal Evaluation Scoring Standard that to receive the full points, 60% or more of clients should have/exit with non-cash benefits. The CoC ensures that providers are kept aware of State and local policies and application processes to link clients with benefits by forwarding all public information announcements and trainings to the full CoC membership. The State of Ohio supports an online benefit assessment tool called the Benefit Bank. CoC provider agency staff are required to access the Benefit Bank on behalf of clients to determine all possible resources for which the client may be eligible to apply. In addition, providers serving disabled homeless persons have had access to an expedited disability benefit determination process called SOAR. SOAR enables a designated provider to submit a Disability Determination request and receive a response within 6 months or less instead of the normal 12 – 18 months. There are staff trained in SOAR throughout the CoC. A SOAR staff position is designated at Coordinated Entry (CE). Clients are linked to assistance either immediately through CE or at shelter. (2) The Office of Homeless Services, the lead agency for the CoC, is the responsible entity for improving CoC performance on this measure.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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- 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

3	A-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	Yes
	housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ÉSG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	
3	A-2. New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
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	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	Yes
	individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	
	individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	
3A-3.	individuals and families experiencing homelessness? Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
3A-3.	. •	

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
24 SRA TRA	PH-PSH	25	Healthcare
24 Supportive Ser	PH-PSH	26	Housing

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3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? 24 SRA TRA

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): N74TVTRNAED4

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your 25 CoC's Priority Listing:

5. Select the type of leverage: Healthcare

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? 24 Supportive Services- Winton-Greenbridge-

TBRA[°]

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): N74TVTRNAED4

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your 26

CoC's Priority Listing:

5. Select the type of leverage: Housing

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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 24 CFR part 578;
 FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
 Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs-New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	
	our CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding nousing rehabilitation or new construction?	No
3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs-New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	
	If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:	
1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and	
2.	HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.	

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

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 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide; Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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 24 CFR part 578;
 FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
 Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applicants.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.	
	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	No
Applicant Name		

This list contains no items

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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.				
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Document Type		Required?	Document Description	Date Attached	
1C-7. PHA Ho Preference	meless	No	PHA Homeless Pref	10/22/2024	
1C-7. PHA Mo Preference	ving On	No	PHA Moving On Pr	10/22/2024	
1D-10a. Lived Support Letter		Yes	Lived Experience	10/17/2024	
1D-2a. Housin	g First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Ev	10/17/2024	
1E-2. Local Co Tool	ompetition Scoring	Yes	Local Competition	10/17/2024	
1E-2a. Scored Project	Forms for One	Yes	Scored Forms for	10/17/2024	
1E-5. Notificati Rejected-Redu	ion of Projects uced	Yes	Notification of P	10/17/2024	
1E-5a. Notifica Accepted	ation of Projects	Yes	Notification of P	10/17/2024	
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2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HUD's Homeless Da	10/17/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	Housing Leverage	10/17/2024
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Health Care Forma	10/17/2024
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Submission Summary

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

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4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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4B. Attachments Screen

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Submission Summary

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PHA Homeless Preference

HCV ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

JANUARY 1, 2021

Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority



Annual PHA Plan (Standard PHAs and Troubled PHAs)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing OMB No. 2577-0226

Purpose. The 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans provide a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission, goals and objectives for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families.

Applicability. Form HUD-50075-ST is to be completed annually by **STANDARD PHAs or TROUBLED PHAs.** PHAs that meet the definition of a High Performer PHA, Small PHA, HCV-Only PHA or Qualified PHA do not need to submit this form.

Definitions.

- (1) High-Performer PHA A PHA that owns or manages more than 550 combined public housing units and housing choice vouchers, and was designated as a high performer on both of the most recent Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) assessments if administering both programs, or PHAS if only administering public housing.
- (2) Small PHA A PHA that is not designated as PHAS or SEMAP troubled, or at risk of being designated as troubled, that owns or manages less than 250 public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceeds 550.
- (3) Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Only PHA A PHA that administers more than 550 HCVs, was not designated as troubled in its most recent SEMAP assessment and does not own or manage public housing.
- (4) Standard PHA A PHA that owns or manages 250 or more public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceeds 550, and that was designated as a standard performer in the most recent PHAS or SEMAP assessments.
- (5) Troubled PHA A PHA that achieves an overall PHAS or SEMAP score of less than 60 percent.
- (6) Qualified PHA A PHA with 550 or fewer public housing dwelling units and/or housing choice vouchers combined, and is not PHAS or SEMAP troubled.

A. PHA Information
Availability of Information.
A.1 PHA Name: _Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority PHA Code: _OH003_
PHA Type: Standard PHA Troubled PHA PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): 01/2024 PHA Inventory (Based on Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) units at time of FY beginning, above)
Number of Public Housing (PH) Units <u>5,846</u> Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) <u>15,857</u> Total
Combined Units/Vouchers 21,703
PHA Plan Submission Type: ☐ Annual Submission ☐ Revised Annual Submission

This PHA Plan Update contains the information that the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) is submitting as the Public Housing Agency Plan (PHA Plan) for FY2024, and relates the Annual PHA Plan programs and activities to CMHA's mission and goals as described in the Five-year Plan. HUD has implemented an abbreviated template for the PHA Plan, which only requires the presentation of information that has changed from the previous year's (2023) PHA Plan. In addition to the changes and updates from 2023, this document will include a brief summary of CMHA policies and plans that are part of the PHA Plan. All elements of the last full PHA Plan from 2009 are available for reference at the CMHA website: www.cmha.net and the 2024 PHA Plan is available for review at the CMHA Headquarters and all AMP offices.

This PHA Plan was prepared in collaboration with a Resident Advisory Board and many of our community partners. The notice for a Public Hearing was published on August 1, 2023, and a draft of the proposed changes to the PHA Plan and associated documents was made available for public comment, including being posted on the CMHA website. The Board Chairman conducted a Public Hearing on September 18, 2023, to obtain comments. The CMHA Board of Commissioners passed resolution #84-23 authorizing and adopting the FY2024 PHA Plan at a Board Meeting held on the October 11, 2023.

Deconcentration and Other Policies that Govern Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions

CMHA plans on continuing to meet the QHWRA income targeting requirements of ensuring that 40% of new public housing occupancy and 75% of HCVP new admissions will be given to extremely low income families, now defined as families whose income does not exceed the higher of the Federal poverty level or 30% of the area median income. CMHA has also changed the definition of family and the requirement to provide equal access regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status, as stated in PIH Notice 2014-20.

It is the intention of the CMHA to promote Deconcentration of Poverty and Fair Housing in Programs admissions in all public housing estates subject to Deconcentration and income-mixing requirements as published by HUD (24 CFR Part 903; rule to Deconcentration Poverty and Promote Integration in Public Housing: Final Rule, dated December 22, 2000).

Once it is determined that an estate is subject to the deconcentration of poverty and income mixing requirements, the CMHA will utilize any, all, or none of the following strategies to accomplish the identified goals for deconcentration and income mixing:

- 1. Provide estate specific rent incentives to attract higher income families to estates where the average income is below the established income range.
- 2. Establish a preference for admission of working families to estates where the average income is below the established income range.
- 3. Skip a family on the waiting list in order to reach another family in an effort to further the Authority goals of deconcentration and income mixing.
- 4. Work with community partners to provide training, employment and/or other economic opportunities to assist current residents and their family members in achieving economic self-sufficiency and increased incomes.
- 5. Target investment and capital improvements to estates where the average income is below the established Income Range in order to attract higher income families.

