

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 2022 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2022 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 2022 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

1A-1. CoC Name and Number: CA-604 - Bakersfield/Kern County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.1.a.(1), VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.p., and VII.B.1.r.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:	
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.	Agencies serving survivors of human trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	No
7.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
9.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
10.	Law Enforcement	Yes	No	No
11.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	No	No
12.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	No	No
13.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
14.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	No
15.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

17.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	No	No
19.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	No	No
24.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	No	No
25.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	Legal Services	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.	Formerly Incarcerated Advocates	Yes	Yes	No

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC actively solicits members during presentations to the public, smaller non-profits, individuals, or organizations. The website features prominent “Get Involved” and “Signup for Updates” buttons and publishes membership opportunities through social media and email communication.

2.The CoC has partnerships with agencies focused on serving individuals with disabilities. The Independent Living Center of Kern County has an Aging and Disability Resource Center which refers individuals to resources. The CoC contracts with a consultant who ensures the website and materials are accessible. Services available to member agencies include sign language and access to language line services for phone, video and documentation translation services. All documents and reports are made available through PDF. Video and presentations are provided with captioning.

3.The DEI Committee is composed of representatives that serve specific populations in our homeless system. Organizations such as All of Us or None, ShePower, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, Delano Association for the Developmentally Disabled, The Center for Gender Diversity, Tejon Tribe, American Civil Liberties Union, and the United Farm Workers participate and represent the Black/African American, Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x), LGBTQ+, Native American, developmentally disabled, Asian, and youth.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.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; and
3.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Executive Director and CoC members engage a broad range of community stakeholders with an “open door” policy and provide outreach and engagement to city and county leadership, faith community members, community service organizations, those with lived experience, neighborhood organizations and local businesses. BKRHC has developed a stakeholder input and feedback process which has multiple points of entry for organizations and individuals to provide feedback, including via the website, social media, and public comment during all committee meetings. BKRHC also proactively engages the community by providing presentations throughout Kern County which always include an opportunity for questions, answers and feedback.

2.

The CoC is Brown Act compliant, making all meetings of the Governing Board and more than a dozen Standing Committees open to the public. Each agenda includes an opportunity for public comment. Materials for meetings including the agenda and minutes are housed on the CoC website and also posted at the CoC physical location. A distribution list is maintained and anyone seeking to receive regular communication can receive a monthly newsletter and notice of any committee meeting on a regular basis. The CoC also actively uses social media as another method of communicating information about public meetings as needed.

3. The CoC believes it is critical to receive feedback regarding improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness. The CoC compiles stakeholder feedback received via the CoC email, website, telephone and mail to present at Governing Board meetings. The Governing Board Chair may respond to feedback immediately, agendaize for a future meeting or refer for consideration by a standing committee

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section VII.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.	how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The “Notice to Potential Applicants” was approved, along with the LOI template, instructions and NOFO timeline. A training webinar was conducted virtually on the LOI, ranking and application process for new and renewal projects. This webinar and all training and virtual meetings were conducted with closed captioning for individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing and published on the website. Multiple notices were also provided via social media and tagging a wide array of stakeholders to reach the broadest number of potential applicants. The City of Bakersfield and County of Kern also shared notices through their social media channels.
2. The Collaborative Applicant reviews all LOIs received by the deadline to ascertain whether they meet minimum threshold requirements. New and renewal applicants that pass threshold are invited to submit a project application and a Ranking Packet to compete for evaluation and scoring.
3. The P&P Committee assigned a Ranking Subcommittee to develop the protocol for project applications that passed threshold. A Ranking Priority Scale is used to assign scores to the Ranking Packets. A Domestic Violence Ranking Packet Addendum was developed to ensure that DV applications would have the same amount of points as other projects in the same housing type and a sliding scale was developed based on those measures. A non-conflicting review panel was approved by the Governing Board to review project applications, score them and provide a priority list for Governing Board to review and approve.
4. Closed captioning is used during meetings and accessible electronic formats were made available to individuals with disabilities.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	In the chart below:	
	1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.	

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. All ESG funded recipients and City of Bakersfield and Kern County ESG Program administrators are CoC members. CoC annually conducts a gaps and needs assessment to determine funding priorities. Through the CoC, the City/County distribute ESG Funding Priority Surveys to CoC members, the results of which are reviewed by CoC Planning and Performance Committee and Governing Board prior to inclusion in draft Action Plans. CoC staff meet regularly with ESG recipients to plan and allocate ESG and other funding. Both jurisdictions hold stakeholder meetings for input on their draft Annual Action Plans, including ESG allocations, and host Public Hearings prior to approval, which are also attended by CoC members. ESG agreements include language that ESG grantees must be involved in the CoC, active HMIS and CES users.

2. CoC participates in evaluating and reporting performance by sharing HMIS, CES, AHAR, SPMs, and LSA reports that include ESG recipients and subrecipients. Data source information is reviewed and used to monitor progress and effectiveness. ESG recipients and subrecipients are also participating members of CoC committees that meet throughout the year and address ESG funding.

City and County submit annual CAPERs to evaluate and report on performance of ESG program recipients. In addition to client service data, City reports include performance standards that were developed by CoC Planning and Performance Committee, with participation of ESG recipients and City. Quarterly performance reports are reviewed in-house by the Committee, which provides technical assistance to improve outcomes for any programs that are performing below established standards. CAPER reports are prepared using data imported from HMIS and submitted through SAGE.

3. CoC provides the City/County with results of annual homeless PIT Count and HIC for inclusion in both Annual Action Plans and Five-Year Consolidated Plans. CoC provided PIT and HIC CoC-wide and city-level data to all ESG recipients in its geographical boundaries.

4. CoC reports and documents including its Plan to End Homelessness and its Cost- Benefit Analysis of the Housing First Approach are provided to the City/County for inclusion in Consolidated Plan updates. CoC members regularly participate in City/County stakeholder meetings and focus groups on homelessness. City/County import HMIS data into their annual CAPERs using SAGE. CoC also responds to requests for information.

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting AAQs or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance of service providers.	No
6.	Other. (limit 150 characters)	

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC works with youth education providers to address existing gaps in services, aggressively seek funding, and co-host events and trainings. The Governing Board has a position specific to education (KCSOS) and another position specific to homeless youth. The CoC's Homeless Youth Committee (HYC) includes service providers, LEAs and those with lived experience. Youth education providers regularly attend CoC meetings.

CoC members have signed membership agreements to collaborate with each other. Homeless and DV shelters link families with LEAs, some through formal agreement. Through agreement, KCSOS and other CoC agencies are co-located at KCNC's Dream Center (DC), an assessment point for CES. CoC has service agreements with youth providers.

KCSOS holds leadership roles within the CoC. KCSOS coordinates with 47 LEAs who have procedures to identify homeless students. The HYC has created a comprehensive services directory. KCSOS manages contracts with the Department of Human Services for childcare. A broad approach is in place to engage, identify and expedite services to homeless families.

The CoC's Charter has a MV/Education position on the Governing Board held by the Kern County Superintendent of schools (KCSOS).

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

All CoC members have signed membership agreements to collaborate with each other. All partner agencies screen for educational needs of participants and apprise them of education service eligibility. Homeless and DV shelters in Kern link families with LEAs, some through formal agreement. Through these efforts a broad community approach is in place through CoC members to engage, identify and expedite services to homeless families. The CoC has also developed a by name list for Families to ensure that every family accesses available services and all agencies focus on rapidly rehousing them. The CoC has case conferencing specific to families and the results are reported to the CES Committee to ensure the CoC is responding quickly to changing needs and dynamics.