CMHA will review annually the estates subject to the deconcentration of poverty and income mixing requirements and publish the affected estates and proposed strategies in the Public Housing Agency Annual Plan, as required by HUD.

Under deconcentration of poverty, CMHA has identified Olde Cedar as a property where the average income falls below the HUD prescribed formula, and King Kennedy as a property where the average income is above the HUD prescribed formula. To address this issue, CMHA has chosen a strategy of working with the current residents to raise their incomes rather than adjusting it through changes to the admissions criteria.

Based upon the requirements of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998, CMHA adopted a new Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and revised Dwelling Lease for 2001. As part of the 2013 PHA Plan review process, the Dwelling Lease was revised, and the ACOP continues to be reviewed annually.

Based upon the requirements of The Housing Opportunity through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA), specifically, Section 104 CMHA will set a limit on the maximum amount of assests for Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher applicants and participants.

In 2024, Public Housing program preferences will consist of ten (10) high priority preferences for:

- 1. Victims of Governmentally Declared Disasters
- 2. Involuntary Displacement

- 3. Successful Rehabilitation
- 4. Aged out of Foster Care
- 5. Pay for Success Intervention Model for Family Unification
- 6. Emergency Transfer (VAWA)
- 7. PHA Displaced
- 8. Homeless Families with Children
- 9. Families effected by a Nationally Declared Pandemic
- 10. Moving on (PSH)

And three (3) **standard priority** preferences for:

- 1. Homeless,
- 2. Working families and those unable to work because of age (elderly) or disability (disabled), and
- 3. Veterans and veterans' families.

CMHA will administer its Public Housing waiting list as required by 24 CFR Part 960. CMHA, may restrict application intake, suspend application intake, and close waiting lists in whole or in part. The decision to close the waiting list will be based on the number of applications available for a particular size and type of unit, the number of applicants who qualify for Preference(s), the Authority's requirement to ensure at least 40% annual admission of extremely low income families, and the ability of the CMHA to house an applicant in an appropriate unit within a reasonable period of time.

When the CMHA opens the waiting list, the CMHA will advertise through public notice in the local newspapers, minority publications and through local organizations serving the disabled and under-served ethnic groups as defined by HUD.

CMHA will establish a waiting list of "preliminarily eligible" families for its public housing program. The public housing waiting list is automated and subdivided by bedroom size, preference, and date and time of application.

To ensure an adequate pool of families who appear to be eligible for admission the CMHA will periodically undertake marketing activities. Special marketing efforts may be undertaken to attract:

- Applicants necessary to achieve a broad social and economic mix throughout each estate.
- Individuals with disabilities to occupy specially retrofitted units;
- Elderly and/or single persons to occupy zero and one bedroom units.
- Applicants on the waiting list may be skipped in order to further goals of de-concentration and income mixing.

To maintain a pool of interested and apparently eligible families on the waiting list the CMHA will notify applicants periodically of the need to update their application as a condition of remaining on the waiting list. Applicants will be withdrawn from the waiting list for the following reasons:

- The applicant receives and accepts an offer of housing;
- The applicant requests that their name be removed from the waiting list;
- The applicant is rejected, either because he/she was ineligible for public housing at the time of certification, or because he/she fails to meet the applicant selection criteria; or
- The application is withdrawn because CMHA was unable to contact the applicant to follow up on their application.

MAINSTREAM HCV ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

EDEN Inc PHA OH882



Mainstream HCV Administrative Plan

EDEN INC

Approved by the EDEN Board of Directors: December 6, 2022

Submitted to HUD: N/A

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4-III.C. SELECTION METHOD

EDEN must describe the method for selecting applicant families from the waiting list, including the system of admission preferences that EDEN will use [24 CFR 982.202(d)].

Local Preferences [24 CFR 982.207; HCV p. 4-16]

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PHA Moving On Preference

HCV ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

JANUARY 1, 2021

Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority



Annual PHA Plan (Standard PHAs and Troubled PHAs)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing OMB No. 2577-0226

Purpose. The 5-Year and Annual PHA Plans provide a ready source for interested parties to locate basic PHA policies, rules, and requirements concerning the PHA's operations, programs, and services, and informs HUD, families served by the PHA, and members of the public of the PHA's mission, goals and objectives for serving the needs of low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families.

Applicability. Form HUD-50075-ST is to be completed annually by **STANDARD PHAs or TROUBLED PHAs.** PHAs that meet the definition of a High Performer PHA, Small PHA, HCV-Only PHA or Qualified PHA do not need to submit this form.

Definitions.

- (1) High-Performer PHA A PHA that owns or manages more than 550 combined public housing units and housing choice vouchers, and was designated as a high performer on both of the most recent Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) assessments if administering both programs, or PHAS if only administering public housing.
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- (3) Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Only PHA A PHA that administers more than 550 HCVs, was not designated as troubled in its most recent SEMAP assessment and does not own or manage public housing.
- (4) Standard PHA A PHA that owns or manages 250 or more public housing units and any number of vouchers where the total combined units exceeds 550, and that was designated as a standard performer in the most recent PHAS or SEMAP assessments.
- (5) Troubled PHA A PHA that achieves an overall PHAS or SEMAP score of less than 60 percent.
- (6) Qualified PHA A PHA with 550 or fewer public housing dwelling units and/or housing choice vouchers combined, and is not PHAS or SEMAP troubled.

A. PHA Information
Availability of Information.
A.1 PHA Name: _Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority PHA Code: _OH003_
PHA Type: Standard PHA Troubled PHA PHA Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): 01/2024 PHA Inventory (Based on Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) units at time of FY beginning, above)
Number of Public Housing (PH) Units <u>5,846</u> Number of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) <u>15,857</u> Total
Combined Units/Vouchers 21,703
PHA Plan Submission Type: ☐ Annual Submission ☐ Revised Annual Submission

This PHA Plan Update contains the information that the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) is submitting as the Public Housing Agency Plan (PHA Plan) for FY2024, and relates the Annual PHA Plan programs and activities to CMHA's mission and goals as described in the Five-year Plan. HUD has implemented an abbreviated template for the PHA Plan, which only requires the presentation of information that has changed from the previous year's (2023) PHA Plan. In addition to the changes and updates from 2023, this document will include a brief summary of CMHA policies and plans that are part of the PHA Plan. All elements of the last full PHA Plan from 2009 are available for reference at the CMHA website: www.cmha.net and the 2024 PHA Plan is available for review at the CMHA Headquarters and all AMP offices.

This PHA Plan was prepared in collaboration with a Resident Advisory Board and many of our community partners. The notice for a Public Hearing was published on August 1, 2023, and a draft of the proposed changes to the PHA Plan and associated documents was made available for public comment, including being posted on the CMHA website. The Board Chairman conducted a Public Hearing on September 18, 2023, to obtain comments. The CMHA Board of Commissioners passed resolution #84-23 authorizing and adopting the FY2024 PHA Plan at a Board Meeting held on the October 11, 2023.

CMHA will consider the adoption of site-based waiting lists at some or all public housing locations during 2024. Site based waiting lists will continue to be utilized at the following locations;

- Properties managed by our partner organizations: Eastside Homes, Union Court, Westside Homes, Gordon Square, Tremont Pointe I and II;
- Tax credit properties: Heritage View, Mildred Brewer (Belmore-Euclid), Lee-Miles Apartments, and Miles Pointe;
- Low Income Public Housing Family sites: Cedar Estates, Outhwaite Homes, Lake View Terrace Estates,

CMHA has been awarded full portfolio conversion of Public Housing units to Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) as properties convert to RAD each will have site-based waiting lists for every phase.

Each family determined to be eligible for placement on the waiting list will be assigned an appropriate bedroom size consistent with the individual family's household composition and the established occupancy standards of the Authority. All eligible applications will be maintained by bedroom size in order of preference, and date and time of application receipt.

Eligible families will be offered units based on availability. CMHA will maintain a record of units offered, including location, date, and circumstances of each offer, and each acceptance and refusal, including the reason for refusal.

For 2024, the Housing Choice Voucher (HCVP) program will utilize several preference categories based on program and voucher type. The following HCVP preferences are ranked according to the points associated with them:

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- participants referred by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services. Only 25 such families will be assisted at a time.
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- 9. **Family Unification Program (15 points),** in partnership with Cuyahoga County office of Children and Family Services. Families referred for the FUP program will receive 15 preference points for admission to the FUP program.
- 10. **Residency Preference (10 points):** The PHA will provide a preference to families that live, work, or who have been hired to work within the PHA's jurisdiction at time of selection. The residency preference will not have the purpose or effect of delaying or otherwise denying admission to the program based on the race, color, ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability or age of any member of the applicant family.
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MAINSTREAM HCV ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

EDEN Inc PHA OH882



Mainstream HCV Administrative Plan

EDEN INC

Approved by the EDEN Board of Directors: December 6, 2022

Submitted to HUD: N/A

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Lived Experience Support Letter

The undersigned are members of the Cleveland/Cuyahoga OHS Advisory Board, the governing body for the CoC. All the signatories are individuals with lived experience of homelessness in the Cleveland/Cuyahoga community. One of the signatories co-chairs the Advisory Board and one is a peer support person for the chair.

The priorities for serving people experiencing homelessness with severe service needs are expressed in the Strategic Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness, ratified by the CoC in 2023.

As the representatives of people with lived experience in the continuum of care, we express our support for the priorities for serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs in the CoC.

Respectfully submitted,

Shajuana Gaston, OHS Advisory Board Co-Chair

Natolla Wynn

Natasha Wynn, OHS Advisory Board Peer Support

Raymond Mills, Community Representative OHS Advisory Board Member

Housing First Evaluation

Housing First Policies Review

	Housing First Policies Review				
CoC	Agency	YES	NO	Uncertain	NOTES/COMMENTS
OH-502	FrontLine Service				
	a. Program does not require criminal background checks and does not exclude on a blanket basis. Only factors that could impact occupancy are based on actual convictions for offenses that could constitute a risk to fellow residents.	х			
	b. Program does not require that participants demonstrate a period of sobriety prior to admission or commit to participation in treatment	х			
1. Admission/Acceptance Process	c. Program does not restrict access based on ability to work, minimal income, available documentation, or anything beyond HUD minimum standards.	Х			
	d. Program serves people as they present, respecting transgender persons and accepting individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, marital status, and family composition	Х			
	e. Program has no other barriers to entry and seeks to screen-in instead of screening-out participants.	Χ			
	a. Program actively recruits landlords to participate emphasizing program support in maintaining housing	Χ			
2. Move-in/Housing	b. Program promotes choice in housing including locations and amenities	Χ			
Support	c. Participation in services/programming is entirely voluntary and participants are not mandated to participate	Х			
	d. Program actively seeks to prevent evictions through mediation and, if necessary, assisting a household to relocate to avoid eviction.	Х			
	a. Program will not terminate a participant for failure to engage in services incluiding participation in case management, failure to take medications, or non-participation in treatment services	Х			
	b. Program will not terminate participants solely for substance use	Х			
3. Program Termination	c. Program will not terminate participants for failure to obtain income - either earned or benefit	Х			
	d. Program does not impose requirements on participants that are not consistent with standard residential leases such as unreasonable restrictions on visitation, curfews, requirements to do chores or other uncompensated services, or not being allowed to have legally permitted substances	Х			

Completed: 6/7/24 Allison Gill, Cuyahoga OHS

Notes:

Local Competition Scoring Tool

Cleveland-Cuyahoga County CoC Renewal Performance Evaluation 2024 Standards and Scoring

	Evaluation Criteria	2024 Benchmark/Standard		Points Scale		Points Scale		Points	Scale	
		PSH-SH RRH-ES RRH-PH		PSH-SH		RRH-ES		RRH-PH		
			Objective	Criteria						
1	Occupancy - Annual	95%	95%	95%	10.0	95%=10, 90-94%=5, ≤ 89.99=0	10.0	95%=10, 90-94%=5, ≤ 89.99=0	10.0	95%=10, 90-94%=5, ≤ 89.99=0
2	Expenditure of Grant Funds	95%	95%	95%	10.0	95 -100% = 10 90- 94.99% = 5	10.0	95 -100% = 10 90- 94.99% = 5	10.0	95 -100% = 10 90- 94.99% = 5
3	Cost Effectiveness	within 10% of average costs/participant for program component		2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	
4	Length of Time in Shelter		30 days or less		-	-	5.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	-	-
5	Admissions from Coordinated Entry	100%	100%	100%	8.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	8.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	8.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting
6	Use of Housing First	All criteria met		7.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	7.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	7.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	
7	Lived Experience: Governing Board	At least 10% with lived experience or there is greater representation of people with lived experience from 2022 to present		2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	
8	Lived Experience - Agency Staff			2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	
9	Under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ) - Governing Board	At least 10% are under-represented persons or there is an increase in under-			2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting
10	Under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ) in agency staffing	represented person in managerial role from 2022 to present		2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	2.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	
11	Project serves population with high needs	over 50% unsheltere d or zero income at entry	at least 20% have disabilty	at least 20% have disabilty	5.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	5.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting	5.0	meet criteria full points, no points for not meeting