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

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

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

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors—Collaborating with Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:
1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Victim service providers (VSPs), the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault and Women's Center High Desert maintain Operational Agreements (OA) with CES staff, CoC partners, Law Enforcement, Hospitals, District Attorney's Office, Victim Witness, Mental Health, General Assistance providers, Correctional Facilities, Detention Centers, Shelters, Housing Authority, and other agencies. OA partners agree to provide client referrals; be readily available for service provision; maintain on-going contact; review staff concerns/needs; coordinate services; and make information available to victims and their families. Two victim service provider organizations have representation on the CoC Governing Board, one sits on the Executive Board, and multiple representations on a number of standing committees including Planning and Performance and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee. Partners attend meetings to discuss strategies, timetables, implementation of mandated services, and provide training regarding program services. Ongoing trainings provide knowledge to service providers working with adults who have experienced or been affected by trauma and help service providers and organizations to work from a trauma-informed perspective and develop trauma-informed relationships that cultivate safety, trust and compassion.

VSPs are mandated by California Evidence Code (E.C.) 1035.2 to provide staff and volunteers a minimum of 40-hours domestic violence and 40-hours sexual assault training prior to performing direct-client services. Additional 8-hours continuing education training is required annually for VSP staff and volunteers to increase their knowledge and remain current with developments and CoC members are regularly invited to attend. Trainings are ongoing and cover groups that have experienced prejudice and discrimination based on race, sex, age, class, religious belief, disability, or sexual orientation and the effect of such practices; and must be provided by persons with subject area expertise. Trainings take place at least annually but usually much more frequently as needs are identified. The CoC regularly shares updated information. A recent CES SWOT Analysis was completed and provided recommendations for re-examination of policies, procedures, and practices.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:
1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and
2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).

(limit 2,500 characters)

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1C-5b.	Using De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC uses for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC victim service providers collect client statistical data, such as client demographics and client services rendered, daily, for reporting purposes. However, all victims and their children's personal identifying information, such as, name, social security number and birthdate are assigned a de-identifier (numerical code) prior to entry into HMIS or any other internal/external data collection software/program/spreadsheet, etc. De-identifiers are also used for all internal/external reporting and/or correspondence, along with communications with other local agencies and CoC partners including CES. No victim identifying information is available to or accessible by external entities. All victim client files and data collection records are secured, in-house, using the mandatory double lock system, and only assigned staff have access to client records to maintain client confidentiality, anonymity and safety.

1C-5c.	Communicating Emergency Transfer Plan to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:

1.	the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures; and
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC includes three Domestic Violence Centers that provide direct services and secured, confidential emergency shelter (ES) and transitional housing (TH). Administrative leads for DV organizations hold leadership roles throughout the CoC and work in partnership to provide trauma-informed training opportunities made available to all partners and that CES policy and procedures incorporate the unique needs for housing and services that prioritize safety.

During the Quick Referral Tool (QRT) process, if an individual discloses they are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, the individual is immediately linked to a victim service provider. The DV provider will complete the assessment. Safety is given priority during the access process for those seeking protection. Victims are assessed for safety and service needs and referred to the appropriate DV walk-in centers and/or DV ES.

Emergency Transfer Plan: transportation is made available for both emergency and non-emergency services via local taxi or bus passes; regional transport is available by bus to other County areas, and by bus or airplane to locations outside the County or State.

The CES assures data collection adheres to the Violence Against Women Act and other state laws. Community agencies refer DV victims to local 24-hour DV Crisis Hotlines for confidential phone intake. This process ensures victims' identifying information remains confidential and anonymity is upheld. All victim information gathered by and accessible to DV service providers only, and names are given an ID code for data reporting purposes.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has incorporated strong formal and informal relationships with VSPs into the leadership structure, funding decision making and process and procedure components of the CoC. CoC ensures inclusive decision-making – which means including domestic violence providers and others in the CoC’s planning body and decision-making structures

A lead for a VSP sits on the Executive Board, two staff of VSPs sit on the Governing Board, and VSP staff have significant presence in the CES Committee and Planning and Performance Committee. A lead for a VSP also sits on the Steering Committee for the Strategic Action Plan.

The CoC ensures that the needs of survivors are incorporated into the CoC’s coordinated entry process and CES has taken on a shared, coordinated role with the largest VSP service provider for assessment of vulnerability. In addition, a recent CES SWOT analysis ensured that survivors of domestic violence were an included stakeholder group for purposes of determining findings. The CoC works closely with local housing and services providers to ensure safety is quickly established because survivors often need longer timeframes to gain stability and move to permanent housing.

CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC’s geographic area, which includes rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, Joint TH-RRH projects, rental subsidies and shelter diversion and prevention programs.

The CoC is working with county, city and local partners to ensure that survivors have access across all systems of housing and services available within the CoC’s geographic area

1C-5e.	Including Safety, Planning, and Confidentiality Protocols in Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC’s coordinated entry includes:

1.	safety protocols,
2.	planning protocols, and
3.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC affirmatively markets housing and supportive services to eligible persons in the CoC's geographic area who are least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach, including the following sub-populations: people experiencing chronic homelessness, veterans, families with children, youth, and survivors of domestic violence, people living in rural parts of the CoC. CES outreach is designed to ensure the CES process is available to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. CES outreach and any marketing materials will clearly convey that Access Points are accessible to all sub-populations.

Existing outreach teams and programs in the community that are CES Access Points conduct outreach, including outreach resources that specifically target people experiencing chronic homelessness, veterans, families with children, youth, LGBTQ youth, and survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, and people living in rural parts of the county. Culturally competent outreach resources with strong existing ties to the community's most vulnerable populations serve as CES Access Points to ensure that all subpopulations can access CES. Outreach materials are available in the following languages to meet the needs of minority, ethnic, and groups with Limited English Proficiency (LEP): Spanish and Punjabi.

Additionally, participating outreach teams work with the CES staff for the purpose of completing intake, or engaging a household who is not open, or able, to visit a physical Access Point. The outreach intake conducted by outreach staff in a manner consistent with the physical Access Points.

During the QRT process, if an individual discloses that they are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, the individual is immediately linked to a victim service provider (VSP). The VSP provider completes the assessment. Safety is given priority during the access process for those seeking protection. The CES assures data collection adheres to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and other state laws.

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	whether your CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback;
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2.	how your CoC assisted providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination;
3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and
4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Stakeholder feedback in 2021-22 specific to the Anti-discrimination Act and Equal Access Rule was solicited during comprehensive training provided by Consultants. This method empowers community members to voice concerns, ask questions, and make suggestions. In turn, the Consultants are able to explore the suggestions in light of these regulations as well as HUD advisories and CPD notices. The Consultants are poised to recommend policy adjustments to the body authorized under the CoC Governance Charter. Feedback is also received through stakeholders/ CoC meetings and committees such as the Youth Advisory Board, Ad Hoc committee on (XYZ) depends on the CoC.

In addition to comprehensive training, the CoC offers resources to assist in engaging providers with federal and the more extensive State regulations, and CoC Standards such as a Self-Assessment Tool, an equal-access decision-making tree authored by HUD CPD, access to sample documents, recommendations for public posting of policies, case examples of staff, worker and contractor empowering vs discriminatory actions, and practical tips for designing and implementing environments that are non-discriminatory. Response to issues such as gender identity, prohibitions on family separation, and rights and responsibilities of all HUD-funded projects, and clear policies protecting the right to equal access to safe housing that do not further isolate or place burden on persons in protected classes is emphasized. Suggestions are offered for each phase of the process- from outreach through housing placement and followup.