12	Consumer Surveys - Response Rate	35%	35%	35%	10.0	35% = 10 points; 25% = 7 points 20% = 5 points; below 20%, 0 points	5.0	35% = 10 points; 25% = 7 points 20% = 5 points; below 20%, 0 points	10.0	35% = 10 points; 25% = 7 points 20% = 5 points; below 20%, 0
<mark>l, Objectiv</mark>	ve Criteria				60.0		60.0		60.0	
erformano	ce Measures									
1	Exits to Shelter, Streets or Unknown	10%	10%	10%	5.0	0-10%= 5	5.0	0-10%= 5	5.0	0-10%= 5
2	Earned Income: RRH participants at exit (leavers). PSH participants at annual assessment (stayers - 12 months or more) .	10%	20%	40%	5.0	≥ 10% = 5, 5 ·	5.0	≥ 20%=5, 15-19.99%=3, ≤ 14.99%=0	5.0	≥ 40%=5, 30-39.99%=3, ≤29.99%=0
3	Other Income: RRH participants at exit (leavers). PSH participants at annual assessment (stayers - 12 months or more).	60%	60%	70%	5.0	≥ 60%=5, 50- 59.99%=3, ≤ 49.99%=0	5.0	≥ 60%=5, 50-59.99%=3, ≤ 40.99%=0	5.0	≥ 70%=5, 60-69.99%=3, ≤ 59.99%=0
4	Non-Cash Benefits: RRH participants at exit (leavers). PSH participants at annual assessment (stayers - 12 months or more).	60%	75%	70%	5.0	≥ 60%=5, 50-59%=3, 59.99%=0	5.0	≥ 75%= 5, 65- 74.99%=3, ≤ 65%=0	5.0	≥ 70%=5, 60- 69%=3 ≤ 59.99%=0
5	Remained in PSH or exit to PH	80%	-	-	5.0	≥ 80% = 5	-	-	-	-
6	Exits to PH	-	85%	85%	-		5.0	85 - 100%=5, 70- 84%=3, ≤ 69.99%=0	5.0	85 - 100%=5, 70-84%=3, ≤ 69.99%=0
7	Return to Homelessness within 0-6 months	Less than or equal to 4%	Less than or equal to 4%	Less than or equal to 4%	7.5	≤ 4%=7.5, 4- 10%=5, > 10%=0	7.5	≤ 4%=7.5, 4-10%=5, > 10%=0	7.5	≤ 4%=7.5, 4-10%=5, > 10%=0
8	Return to Homelessness within 7-12 months	Less than or equal to 8%	Less than or equal to 8%	Less than or equal to 8%	7.5	≤8%=7.5, 8.1- 13%=5, > 10%=0	7.5	≤8%=7.5, 8.1-13%=5, > 10%=0	7.5	≤8%=7.5, 8.1-13%=5, > 10%=0
	System Performance				40.0		40.0		40.0	
Total Sco	Total Score				100.0		100.0		100.0	

2024 CoC NOFO New Project F	Rating Tool		
Project Name:			
ganization Name:			
Project Type:			
RATING FACTOR	POINTS AWARDED	MAX POINT	

Experience and System Performance				
A. Describe the experience of the applicant and sub-recipients (if any) in working with the proposed population and in providing housing similar to that proposed in the application.				
Please specifically describe applicant's success in meeting HUD system performance measures (e.g., returns to homelessness, first time homeless, jobs and income growth) on prior		out of	20	
projects. Describe any barriers to participation in your project(s) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, and other marginalized groups particularly those over-				
represented among people experiencing homelessness in your community, and identify the steps you have taken to eliminate the barriers				
B. Describe experience with utilizing a Housing First approach. Include 1) eligibility criteria; 2) process for accepting new clients; 3) process and criteria for exiting clients. Must				
demonstrate there are no preconditions to entry, allowing entry regardless of current or past substance abuse, income, criminal records (with exceptions of restrictions imposed by		out of	5	
federal, state, or local law or ordinance), marital status, familial status, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity. Must demonstrate the project has a process to		Out of		
address situations that may jeopardize housing or project assistance to ensure that project participation is terminated in only the most severe cases.				
C. Describe experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding, including satisfactory drawdowns and performance for existing grants as				
evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if applicable), regular drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, and timely submission of required reporting on		out of	5	
existing grants.				
Experience Subtotal	0		30	
DESIGN OF HOUSING & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. Obligative Frances				
DESIGN OF HOUSING & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES - Objective Factors		1		
A. Extent to which the applicant				
 Demonstrate understanding of the needs of the clients to be served. Demonstrate type, scale, and location of the housing fit the needs of the clients to be served 		out of	15	
3. Demonstrate type and scale of the all supportive services, regardless of funding source, meet the needs of the clients to be served.				
4. Demonstrate how clients will be assisted in obtaining and coordinating the provision of mainstream benefits				
5. Establish performance measures for housing and income that are objective, measurable, trackable, and meet or exceed any established HUD, HEARTH or CoC benchmarks.				
B. Describe the plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible, and acceptable to their needs.		out of	5	
C. Describe how clients will be assisted to increase employment and/or income and to maximize their ability to live independently.		out of	5	
D. Describe any barriers to participation in your project(s) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented among people experiencing				
homelessness in your community, and identify the steps you have taken to eliminate the barriers			10	
DESIGN OF HOUSING & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES Subtotal	0	out of	35	
FINANCIAL - Objective Factors				
A. Project is cost-effective - comparing projected cost per person served to CoC average within project type.		out of	5	
B. Budgets are correctly calculated, expenses budgeted are all eligible		out of	5	
C. Project indicates the use of Mainstream resources for at least a portion of project services		out of	5	
D. Match is documented		out of	5	
Financial Subtotal	0	out of	20	
COMPLIANCE WITH COC REQUIREMENTS				
A. The project commits to only accepting referrals from coordinated entry		out of	5	
Compliance with CoC Requirements Subtotal		out of	5	
LEVERAGING HOUSING AND HEALTHCARE RESOURCES				
A. The project as proposed qualifieds the CoC to score points for leveraging housing subsidies or mainstream health care resources		out of	10	
Leveraging Points Subtotal		out of	10	
TOTAL SCORE	0		100	

Scored Forms for One Project

2024 Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Individual Program Evaluation Report Period 4/1/2023 to 3/31/2024 Report version: 6/28/2024

Agency Name: Frontline Service Grant Number: OH0063 Component Type: PSH
Program Name: Safe Haven 3 Number of Units in Application: 12

OBJECTIVE CRITERIA

2024 Benchmark/ Standard

PSH

HMIS Program Name (1): FL-Safe Haven III (SH 12 Beds)

HMIS Program Name (2):

DV?: No First Time Review?: No Number of Adults: 12 Adult Stayers: 12 Households: 12 Households: 12 Number of Leavers: 0 Adult Leavers: 0

PSH Evaluation Criteria

Occupancy based on quarterly unit utilization based on participants

Number of Units in Application: 12 HMIS ID (1): 111 HMIS ID (2):

2024 Points

Available

Awarded Points

Number of Stayers without required Annual Assessment: 0
Number of Stayers with Annual Assessment: 11
Number of Stayers with Annual Assessment not due yet: 1

Program

Performance

	OFO/	100 00/	10	100			
housed not served ¹	95%	100.0%	10	10.0			
Expenditure of Grant Funds ¹	95%	99.4%	10	10.0			
Admissions from Coordinated Entry	100%	100.0%	8	8.0			
Use of Housing First	YES	YES	7	7.0			
Lived Experience: Governing Board	10%	7.7%	2	0.0			
Lived Experience: Agency Staff	10%	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ): Governing Board	10%	7.7%	2	0.0			
Under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ): Agency Staff	10%	51.6%	2	2.0			
Project servers population with high needs	over 50% unsheltered or zero income at entry	25.0%	5	0.0			
Consumer Survey: Response Rate	35%	91.7%	10	10.0			
Objectives total score			56	47.0			
SYSTEM PERFO	RMANCE MEASURES			•			
Exits to Streets, Shelter or Unknown ²	10% or less	N/A	N/A	N/A			
All adult participants with Earned Income at Follow-up (stayers - 12 months or more)	10%	0.0%	5	0.0			
All adult participants with Other Income at follow-up (stayers - 12 months or more)	60%	100.0%	5	5.0			
All adult participants with NON-CASH benefits excluding health insurance (stayers - 12 months or more)	60%	72.7%	5	5.0			
Percentage of all participants who remain in PSH or exited to permanent housing ²	80%	100.0%	5	5.0			
Return to Homelessness - 6 months	4% or less	0.0%	7.5	7.5			
Return to Homelessness - 12 months	8% or less	0.0%	7.5	7.5			
Performance total score			35	30.0			
SCORING SUMMARY							
Total			91	77.0			
Grand Total							