Compliance with CoC policies, is checked during program monitoring – documents informing the public of rights and agency policies; sampling of CES referrals vs. acceptance rates for persons in protected classes; client feedback and consumers surveys. A checklist to review program features/agency policies is used and is provided in advance to the recipient/subrecipient providers. Providers are asked to report any formal complaints received from project participants and document the actions taken to resolve issues raised.

Agencies found to be non-compliant with CoC policies are advised the rules and findings, required to offer a corrective action plan with specific remedies, are referred to advocacy and education resources and are subject to legal action if warranted.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 FY 2021 CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with—if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2021 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Housing Authority of the County of Kern	51%	Yes-Both	Yes

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC only has one operating PHA in its jurisdiction, The Housing Authority of the County of Kern (The Authority). The Authority has a strong working relationship with the CoC and often champions the work of permanent supportive housing. The Authority set a homeless preference in its Administrative Plan in 2012 and set aside 200 vouchers. In 2018 the Authority amended this preference as there was an increased need for additional vouchers and units. The new preference in the Admin plan sets aside 50% of all turnover vouchers for homeless persons. In 2018, the Authority added a preference for homeless persons to its Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan for Low Income Public Housing (LIPH). This preference states that 10% of all units at LIPH sites will be reserved for homeless persons.

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

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

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

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.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	No
7.	Public Housing	Yes
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	

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

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	No
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
	If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.	
PHA		
Housing Authority...		

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

Name of PHA: Housing Authority of County of Kern

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition.	11
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 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	11
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 2022 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC evaluates every recipient—that checks Housing First on their Project Application—to determine if they are actually using a Housing First approach;
2.	the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation; and
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of the competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC ensures Housing First through multiple points of feedback, data monitoring and discussion with organizations. The CoC assesses projects annually using the HUD Housing First Assessment Tool. As part of the LOI process for project applications, applicants are evaluated to meet threshold requirements including Housing First and uses the HUD Housing First Assessment Tool. The CES Access Models use a Housing First approach for access, assessment, prioritization, referral and match process. CES has written standards that specify this process. The street outreach organizations have also adopted standardized policy and procedures regarding housing first and have positive outcomes indicating their commitment to the HUD policy. The HMIS Data Quality and the Planning and Performance Committees also regularly evaluate projects to ensure commitment to using Housing First through monthly data tracking. CoC reviewed each submitted tool and the Report Summary revealed each project applicant's fidelity to Housing First.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC developed a "Street Outreach Written Standards" document which provides guidance to all agencies within the CoC when interacting with people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and to establish professional standards of conduct for those interactions. A Street Outreach Committee was established to provide monthly communication on each agency's outreach efforts, ensuring the agencies that conduct outreach cover the CoC area. Outreach agencies are encouraged to include at least one bi-lingual person on each team in the rural areas where the population is overwhelmingly Hispanic.
2. In order to reach 100% of the CoC geographic area, there are two regions for outreach. They are: metro Bakersfield and rural Kern County. Two agencies work together to provide rural outreach on a daily basis, splitting their efforts between west and east Kern County. Both agencies communicate their contacts on a daily basis. One agency within the CoC targets daily outreach in metro Bakersfield, where 90% of our unsheltered homeless have been identified. Outreach efforts are then discussed during monthly meetings, identifying the types of services our homeless persons request. Populations discussed are primarily individuals, couples and veterans.
3. Street Outreach is conducted Monday – Friday and at least one team providing outreach on every Saturday and Sunday ensuring outreach is provided seven days a week.
4. Shelter resistant persons are still engaged through informal introductions with the street outreach team, discusses needs the individual may have, and provide items such as food, water, hygiene, clothing and blankets. Outreach reengages weekly, continuing to offer support in order to build trust. The CoC has partnered with Kern County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) so that individuals can be referred to the ROEM (Relational Outreach and Engagement Model) Team. Community resource guides are available in multiple languages.

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

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

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

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.I.	

		2021	2022
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC—only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of "Current."	485	548

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits—CoC Annual Training of Project Staff.	
	NOFO Section VII.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:

	Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI—Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF—Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Through the SOAR Committee, the CoC has been providing up to date information regarding SSI and SSDI. During monthly meetings topics include challenges with the local SSA offices and potential solutions to current issues. They also discuss available resources for providers assisting individuals with applications for SSI benefits. Training is provided by subject matter experts in multiple CoC committees.

2. The CoC is part of a national healthcare and homelessness initiative to comprehensively evaluate access to healthcare. The CoC has also helped develop new Whole Person Care sites within navigation centers and rural communities and is working closely with Managed Care Plans as they transition to CalAIM. The CoC enjoys a close relationship with the Kern County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services department, having supported multiple projects to provide services to those who are unsheltered and those in emergency shelter facilities. That support has secured competitive MHSA funds to address unsheltered intensive service needs clients. The CoC also works closely with the public hospital, Kern Medical, and Clinica Sierra Vista, who provides street medicine. Staff from all three entities sit on Discharge Planning Services, Planning and Performance or directly on the Governing Board.

3. As a member of the CoC, Department of Human Services provides regular updates and information regarding the availability of homeless assistance programs during regular ongoing meetings and the SOAR committee regularly disseminated opportunities to program staff. Care managers are trained to enroll clients in Medicaid and other benefits. Current information is also shared to distribution lists, social media and the CoC website.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has found that a number of sub-populations are best served through non-congregate sheltering. These include Veterans, youth, elderly and intensive service needs groups. The CoC has coordinated with the city and county to collectively allocate State funds (HHAP) to consistently support non-congregate sheltering for youth, using the same provider who also provides NCS for Veterans, resulting in an over 60% permanently housed rate. With the most recent round of HHAP funding, the CoC, City and County have supported increased bed capacity from 15 to over 30 beds, effectively doubling available bed space. In addition, the CoC leveraged private foundation and state funds (Project Roomkey) to provide non-congregate sheltering for 58 elderly and was invited to apply for additional grant funds by a private foundation. For all three groups, the CoC has established a by name list, ensuring that the unique needs of each sub-population are addressed and system performance is tracked and monitored closely. In addition, the CoC has worked with emergency shelter providers who must use non-congregate sheltering as a response to infectious disease and continues to support regional needs on an as needed basis. The CoC has also allocated state funds (HHAP) towards non-congregate sheltering options for rural communities as traditional emergency shelter brick and mortar facilities are not practicable in all geographic areas of Kern County.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has coordinated with Kern County Public Health and mainstream health partners at all levels, frequently on a daily if not weekly basis during the Covid-19 pandemic, allowing the CoC to anticipate the needs to respond to future infectious disease outbreaks. The CoC and partners have developed intake, sheltering and isolation protocols for communicable disease response that can be tailored to differing infectious disease outbreaks. A response team has formed with public health and service providers who are developing a plan to indicate levels of response, depending on scale and spread of disease and to follow CDC guidelines and address regional needs. All area hospitals and regional clinics are active and regular participants in calls regarding infectious disease response, lending their expertise and coming to homeless service provider aid as needs became clear. The CoC and homeless service providers have established multiple standing and working committees to be able to provide non-congregate isolation and quarantine, deploying vaccinations and infection control measures.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC is familiarized with the Kern County Emergency Operations Center planning and logistics process where resources can be leveraged and the needs of those experiencing homelessness can be voiced and has a direct and positive relationship with the Kern County Public Health Department. The CoC now has distribution lists across community stakeholders and a number of new partners, particularly in the public health and clinical care areas, to address stakeholder communication broadly and rapidly. The CoC also has standing partnership agreements with the City of Bakersfield and County of Kern so that resources can be deployed quickly and equitably across the region. Partnerships across CoC members, healthcare providers and public health have expanded and strengthened allowing the ability to launch responsive programs quickly as community needs change. The CES procedures already include the ability to make adjustments for a natural disaster or emergency into the prioritization process when the need arises allowing additional support for street outreach providers and homeless service providers more broadly. The CoC has worked with partners to ensure existing inventory of emergency supplies are available for future emergencies and that best practices continue to be implemented to limit the spread of infectious diseases. The CoC and partners have developed intake, sheltering and isolation protocols for communicable disease response.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System—Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;	
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and	
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Full coverage is established throughout the entire geographical area of the BKRHC. Approved for the CES are; street outreach, homeless shelters, crisis programs, crisis response, supportive services only programs and youth service providers.