Footnotes

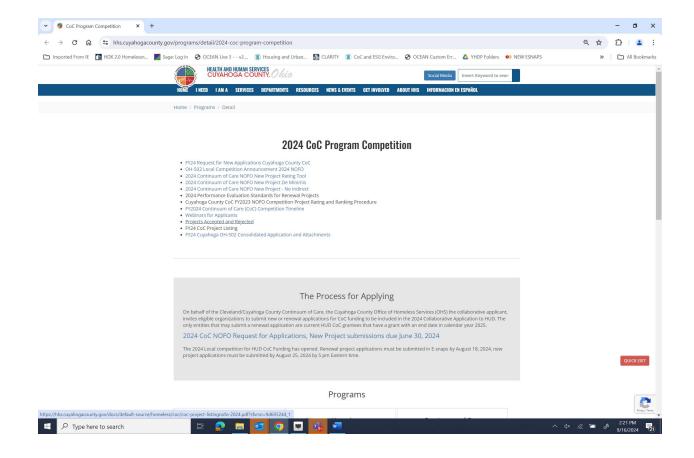
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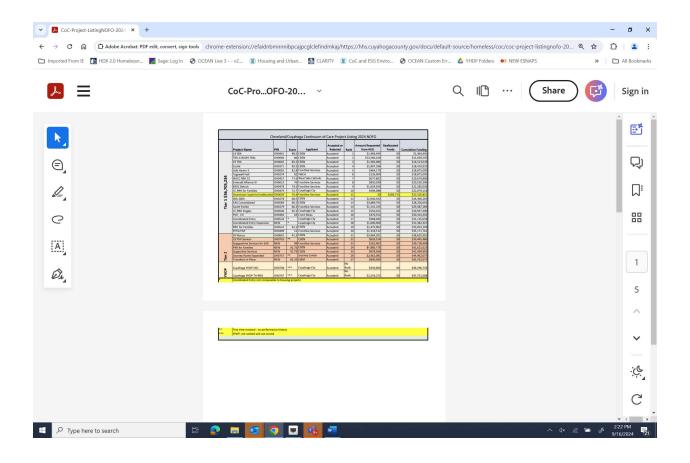
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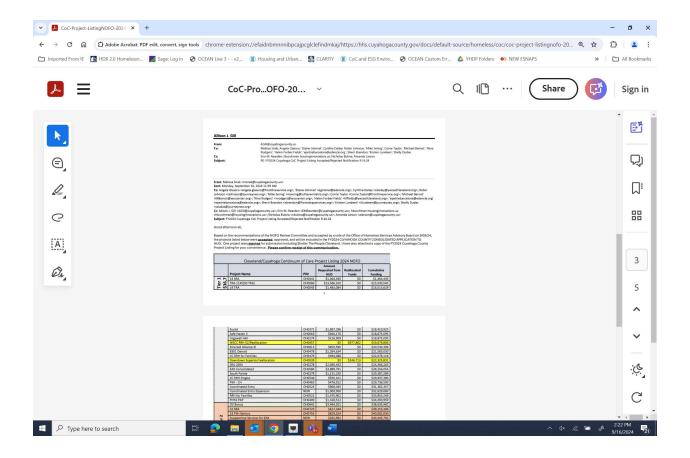
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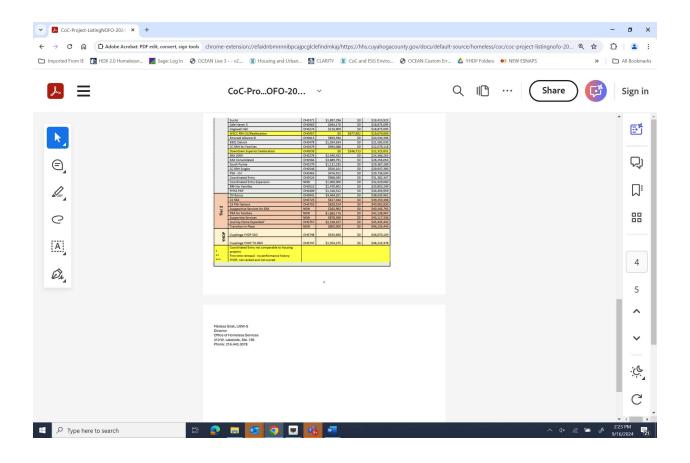
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Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