2.Our CES program has integrated the program within its countywide 2-1-1 information-referral service. CAPK's 2-1-1 Kern has over 25 years of experience in providing an integrated information and referral service that links county residents to health and human services. The program is the only comprehensive, live-answer, 24/7 Information and Referral program in the County. The 2-1-1 Call Center provides the following 24/7 Information and Referral services: call handling, bi-directional texting, and Live Chat, including "push text" notifications to inform community members of COVID-19 guidance. A CES SWOT Analysis was completed earlier this year and implementation of additional access points with family resource centers, specialized CES response teams and additional rural navigation centers are being implemented to ensure equitable access.

3.Prioritization is based on a specific and definable set of criteria that are documented, made publicly available, and applied consistently throughout the BKRHC geographical area for all populations. CES prioritizes individuals quickly, without preconditions or service participation requirements. The prioritization standards established by the Housing Committee and approved by the Governing Board, ensure individuals who are homeless with the longest history of homelessness and greatest service needs receive priority for any type of housing and homeless assistance available within the BKRHC including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and other interventions. All CoC funded PSH beds(vouchers) are prioritized in accordance with HUD notice CPD16-11. Case conferences for individuals coming up on 60 days are held during the weekly referral (match) call. These individuals are discussed and referred to different resources if needed. CoC maintains and manages the prioritization list, so individuals wait no longer than 60 days for a referral (match) to housing or services.

1D-9a.	Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and	
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The BKRHC undertook a CES SWOT Analysis to ensure that the CES reaches people who are least likely to apply for housing assistance. The CES was found, as a whole, to be set up and functioning smoothly and responsive when things are not working well. Access to CES continues to expand with coordination between 211, street outreach, street medicine, relational outreach and engagement teams (behavioral health), family resource centers, rural navigation centers and healthcare partners all acting as access points and specialized outreach teams focused on the specific needs of sub-populations. In addition, the county and BKRHC have allocated funding specific to CES for specialized engagement teams to especially support those hardest to reach.

2.The CES SWOT also found that CES does not screen out potential participants due to perceived barriers and that it does a good job in identifying the most vulnerable. The overall process of assessment works, the different assessment tools work well, and are effective in assessing a client's level of risk and what assistance they might need. Vulnerability is assessed accurately and consistently and staff have received sufficient training on how to conduct assessments. Staff receive regular trainings on the assessment tools and the CES committee regularly reviews policy and procedure and practice to ensure fidelity to the assessment process.

3.CES holds match calls on a weekly basis and provides a monthly update to BKRHC regarding all available permanent housing options and their utilization. Any provider can make a request for an emergency match call meeting to ensure that responses to need are as timely as possible.

4.The CES SWOT analysis found that Coordinated Entry is easily accessed by most households, that survivors of DV have fair and equal access, and people fleeing DV have safe and confidential access. CES continues to focus on improving access in rural areas and provide general knowledge and advertising of CES and how the process works.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	05/05/2022

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC regularly reviews all available data to ensure that we identify any racial disparities in our system. Point in Time (PIT), Housing Inventory Count (HIC), Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA), Systems Performance Measures (SPM), and Annual Performance Report (APR) data sets are reviewed in conjunction with acceptable thresholds to measure performance. Data is pulled from HMIS monthly, scrubbed, and disaggregated. This data is placed into visualizations by gender, race, ethnicity, age, length of stay, exit destination, recidivism rate, and number of active clients by month. Information is shared within the CoC through monthly committee convenings, regular reports to our Executive and Governing Boards, as well as updates to City and County partners in order to develop specialized change ideas.

Black community members are overrepresented among those experiencing homelessness and for street outreach services, their housing outcomes and recidivism rates correlate with their percentage of the population experiencing homelessness. Recidivism rates are generally similar among different racial and ethnic groups. However, men are overrepresented among street outreach and transitional housing, but underrepresented among prevention activities and housing outcomes. Though our recidivism rates are generally even across racial and ethnic groups, those identifying as transgender (a small sample size of 6) all returned to homelessness after being housed. Those with mental health or substance use also had higher rates of return than those without those conditions.

Our CoC was able to determine that women of color are more likely to access prevention services prior to entering homelessness. In adults only households with single men, those that experienced mental health or substance abuse issues are hesitant to utilize services.

1D-10b.	Strategies to Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	No
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes

9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-10c.	Actions Taken to Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has included several strategies to address known disparities within our homeless system through collaboration. Work has been undertaken in conjunction with our Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB), Youth Action Board (YAB), DEI Committee, local healthcare safety net organizations, Public Housing Authority, homeless service providers, and local government agencies to take action on addressing disparities.

Our LEAB has taken a qualitative data-driven approach and created client surveys for use at different stages through the homeless system to provide a voice for those with lived experience. This data will be reviewed quarterly to provide a better understanding from the client perspective on areas of improvement. These surveys will provide an anonymous way for clients to express their opinions regarding the services and their treatment within the homeless system.

Several partnerships have been developed between homeless service organizations to provide housing and support services to clients. The CoC has also partnered with local healthcare organizations to focus on healthcare and the homeless initiatives and gain a better understanding of where there are disparities in our healthcare system for individuals experiencing homelessness. Additionally, continued partnership with outreach and mental health/substance abuse service providers allows the CoC to eliminate barriers for those individuals that are experiencing homelessness due to a mental health crisis or substance abuse. Work through the DEI and Training Committees aids these efforts by providing training on various topics to prevent racial inequity and provides a forum to discuss areas of attention.

Data dashboards are being developed to provide data accessibility to members of the collaborative allowing them to gain insight on client level data.

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

Describe in the field below the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has developed a framework to track any disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance through monthly data review and setting of "SMARTIE" goals through the work of the DEI Committee. These goals include realistic measurements to determine if processes and outcomes are equitable and ensuring that there is no additional disparity added to the system.

Disaggregated HMIS data is reviewed monthly and the CoC will continue to utilize its By Name Lists, HUD's racial equity analysis tool, PIT/HIC/SPM data sets, and any available census data to provide a baseline and comparative metrics to make determinations and identify any areas where there may be disparate outcomes. The data review will be at the client level and include demographic information such as gender, race, ethnicity, and age. LSA data through the Stella P module along with HDIS data will be reviewed to provide additional data references to our system.

The CoC will continue to utilize key metrics such as inflow, outflow, exits to permanent housing destinations, and recidivism to add context to client level demographic information. The monthly review of data is shared through our Planning and Performance and HMIS Quality Committees with an update provided to the Governing Board through regular report of committees.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC takes many opportunities to engage individuals with lived experience through a variety of ways. During every board or committee meeting, members of the CoC as well as general public have the opportunity to provide announcements regarding upcoming events that allow for outreach engagement.

The CoC has two advisory boards focused on those with lived experience of homelessness, one is the Lived Experience Advisory Board and the second is the Youth Advisory Board. There are also two Governing Board seats for individuals with lived experience, one specifically designated for youth. CoC members engage individuals with lived experience to participate in committee activities, surveys, and convenings to lend their expertise in the decision-making processes through various forms of media, including electronic media (social networks, CoC website), community events, and in print media. The CoC regularly involves those with lived experience in focus groups, listening sessions, exit surveys and project specific surveys. The recently completed CES SWOT Analysis heavily emphasized those voices, as did the current framing of recuperative care needs in the community.

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.	18	2
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	18	2
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	18	2
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	18	2
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	2	2

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Several of our homeless service providers and partner organizations provide employment opportunities and experience for individuals with lived experience of homelessness. Organizations within our CoC currently have staff that were formerly homeless, have provided years of experience to their respective organizations, and include individuals in management roles. Some individuals also hold seats within our Governing Board as voting members as well as participate in and provide regular input during committee convenings. Job skills development training is integrated into some service provider organization's conditions of project participation.

Personal, educational, and career development is also at the heart of a recently developed training program within our community. This program is a partnership between Bakersfield College, members of our CoC, local healthcare organizations, and public/private industry organizations to help decrease homelessness by providing education and training to individuals experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity and set them on a path towards gainful employment. Components of the program include financial literacy, education counseling, job development workshops, resume creation, and interviewing skills.

Our CoC allocates funds to send individuals to conferences and other educational opportunities. The LEAB works closely with our CoC to form suitable compensation strategies for persons with lived experience as they participate in CoC activities. Our CoC, LEAB, DEI committee, and community partners have collaborated to review system processes to ensure that persons with lived experience have a key role in forming more equitable practices. As with all programs or initiatives within our CoC, there is the focus on self-sufficiency, available resources, and positive outcomes. These examples are part of the CoC's capacity building efforts to provide professional development opportunities to individuals with lived experience.

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	how your CoC routinely gathered feedback from people experiencing homelessness and people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG program on their experience receiving assistance; and	
2.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's Lived Experience Advisory Board has created a set of survey tools for homeless service providers to use at various stages of a client's beginning, mid-point, and end journey through our homeless system. The survey data will be collected with our HMIS system and be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the LEAB. An update on the quarterly data will be provided to the CoC Governing Board during reports of committees.

Because our Governing Board includes individuals with lived experience, their participation provides an opportunity for their voices and input to be included in the decision making process should there be any action taken. Prior to the creation of the LEAB surveys, the CoC conducted a survey to determine the current need and general consensus among individuals experiencing homelessness that provided survey responses. The majority listed healthcare and safety as major areas of concern. This has prompted the CoC to partner with local healthcare organizations as well as mental health and substance abuse service providers to bolster healthcare opportunities within our homeless system, provide additional housing resources, add an additional layer of support services, and improve health outcomes and accessibility.

The LEAB, in coordination with our Coordinated Entry System Committee, has looked at supplementing or replacing our current client satisfaction surveys to allow for a more regular feedback loop. Upon review of the data, information will be integrated into our systems planning and strategic update with considerations on providing equitable practices for individuals with lived experience and populations from marginalized communities that are overrepresented in our data. The LEAB continues to encourage individuals with lived experience to participate in their meetings and provide their expertise in shaping our CoC's ongoing system improvements.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.t.	
	Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months that engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:	
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and	
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The BKRHC has worked closely with city and county government on land use and regulatory barriers. The BKRHC and collaborative member agencies were heavily involved in the development of the City of Bakersfield's Affordable Housing Strategy to identify causes of high housing costs, how to make housing more affordable, identify where new housing can go and develop new tools. Among the tools included a Bakersfield Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Development Incentives, and a toolkit for Accessory Dwelling Units.

In addition, BKRHC has been working in partnership with the County of Kern on reforming zoning and land use policies. To that end, the County is bringing to the Board of Supervisors for action the conversion of 214 acres to high density residential housing which will support up to 20 units per acre. BKRHC has supported this effort which will mean that County has removed additional discretionary actions to allow using existing development standards and only a building permit will be required for this development. We anticipate that over 9000 units will be produced with these zoning reforms.

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

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a. and 2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC's local competition.	08/11/2022
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1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	

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

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

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

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 VII.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)?	161
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	11
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 VII.B.2.d.	

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC manages six by name lists including Chronic Homeless, Families, Youth, Elderly, those with behavioral health and substance use needing intensive services, and Veterans. The CoC has reached functional zero for Chronic Homeless and continues to prioritize those with the highest assessed vulnerability across the by name lists and unaccompanied adults who otherwise do not fit into a unique subpopulation. PSH continues to be the highest level of need as over half of unaccompanied adults, when assessed, are eligible for PSH and approximately a third of families would be eligible for PSH. Inflow, outflow, length of time homeless and recidivism are among the many data points the CoC analyzes on a quarterly basis. This data is collected through HMIS and analyzed in the Planning and Performance and HMIS committees. Findings are also reported regularly to the Governing Board.

The ranking packets completed by each applicant focus heavily on performance measures, project effectiveness, data quality and points for serving those with high needs.

All PSH projects focus on the hardest to serve populations. The CoC created a Domestic Violence Ranking Packet Addendum, which allows additional points since they historically have difficulty with points in the Length of Stay section. We took guidance from all DV projects in our community to come up with measures that would allow them to rank comparative to other agencies in that project type.

Similarly the HIV projects receive full points in measures that they are not able to obtain due to their project type. The ranking panel is allowed to take into consideration these factors when they present their ranking recommendations to the Governing Board.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1- Review of the rating factors used to review project applications consisted of an open forum to discuss existing and new additions to the ranking packets, which included the addition of racial equity questions..

2- Input was afforded to any participant in attendance during the meeting and included individuals from different races, particularly representatives from our most over-represented populations within our homeless system.

3. There were 5 CoC ranking panel members. Ranking panel members were intentionally recruited to rank if they have lived experience of homelessness, work with and/or are members of BIPOC subpopulations, and have knowledge of the CoC. Of the 5 ranking panel members, 2 are also members of the BIPOC community and 1 is a strong advocate for rural communities. All ranking panel members have worked with underrepresented homeless subpopulations in Kern, including BIPOC.

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All new and renewal projects had all-HUD suggested equity questions incorporated into their ranking packets. Each project had to provide narrative answers, which they were scored on, for all 7 equity questions. These questions required those applying or renewing for funds to describe how involved underrepresented subpopulations are in their leadership, governance and policies. These questions also required applicants to describe their processes for reviewing biases within internal policies & procedures and review their data outcomes with an equity lens.

1E-4.	Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 projects through this process during your local competition this year;	
	3. whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and	
	4. why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC has an Independent Review Panel, that looks at several criteria for reallocation for renewal projects: Outstanding obligation(s) to HUD that is in arrears for which a payment schedule has not been agreed upon; HUD monitoring audit finding(s) for which a response is overdue or unsatisfactory; history of inadequate financial management accounting practices; evidence of untimely expenditures on prior award, or have a history of failing to expend funds within statutorily established timeframes; history of other major capacity issues that have significantly impacted the operation of the project and its performance; history of serving ineligible persons or expending funds on ineligible costs; HMIS data quality for the operating year and impact on system performance. It is expected that programs will have no greater than 10% of missing values for any of the universal data elements. Programs can correct incomplete data to improve their percentages. Data quality outcomes are collected via Quarterly Performance Reports and APRs generated for each project.

2.The CoC identified no underperforming projects and therefore made no recommendations for projects for reallocation.