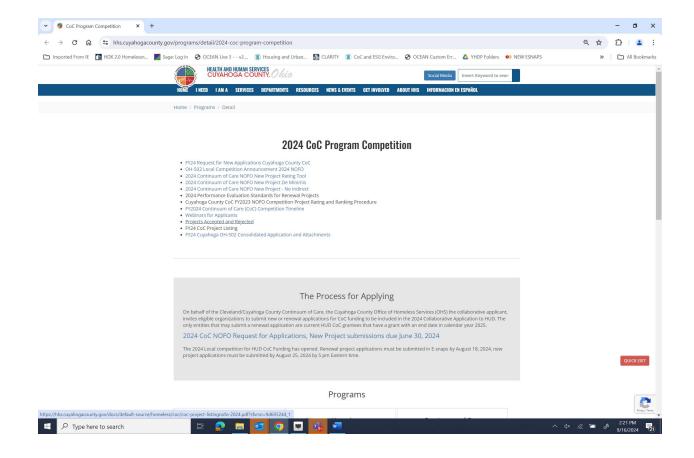


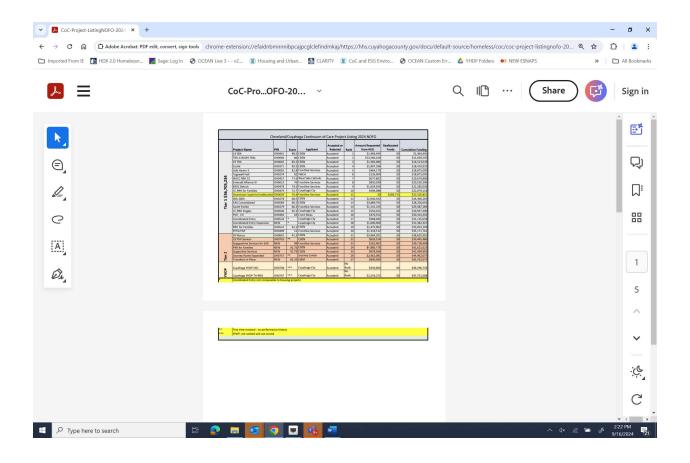


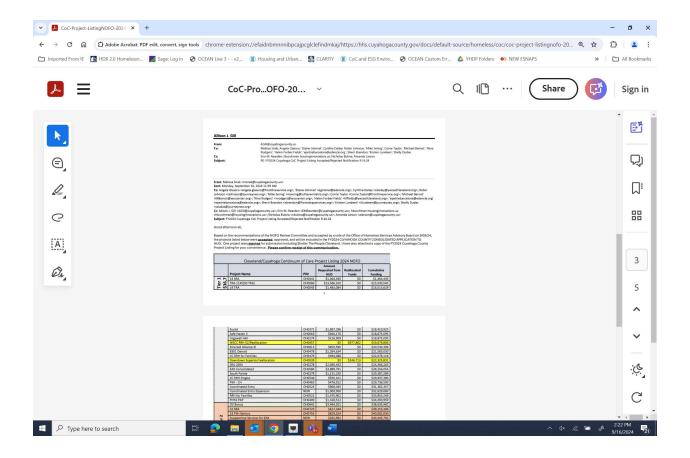


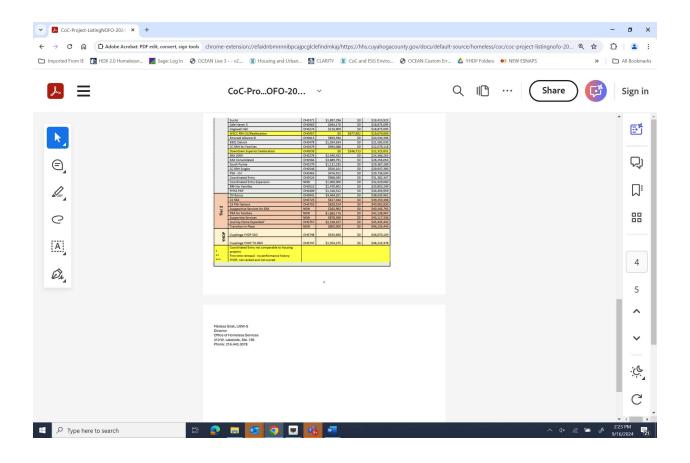


Notification of Projects Accepted









Local Competition Selection Results

Cleveland/Cuyahoga Continuum of Care Project Listing 2024 NOFO

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					Accepted or		Amount Requested from	Reallocated	Cumulative
	Project Name	PIN	Score	Applicant	Rejected	Rank	HUD	Funds	Funding
	14 SRA	OH0441		EDEN	Accepted	1	\$1,464,445	\$0	\$1,464,445
	93 TRA	ОН0060	86	EDEN	Accepted	2	\$13,566,100	\$0	\$15,030,545
	19 TRA	OH0045	85.5	EDEN	Accepted	3	\$1,483,084	\$0	\$16,513,629
	Euclid	OH0371	83.5	EDEN	Accepted	4	\$1,897,296	\$0	\$18,410,925
	Safe Haven 3	OH0063	82.8	Frontline Services	Accepted	5	\$464,170	\$0	\$18,875,095
	PSH Cogswell Hall Renewal FY2024	OH0274	82	YWCA	Accepted	6	\$126,909	\$0	\$18,875,095
					Fully				
	RRH EDEN WSCC	NEW	77.6	EDEN	Reallocated	7	\$0	\$677,506	\$19,679,510
	Emerald Alliance XI	OH0613	76	Frontline Services	Accepted	8	\$850,590	\$0	\$20,530,100
844	8301 Detroit	OH0478	74.5	Frontline Services	Accepted	9	\$1,054,634	\$0	\$21,584,734
	Cuyahoga County Rapid Rehousing for								
260	Families 2024 Renewal	OH0479	72.7	Cuyahoga Cty	Accepted	10	\$494,088	\$0	\$22,078,822
•					Fully				
37	PHYA/PAP Expansion+	NEW		Frontline Services	Reallocated	11	\$0	\$246,713	\$21,648,029
5	04 SRA	OH0278		EDEN	Accepted	12	\$2,040,432	\$0	\$24,365,967
17	EAX Miles Consolidation	OH0584		EDEN	Accepted	13	\$3,889,791	\$0	\$28,255,758
Tier	South Pointe	OH0279	66.3	Frontline Services	Accepted	14	\$1,131,235	\$0	\$29,386,993
-	Cuyahoga County Rapid Rehousing for								
	Singles 2024 Renewal	OH0546	65.3	Cuyahoga Cty	Accepted	15	\$550,101	\$0	\$29,937,094
	Permanent Supportive Housing/CH								
	"24"	ОН0463	63	Front Steps	Accepted	16	\$476,912	\$0	\$30,414,006
	Cuyahoga Coordinated Entry 2024						4	4	4
	Renewal	OH0524	*	Cuyahoga Cty	Accepted	17	\$968,045	\$0	\$31,382,051
	Cuyahoga County Coordinated Entry	NIENA/	4	Company Char		4.0	¢4 000 000	¢0	¢22 202 054
	Expansion 2024 New	NEW	62.2	Cuyahoga Cty	Accepted	18	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$32,382,051
	15 EDEN RRH	OH0522	<u> </u>	EDEN Comicos	Accepted	19	\$1,470,902	\$0 \$0	\$33,852,953
	PHYA and PAP Merge	OH0409		Frontline Services	Accepted	20	\$1,318,512	\$0	\$35,171,465
	RRH DV Bonus Expansion	OH0641	**	EDEN	Accepted	21	\$3,464,201	\$0	\$38,635,666
	22 SRA	OH0725	**	EDEN	Accepted	22	\$644,968	\$0	\$39,280,634
	23 PSH Seniors	OH0755		EDEN	Accepted	23	\$829,524	\$0	\$40,110,158
	Emerald Alliance XI Expansion+	NEW	94	Frontline Services	Accepted	24	\$262,962	\$0	\$40,373,120

	24 SRA-TRA	NEW	92.75	EDEN	Accepted	25	\$1,889,434	\$0	\$42,262,554
	24 Supportive Services- Winton-								
1 2	Greenbridge-TBRA	NEW	92.75	EDEN	Accepted	26	\$879,139	\$0	\$43,141,693
er	Journey Home FY2024: Housing First	OH0757	**	Journey Center	Accepted	27	\$2,318,107	\$0	\$45,459,800
Į≓	LMM Transition In Place (TIP)	NEW	82.25	LMM	Accepted	28	\$800,000	\$0	\$46,259,800
						No			
۱۵	Cuyahoga YHDP SSO 2024 Renewal	OH0748	***	Cuyahoga Cty	Accepted	Rank	\$434,660	\$0	\$46,694,460
ΙĢ	Cuyahoga YHDP TH-RRH 2024					No			
≠	Renewal	OH0747	***	Cuyahoga Cty	Accepted	Rank	\$1,554,275	\$0	\$48,248,735

Coordinated Entry not comparable to housing projects
First time renewal - no performance history

^{***} YHDP, not ranked and not scored

HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report

This workbook contains summary information about your CoC's data as it was entered into HDX 1.0 and HDX 2.0 for your use as part of the 2024 Competition.