3.The CoC Governing Board did not identify low performing or less needed renewal projects during the local competition this year and therefore did not make any reallocations. It did identify that the HMIS CoC Bonus Project should be reduced to prioritize the PSH Bonus project and still allow the HMIS project to potentially be fully funded out CoC Bonus dollars.

4.NA.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2017 and FY 2022.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC inform applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	Yes
3.	If you selected Yes for element 1 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 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/14/2022

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/09/2022
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results–Scores for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Final Project Scores for All Projects attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Applicant Names; 2. Project Names; 3. Project Scores; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Award amounts; and 6. Projects accepted or rejected status.	Yes
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1E-5c.	1E-5c. Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/26/2022
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the CoC's website or partner's website.	09/26/2022
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX.	05/06/2022
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in databases that meet HUD's comparable database requirements; and	
2.	state whether your CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

DV providers are using their own internal database that they use for data collection. DV providers are also adding data for all beds into HMIS using de identifiers. Client real name is not entered in HMIS. The HMIS Data Quality committee reviews data and ensures that our CoC is compliant with 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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

Enter 2022 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Beds 2022 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	815	54	798	104.86%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	295	58	295	124.47%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	548	29	780	150.29%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	3,058	0	3,418	111.77%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	10	0	11	110.00%

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

For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:

1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

NA

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

Did your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 15, 2022, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count.	02/23/2022
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data—HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX.	05/06/2022
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2B-3.	PIT Count—Effectively Counting Youth.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how during the planning process for the 2022 PIT count your CoC:
1.	engaged stakeholders that serve homeless youth;
2.	involved homeless youth in the actual count; and
3.	worked with stakeholders to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC engaged youth-serving organizations, homeless adult and family service providers, and schools and school districts. Organizations that serve youth, such as health clinics, neighborhood centers, public libraries, LGBTQ-focused agencies, and providers of free meals also volunteered. These organizations “got out the word” about the count and served as locations where youth can “come and be counted,” thereby increasing the chance that youth who are not connected to homeless service providers will be represented in the count. The CoC also included feedback from the YAB regarding incentives for participation that speak to the unique needs of homeless youth.

2.The CoC engaged a diverse group of youth who have lived experience with homelessness through the Youth Advisory Board and the Homeless Youth who sits on the Governing Board. YAB committee members and school district staff participated in the count and supported getting the word out ahead of time to maximize the chance of attracting youth who might not consider themselves homeless and minimized the chance that youth who don’t want to be found will remain hidden.

3.Youth participated in planning meetings and participating programs included drop-in centers, outreach teams, housing programs, emergency shelters, community centers, family resource centers, and health clinics, and county human services offices. Team maps included identified locations where youth experiencing homelessness were likely to be found, such as libraries, parks, social service agencies, street corners, 24-hour retail establishments, and places with free Wi-Fi. Mapped the locations where youth experiencing homelessness were likely to be found in advance of the count.

2B-4.	PIT Count—Methodology Change—CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.a and VII.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 2021 and 2022, if applicable;	
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable; and	
3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC’s PIT count results; or	
4.	state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2022.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The methodology was the same.
2. In 2021 the CoC used HMIS for the unsheltered count. In 2022 the CoC returned to a face to face, in person count of unsheltered.
3. The HMIS pull in 2021 yielded a much higher number of individuals experiencing homelessness than we typically identify in the face to face, in person count. However, the rich data available to better understand those experiencing homelessness from the face to face, in person count, allows our community to better understand needs and appropriately adjust and allocate resources.

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Persons thought to be at risk of experiencing homelessness are screened with a Quick Referral Tool (QRT) and referred to the CoC CES from numerous agency "access points" countywide. The CoC assesses at-risk persons using the Single Adult and Family versions of the Prevention/Re-Housing Vulnerability Index -Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (PR-VI-SPDAT). The PRVI-SPDAT is an evidence-based triage tool that evaluates, prioritizes and recommends services for at-risk persons based on a number of factors: household size and composition, safety in current location, legal problems, prior homelessness, frequent moves, threat of eviction, debt, financial resources, overcrowding, medical issues, substance abuse, mental or other disabilities, and other issues making it hard to remain in housing.

2. Following the VI-SPDAT assessment, CES places persons at risk of experiencing homelessness on a service priority list, from which they are connected to the Bakersfield Homeless Center (now renamed The Open Door Network) for ESG-funded and State funded prevention and diversion services including housing stabilization or relocation and short and/or medium-term rental assistance to prevent them from losing their housing. Homeless prevention and diversion services may include housing stability case management, housing search and placement, landlord-tenant mediation, tenant legal services, and credit repair. Financial assistance may include up to 6 months of rental assistance, rental arrears, utility payments, security and utility deposits, and moving costs. Supportive service linkages may include employment services, income benefits, health care, mental health and/or substance abuse treatment, and transportation.

3. The BKRHC and CES Administrator are responsible for implementing the strategy for reducing the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time, working in concert with the Prevention and Diversion Committee and Discharge Services Committee.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC utilizes by-name-lists to track the length of time homeless by subpopulation. This allows the CoC to identify if we are having more significant challenges housing one population over another and allows us to strategize targeted housing efforts around this data. Coupled with the by-name-list data, we utilize weekly case conferencing for homeless individuals with the longest LOH. During case conferencing, we identify our barriers to housing the individual, what our next steps are for the person, and by when we think we will get them housed. This targeted effort has helped us reduce LOH as demonstrated in our monthly BNL reports.

2. CES prioritizes individuals quickly, without preconditions or service participation requirements. The prioritization standards established by the Housing Committee and approved by the Governing Board, ensure individuals who are homeless with the longest history of homelessness and greatest service needs receive priority for any type of housing and homeless assistance available within the BKRHC including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and other interventions. All CoC funded PSH beds(vouchers) are prioritized in accordance with HUD notice CPD16-11. CoC partner agencies confer weekly through case conferencing to discuss individuals and families as they are matched to appropriate housing resources from the housing priority list. Partner agencies then coordinate efforts to move rapidly and take advantage of the matched housing resource, resulting in permanent housing placement.

3. The Chair of the CoC Planning & Performance Committee is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce LOT homeless. Quarterly reviews provide the opportunity for supportive coaching for agencies that are not able to meet the required system performance measure.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. CoC strategies to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families exit from ES, TH, and RRH to PH destinations include: The PHA spearheads efforts to increase the supply of affordable PH units working with the Kern County Affordable Housing Coalition, which consists of affordable housing developers and city/county planners. Funding to create new PH units was secured from the state NPLH and Homekey and CoC/City/County HHAP programs. Access to existing PH units is facilitated through landlord liaison and incentives, housing navigators and locators, use of Padmission, a CoC wide landlord engagement strategy and an annual Landlord's Summit on Homelessness. The PHA's state funded risk mitigation guarantees landlords reimbursement if damaged. Weekly case conferencing using a Prioritized Housing List ensures timely PH placements targeting the most vulnerable, needy homeless individuals and families.

2. Our CoC has successfully assisted families in retaining their permanent housing or exiting to other permanent housing through intensive case management services that are tailored to each person's unique needs. The case manager uses motivational interviewing techniques to create an individualized housing stability plan with the family and assists them in reaching their goals. The case manager immediately focuses on ensuring that the families basic needs are met, food, water, hygiene items, household items. Then through critical time intervention methods, the case manager assists the family in identifying critical goals to work on first, such as sobriety, mental health access, and medical access. They then begin focusing on longer term goals such as family reunification or employment. As the families goals are achieved and they become more stable, the intensity of services declines. If at any time the families progress in their plan declines or they become unstable, case management services will re-intensify. This method of case management intervention that focuses on an individualized plan has proven successful.

3. The Chair of the CoC Planning & Performance Committee is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing, working in concert with the Housing Committee, Governing Board and Executive Board.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. CoC service providers identify recidivism at intake by pulling universal data from HMIS on all persons entering HMIS to determine which individuals had a previous exit to permanent housing. In addition, a cross-analysis of names pulled from HMIS and the CoC's At-Risk prioritization list from the Coordinated Entry System is conducted. The data is analyzed to understand common factors and determinants of recidivism. The Committee reviews monthly system performance measure reports to identify individuals who have recently returned to homelessness using data from SPM Measure 2.

2. The CoC's revised 10-year Plan to End Homelessness by 2028 outlines strategies to reduce returns to homelessness. Objective #2 under the revised plan is to prevent homelessness and repeated homelessness whenever possible. Goal #1 of the objective specifically addresses plans to reduce the number of people who return to homelessness after having been placed in permanent housing. Strategies and actions steps include providing aftercare, monitoring, and case management for 3 years after placement or longer if needed; education on how to access the CES; and a focus on increased self sufficiency. Further, the Homeless Prevention and Discharge Planning Committee of the CoC is exploring various strategies to reduce recidivism.

3. The Homeless Prevention and Discharge Planning Committee of the CoC is responsible for overseeing these strategies. Representatives from the Mission at Kern County and the County Department of Veteran Services co-chair this committee.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 cash income; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. A way to increase employment income is to create additional joint bridge employment programs to provide job training skills and temporary employment. Through its job placement program the Bakersfield Homeless Center (BHC) advocates for homeless, formerly homeless and those at risk of homelessness obtain employment through City, County and corporate job contracts. The program provides "hard to hire" adults with living wage jobs while they develop the skills, resume and contacts for long-term employment. Job placement outreach is conducted through the KCNC DC (resource center for homeless youth), Garden Pathways (formerly incarcerated), and CoC members. Organizations provide clients with information about job opportunities, computer/printer use, job search assistance, a mailing address/phone number, and clothes for interviews, bus passes, and payment of fees for certifications required. America's Job Center (AJC) and the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) provide a continuum of employment and vocational training services.

2. The Department of Human Services CalWORKS program helps homeless persons prepare for and access employment. Job fairs are held and local employers notify agencies of job opportunities. CoC members work with employment organizations to increase client cash income. AJC shares information about job fairs and employment opportunities with private employers, staffing agencies promote employment opportunities, DOR provides employment services for disabled individuals and provide paid work experience programs and ETR provides free apprenticeship programs. Free vocational training is available through WESTEC, Bakersfield College, Job Corps, and Bakersfield Adult School. Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance eliminates barriers to employment including outstanding fines, citations and warrants through Homeless Court.

3. BKRHC oversees the CoC's strategy to increase employment income.

2C-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and	
2.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. A major objective of Kern County's Plan to End Homelessness by 2028 is to "improve the economic security, health, and stability of homeless and at-risk people." A goal of this objective is to "enhance benefits counseling skills of BKRHC member and partner agency case managers." To enhance these skills, the CoC SOAR Committee meets monthly to help increase access to SSI/SSDI benefits. GBLA conducts these trainings, which are typically attended by between 20 and 25 CoC member and partner agency employees.

Many CoC member or partner agencies are mainstream benefit administrators for benefits such as General Assistance, Food Stamps, TANF, and WIC. These agencies keep abreast of changes to these benefits and share information with CoC members. Consequently, virtually all CoC agency supervisors and case managers, including CES employees, are knowledgeable of and able to help eligible individuals and families experiencing homelessness access the appropriate non-employment cash income sources. Homeless youth can receive assistance with Food Stamps, TANF, and General Assistance at the KCNC DC.

2. BKRHC oversees the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.6.a. and VII.B.6.b.	

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
Fresh Start	PH-PSH	13	Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Fresh Start

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): EG8WAM315LZ5

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 13

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.s.	

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

NA

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

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

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- FY 2022 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 Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

NA

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applications.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	Yes
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4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2022 Priority Listing.

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

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

4A-3.	Assessing Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.(e)(1)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	348
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	146
3.	Unmet Need:	202

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(c)	

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Q1: The Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault is comprised of 2 DV Shelters, serving central Kern County. Both Shelters provide emergency and TH services for DV survivors and their children. Number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 was calculated by counting total number of DV survivors who identified as homeless in central Kern County during 2020-21; element 2 was determined by total number of DV survivors who are currently receiving housing or services at all Alliance facilities which include 2 Shelters and 2 walk-in sites.

Q2: Data source used by the Alliance was R-client, a software designed specifically for use by DV/SA services agencies and HMIS APR (10/1/20 – 9/30/21).

Q3: Barrier to meeting client needs is lack of available emergency and TH beds. Clients requesting services when shelter is full are provided short motel stays until a bed becomes available; or referred to out-of-area safe emergency or TH shelter and transportation is provided.

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

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

Applicant Name
Alliance Against ...

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

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

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant applying for one or more New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects included on your CoC's FY 2022 Priority Listing:

1.	Applicant Name	Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault
2.	Project Name	Delano TH and PH-RRH Project
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	14
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	C1TSYKEMS6M8
5.	Amount Requested	\$818,898
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors—Percentage	88%
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors—Percentage	100%

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

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

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

(limit 1,500 characters)

Q1. How the applicant calculated Housing placement rate: Applicant added the percentage of clients who exited the Bakersfield TH Project to the percentage of clients who exited the Delano TH Project, into permanent housing; divided the percentages total by 2 to get average of total percentage of clients who exited to permanent housing. (Bakersfield 97.30%; Delano 78% = $175.30\%/2 = 87.65\%$)

Housing retention rate: divided the total number of clients who exited to permanent housing from the Bakersfield and Delano TH Projects by the number of clients who returned to the TH Project within the same funding period, minus 100. (Bakersfield = 36, Delano 39 = 75; returns = 0 = 100% retention rate).

Q2: The above rates account for exits to Permanent Housing destinations, only.

Q3. Data sources used were R-client, a data software designed specifically for use by DV/SA service provider and HMIS APR (10/1/20 thru 9/30/21).

4A-3c.	Applicant Experience in Providing Housing to DV Survivor for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Q1. Victims entering Alliance TH programs (Bakersfield/Delano) complete an intake process with a Case Manager to identify client needs and services. Referrals are made to other in-house programs and community service agencies, as needed. Individuals/families in need of housing are referred to the shelter's on-site Housing Specialist who performs a more extensive interview to identify specific services and resources/documentation required for client to attain permanent housing. Safety planning and goal setting is developed to aid the process and identify any barriers that need to be resolved in order to secure housing. Through this process clients are also assessed for severity of need using VI-SPDAT and placed on the local Housing Authority's housing list based on their score.

Q2. Alliance utilizes the Coordinated Entry System and VI-SPADT in prioritizing clients for placement on the Housing Authority's housing list and for housing vouchers.

Q3. During the TH Program entry process, Shelter Case Managers meet with the client and complete an Intake to assess their needs and appropriateness for the program. During this process, referrals are made to other in-house services or community services, as needed. All client services are based on client's own determination of their needs and a Safety Plan and Goals are established in accordance with the client's requests. Participation in services is not required to receive Shelter.

Q4. Case Managers connect clients to other Alliance services: therapy/group counseling, TRO workshops, Housing/Employment searches and placement and provide referrals to other community resources as needed. Transportation is available via agency vehicle, bus passes and taxi fares if the client does not have own transportation.