To Print this Workbook:

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This workbook attempts to maximize accessibility, navigability, printability, and ease of use. Merged cells have been avoided. All tables and text boxes have been given names. Extraneous rows and columns outside printed ranges have been hidden. Formulas may include references to hidden rows and columns or data tables. For ease of use, these referenced sources have been hidden but can be unhidden by any useer at any time. Raw data sources contained in this workbook are named according to the module and fiscal year from which they originate - e.g. "HIC_2024" is the Housing Inventory Count raw data from Fiscal Year 2024.

For Questions:

If you have questions, please reach out to HUD via the "Ask a Question" page, https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/ and choose "HDX" as the topic.

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HDX Data Submission Participation Information

Government FY and HDX Module Abbreviation	Met Module Deadline*	Data From	Data Collection Period in HDX 2.0
2023 LSA	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).	November 2023 to January of 2024
2023 SPM	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).**	February 2024 to March 2024
2024 HIC	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024
2024 PIT	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024

¹⁾ FY = Fiscal Year

^{2) *}This considers all extensions where they were provided.

^{2) **&}quot;Met Deadline" in this context refers to FY23 SPM submissions. Resubmissions from FY 2022 (10/1/21 - 9/30/22) were also accepted during the data collection period, but these previous year's submissions are voluntarily and are not required.

2024 Competition Report - LSA Summary & Usability Status

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LSA Usability Status 2023

Category	EST AO	EST AC	EST CO	RRH AO	RRH AC	RRH CO	PSH AO	PSH AC	PSH CO
Fully Usable	V	V	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	V	V	V	V
Partially Usable									
Not Usable									

EST

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	4,691	5,486	6,330
AO	3,581	4,220	4,785
AC	1,087	1,203	1,444
СО	39	26	60

RRH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	3,195	2,446	2,955
AO	1,083	782	893
AC	2,115	1,668	2,071
СО	0	0	0

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PSH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	4,300	4,545	4,536
AO	1,995	2,338	2,335
AC	2,304	2,209	2,201
СО	0	0	0

- 1) Glossary: EST = Emergency Shelter, Save Haven, & Transitional Housing; RRH = Rapid Re-housing; PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing; AO = Persons in Households without Children; AC = Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child; CO=Persons in Households with only Children
- 2) Because people have multiple stays in shelter over the course of a year and stay in different household configurations, a single person can be counted in more than one household type. Therefore, the sum of the number of people by household type may be greater than the unique count of people.
- 3) Total Sheltered count only includes those served in HMIS participating projects reported by your CoC.
- 4) For CoCs that experienced mergers during any of these reporting periods, historical data will include only the original CoCs.

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

OH-502 - Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC

FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than the look back stop date or client's date of birth, whichever is later.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.

Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

a. This measure is of the client's entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in the HMIS system.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, and SH	6,074	111.1	54.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and TH	6,192	113.0	55.0

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b. This measure is based on data element 3.917

This measure includes data from each client's Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added to the client's entry date, effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	6,591	255.1	104.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	6,706	256.0	106.0

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Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness for Persons who Exit to Permanent Housing (PH) Destinations

This measures clients who exited SO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range. Of those clients, the measure reports on how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.

	Total # of Persons Exited to a PH Destination (2 Yrs Prior)			Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366 - 730 days)					
Metric	Count	Count	% of Returns	Count	% of Returns4	Count	% of Returns6	Count	% of Returns8
Exit was from SO	77	14	18.2%	5	6.5%	4	5.2%	23	29.9%
Exit was from ES	1,269	205	16.2%	62	4.9%	90	7.1%	357	28.1%
Exit was from TH	56	2	3.6%	4	7.1%	2	3.6%	8	14.3%
Exit was from SH	21	1	4.8%	2	9.5%	0	0.0%	3	14.3%
Exit was from PH	2,207	104	4.7%	76	3.4%	139	6.3%	319	14.5%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	3,630	326	9.0%	149	4.1%	235	6.5%	710	19.6%

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Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 - Change in PIT Counts

Please refer to PIT section for relevant data.

Metric 3.2 - Change in Annual Counts

This measures the change in annual counts of sheltered homeless persons in HMIS.

Metric	Value
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	6,573
Emergency Shelter Total	6,424
Safe Haven Total	74
Transitional Housing Total	153

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Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects

This measure is divided into six tables capturing employment and non-employment income changes for system leavers and stayers. The project types reported in these metrics are the same for each metric, but the type of income and universe of clients differs. In addition, the projects reported within these tables are limited to CoC-funded projects.

Metric 4.1 - Change in earned income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	2,399
Number of adults with increased earned income	95
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	4.0%

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Metric 4.2 - Change in non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	2,399
Number of adults with increased non- employment cash income	704
Percentage of adults who increased non- employment cash income	29.4%

Metric 4.3 - Change in total income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	2,399
Number of adults with increased total income	768
Percentage of adults who increased total income	32.0%

Metric 4.4 - Change in earned income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	840
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	57
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	6.8%

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Metric 4.5 - Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	840
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	199
Percentage of adults who increased non- employment cash income	23.7%

Metric 4.6 - Change in total income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	840
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	236
Percentage of adults who increased total income	28.1%

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Measure 5: Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time

This measures the number of people entering the homeless system through ES, SH, or TH (Metric 5.1) or ES, SH, TH, or PH (Metric 5.2) and determines whether they have any prior enrollments in the HMIS over the past two years. Those with no prior enrollments are considered to be experiencing homelessness for the first time.

Metric 5.1 - Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES-EE, ES- NbN, SH or TH during the reporting period.	5,819
Of persons above, count those who were in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	1,799
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	4,020

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Metric 5.2 - Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, TH, and PH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	7,323
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	2,640
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	4,683

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Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD's Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

Measure 6 is not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.

Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

This measures positive movement out of the homeless system and is divided into three tables: movement off the streets from Street Outreach (Metric 7a.1); movement into permanent housing situations from ES, SH, TH, and RRH (Metric 7b.1); and retention or exits to permanent housing situations from PH (other than PH-RRH).

Metric 7a.1 - Change in SO exits to temp. destinations, some institutional destinations, and permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value	
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	581	
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	84	
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	88	
% Successful exits	29.6%	

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Metric 7b.1 - Change in ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH exits to permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	5,112
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	1,650
% Successful exits	32.3%

Metric 7b.2 - Change in PH exits to permanent housing destinations or retention of permanent housing

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH who exited after moving into housing, or who moved into housing and remained in the PH project	4,496
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	4,437
% Successful exits/retention	98.7%

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

OH-502 - Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC

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System Performance Measures Data Quality

Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your SPM submissions.

Metric	All ES, SH	All TH	All PSH, OPH	All RRH	All Street Outreach
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	6,452	153	4,572	3,128	626
Total Leavers (HMIS)	5,031	109	516	1,640	572
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	3,022	10	5	134	272
Destination Error Rate (Calculated)	60.1%	9.2%	1.0%	8.2%	47.6%

2024 Competition Report - SPM Notes

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Notes For Each SPM Measure

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Measure	Notes
Measure 1	Our CoC experienced a 1000+ person increase in ES and TH this year with a small decrease in average and median time homeless. The largest increase came from single adults served in shelter, many of whom met HUD's definition of first time homeless. When adding PH (prior to move in - which is mostly our RRH projects), the average LOT increased because those
Measure 2	The overall return rate decreased by about 7% from last year, which is viewed locally as a huge accomplishment. Specifically, the number of returns within the first 6 months of the exit decrease by 5%. This was the target area of focus for the CoC as that is usually where we see the largest proportion of exiters returning.
Measure 3	The largest increase in our shelter populations was in single adults. Families experiencing homelessness also increased. Many of these households that contributed to our increases met the HUD definition of first time homeless. The TH population decreased slightly from last year. Most of the TH capacity is VA-funded and local leaders in that space are already in discussion
Measure 4	Overall, the CoC is seeing better results for leavers than seen in the past. Leavers are increasing their non-employment cash income and total income compared to when they entered the projects. While the number of stayers has increased, the proportion of those increasing income in general is not increasing with it. Currently, our CoC is working on an Income and
Measure 5	As anticipated, the end/exhaustion of COVID funding and related legislation has led to an increase in newly homeless individuals/households. There is a correlation with how many people are newly homeless and how many people we increased over the last year. The number of newly homeless increased by approximately 1000 persons which is also the increase in the
Measure 6	No Notes. Measure 6 was not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.
Measure 7	No notes.
Data Quality	No notes.

2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

OH-502 - Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC

For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year- Round, Current Beds	Total Year- Round, Current Beds in HMIS or Comparable Database	Total Year- Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster*	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non- VSP Beds	Adjusted HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year- Round, Current Beds
ES	1,443	1,399	1,399	0	1,399	100.0%
SH	51	51	51	0	51	100.0%
тн	91	91	91	0	91	100.0%
RRH	1,281	1,281	1,281	0	1,281	100.0%
PSH	4,495	3,994	4,495	0	4,495	88.9%
ОРН	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total	7,361	6,816	7,317	0	7,317	93.2%

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year- Round, Current Beds	Total Year- Round, Current, VSP Beds in an HMIS- Comparable Database	Total Year- Round, Current, VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster**	Adjusted Total Year-Round Current, VSP Beds	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds
ES	1,443	44	44	0	44	100.00%
SH	51	0	0	0	0	NA
ТН	91	0	0	0	0	NA
RRH	1,281	0	0	0	0	NA
PSH	4,495	0	0	0	0	NA
ОРН	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total	7,361	44	44	0	44	100.00%

2024 Competition Report OH-502 - Cleveland/Cuyahoga For HIC conducted in January/I

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year- Round, Current Beds		Adjusted Total Year- Round, Current, Non- VSP and VSP Beds	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES	1,443	1,443	1,443	100.00%
SH	51	51	51	100.00%
тн	91	91	91	100.00%
RRH	1,281	1,281	1,281	100.00%
PSH	4,495	3,994	4,495	88.85%
ОРН	0	0	0	NA
Total	7,361	6,860	7,361	93.19%

2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

OH-502 - Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC

For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

Rapid Re-housing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

Metric	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RRH beds available to serve all pops. on the HIC	893	760	824	1,004	1,281

- 1) † EHV = Emergency Housing Voucher
- 2) *This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds not associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.
- 3) **This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating or HMIS-comparable database participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.
- 4) Data included in these tables reflect what was entered into HDX 2.0.
- 5) In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").
- 6) In the HIC, "Current" beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").
- 7) For historical data: Aggregated data from CoCs that merged are not displayed if HIC data were created separately that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

2024 Competition Report - PIT Summary

OH-502 - Cleveland/Cuyahoga County CoC

For PIT conducted in January/February of 2024

Submission Information

Date of PIT Count	Received HUD Waiver
1/23/2024	Not Applicable

Total Population PIT Count Data

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
PIT Count Type	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered-Only Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count
Emergency Shelter Total	1,409	1,472	1,465	1,378	1,359	1,440
Safe Haven Total	40	32	29	29	37	35
Transitional Housing Total	63	62	63	83	53	47
Total Sheltered Count	1,512	1,566	1,557	1,490	1,449	1,522
Total Unsheltered Count	106	109	0	84	180	115
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count*	1,618	1,675	1,557	1,574	1,629	1,637

^{1) *}Data included in this table reflect what was entered into HDX 1.0 and 2.0. This may differ from what was included in federal reports if the PIT count type was either sheltered only or partial unsheltered count.

²⁾ Aggregated data from CoCs that merged is not displayed if PIT data were entered separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occi are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

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Housing Leveraging Commitments



HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (HCVP)

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September 30, 2024 \

Elaine Gimmel
Emerald Development and Economic Network
7812 Madison Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44102

RE: Project-Based Vouchers at Greenbridge Commons

Dear Ms. Gimmel:

The Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) is pleased to collaborate with Emerald Development & Economic Network on the Greenbridge Commons.

In May 2013, CMHA entered into a Housing Assistance Payment contract with Emerald Alliance V L P in Partnership with Emerald Development and Economic Network to provide project-based voucher subsidies in the community to assist chronically homeless individuals, CMHA confirms the following:

- Initial 5 year contract was executed on May 1, 2013, with current extension the new contract expiration date is May 2028.
- All project-based voucher awards are subject to the availability of funds
- Eligible families are required to pay 30% of their adjusted monthly income towards rent
- The 48 vouchers consist of:

Number of Units:	Number of Bedrooms:	Number of Bathrooms:	Estimated Average subsidy per unit	Estimated Average subsidy per month
48	0	1	\$857	\$41,136
Total PBV Units: 25				\$41,136

We are excited to be part of this unique and impactful project.

Sincerely,

Dorivette Nolan

Chief of Policy, Planning and Voucher Administration

Healthcare Formal Agreements



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October 4, 2024

Melissa Sirak, LISW-S Program Director Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services 310 W. Lakeside Ave., Suite 195 Cleveland, Ohio 44113

RE: 24 SRA-TRA – Leverage of Behavioral Healthcare Resources

Dear Director Sirak:

Emerald Development and Economic Network (EDEN) has applied for a new permanent supportive housing development as part of the FY24 CoC Consolidated Application. The project includes sponsor based rental assistance to families in designated EDEN owned scattered site properties. In collaboration with EDEN, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County commits to connecting behavioral healthcare services in the form of mental health and substance use disorder treatment to eligible households willing to connect to services as part of this new application. These services will come from ADAMHS Board contracted mental health and substance use disorder treatment providers in the community. These services are funded through resources not currently funded through CoC or ESG programs.

ADAMHS Board contracted mental health and substance use disorder treatment providers will seek reimbursement for services rendered from Medicaid and other public and/or private funding sources. ADAMHS Board contracted mental health and substance use disorder treatment providers will provide access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment and recovery services to all participants in this development who qualify for and choose to participate in these services. The average cost per client for mental health and substance use disorder treatment services funded by the ADAMHS Board is approximately \$883 per person and the average cost per client for recovery supports funded by the ADAMHS Board is an additional \$340 per person. This does not include treatment services and recovery supports that are billed to Medicaid and other funding sources.

Behavioral Healthcare resources will be provided throughout the term of the contract with program participation in the new PSH properties based on CoC Program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the service providers. Should you have any questions regarding our partnership with EDEN or our support of their request, I can be reached at harrison@adamhscc.org or 216.241.3400, Extension 829.

Sincerely,

Felicia Harrison

Chief Financial Officer

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Copy to: Allison Schaefer, MSW, LSW, Director of Adult Behavioral Health Programs, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County