Q5. After a client has been matched to permanent housing, client is provided assistance at-move-in, with housing items, such as, furnishings, bedding, kitchen ware, small appliances and food baskets. Client is provided up-to 6-months Aftercare services through monthly visits in person or by phone. Emergency support for food, rent and utilities is also provided to ensure continued housing stability.

4A-3d.	Applicant Experience in Ensuring DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:	
1.	taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;	
2.	making determinations and placements into safe housing;	
3.	keeping information and locations confidential;	
4.	training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and	
5.	taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Crisis Hotline staff conversations with victim callers are conducted in a private area. Shelter Case Managers conduct the client Intake process in a private office. Victim walk-ins at the Family Justice Center meet with a Case Manager in a private interview room. All staff are trained on state and federal confidentiality laws. Interviews are conducted in private with the victim only. Any accompanying family member, partner or friend is required to remain in the Client Waiting Room.
2. The Alliance Housing Specialist assists a client in the housing search process. This includes advocating with landlords, inspecting the housing facility for habitability, meeting safety needs. Clients are also educated on how to assess housing/location for personal safety.
3. Alliance operates secured, confidentially located Transitional Housing facilities in Bakersfield and Delano. Each facility is monitored 24-hrs a day by an independent security company. Outside cameras and lighting cover the perimeter of the facilities and client/staff parking lot. Security gates and walls surround the facilities. Entry is by staff only. All client information and files are maintained in locked file cabinets in a locked office. Only designed staff are permitted access to the client files.
4. Upon employment all staff are required to complete the certified 40-hour Domestic Violence training and the certified 40-hour Sexual Assault training before they are permitted to engage with clients. Confidentiality and federal and state laws are part of the training requirements. Staff are also provided information and procedures regarding client confidentiality and are required to maintain confidentiality during work hours and non-work hours. Breach of any client confidentiality can be grounds for termination.
5. The Alliance Bakersfield TH facility maintains breakaway bars on windows for family units, staff offices, common areas. Inside living/workspaces are well lighted to provide maximum safety for clients and staff. Outside common areas contain flood lights and cameras covering all four perimeters for nighttime viewing by staff on security monitors. Each year Alliance successfully passes its local City and County Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) site visits which include facility and program inspections for resident safety. The Delano TH facility also provide camera's on-site with 24-hour monitoring, a retaining wall, inside parking and security gate.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant Experience in Evaluating Their Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below how the project has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement during the course of the proposed project.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Alliance has operated DV Shelters since 1980 and has over 43 years' experience providing safe, secure temporary housing. Alliance evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of its DV survivors based on its lack of client injuries sustained while housed in its TH facilities, Safety Policies and Procedures, on-going maintenance of facilities to ensure safe operating conditions and client notification not to publish, disseminate or otherwise disclose the location of the DV shelter which is a misdemeanor under state Penal Code 273.

4A-3e.	Applicant Experience in Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

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

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

Q1. Alliance operates its services and programs using a trauma informed care approach. All staff receive Trauma Informed Care and DEI training. Program housing placement services are geared towards meeting the client where they're at and their level of readiness for change. Clients are encouraged to establish their own work plan and goals towards successfully obtaining their own same home. Case Managers meet with clients weekly to assess their needs and progress, and to provide assistance and support. Staff maintains a victim-centered approach towards service provision to ensure client choices and priorities are supported. Clients are not required to participate in services to receive emergency or TH shelter. All clients who have existed into permanent housing receive up to 6-months Aftercare Services and emergency assistance to ensure housing stability.

Q2 Alliance operates its TH projects based on 'low-barrier' Housing First approach to quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing without preconditions and barriers to entry. Shelter residents are not required to participate in and graduate from any short-term residential or treatment programs before obtaining permanent housing or demonstrate that they are "ready" for housing. All housing and service goals/plans are client-driven. Participation in shelter services or compliance with service plans are not conditions of housing assistance. Access to programs is not contingent on sobriety, minimum income requirements, completion of treatment, participation in services, or other unnecessary conditions. Shelter Programs do not reject an individual or family on the basis of poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, minor criminal convictions, or behaviors that are interpreted as indicating a lack of "housing readiness." All staff are trained in DEI to ensure equality and inclusion.

Q3 Alliance employs 6 full-time Licensed and Master's level, credentialed and licensed, therapists who provide 1:1 therapy and group counseling services. All counseling services focus on trauma and its effects on the individual. Therapists use a variety of theoretical frameworks and interventions designed to meet the client where they're at and to guide them in developing more positive coping strategies towards stabilization and recovery. All direct-client services staff are trained in the effects of trauma and how to recognize the signs and symptoms of it. As such, staff can offer participants information on trauma and refer them to other on-site services or provide information about other community resources, as needed.

Q4 All clients complete an assessment process with a therapist prior to receiving services. This enables the therapist to identify the client's readiness for group or individual counseling. Alliance therapists use a variety of theoretical interventions during the counseling process that focus on client's strengths and protective factors. Case Managers and Therapists utilize the ACE's study and Resiliency Questionnaire to identify traumas and how best to support the client. The main focus is to teach coping strategies in order for the client to return to pre-crisis functioning. Client groups are conducted using evidence-based curriculum which include client writing activities and study. Other tools such as videos, workbooks, study materials and writing assignments are geared towards building client strengths and goals accomplishment.

Q5 New staff are required to complete state trainings covering cultural competency, cultural responsiveness, sexuality & gender diversity, privilege and bias, equity and inclusion, non-discrimination laws, etc. Each year, staff are

also required to attend mandatory 8-hr. human relations trainings focusing on services and needs of the underserved, LGBTQ and disabled populations. This year all new hires are also required to complete a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training.

Q6 Staff connects clients to in-house services and/or other community resources via information and referrals. Counseling group sessions are held weekly in English and Spanish for Domestic Violence Awareness, Learning to Protect, Teen & Children's DV Awareness, Children's Art, Nurturing Parents, Life Skills and Job Readiness. Clients are referred to out-side resources for mentorships, peer-to-peer groups and spiritual needs, as requested.

Q7 Alliance conducts weekly Parenting Groups in English and Spanish for sheltered and non-sheltered parents. Groups include Nurturing Parents Group which is a nine-week program held every other week; Children's Social Learning Group (ages 3-6 yrs.) in which parents participate with their child; Children's Art Group (ages 5 yrs. and under) for children participating in the Alliance licensed childcare program.

4A-3f.	Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below examples of supportive services the project provided to domestic violence survivors while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs.

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Since 1980 Alliance Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing programs have met the needs of DV survivors through a variety of supportive services designed to promote client self-sufficiency and long-term stability while ensuring their safety. Services include:

- Alliance 24-hour Crisis Hotline for victims in need of emergency shelter or program services.
- Food, clothing, and shelter in a confidentially located, secured facility
- Individualized case management with goal setting, assistance in obtaining cash/non/cash benefits, victim compensation, medical/dental benefits/services, safety planning
- Individual counseling services for client stabilization and healing, education in the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault, and healthy vs. unhealthy relationships to break the cycle of violence
- Group counseling services that help build self-esteem and confidence through peer support
- Life skills training, e.g., health and hygiene, parenting classes, money management, checking account, food price comparison and household budgeting
- Job skills training, education, and employment searches to enhance employment opportunities, and placement
- Housing searches and placement; financial support for rental and utility deposits, emergency food, rent and utilities to maintain housing stability.
- Employment assistance with job searches, job skills training, education advancement through GED or college classes, resume development, work attire.
- Access to homeless court to remove legal barriers to employment or housing provided by the Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, LLC.
- Protective and child custody orders for protection from the abuser upon exiting the Shelter with the assistance of Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance and the Kern County District Attorney's office.
- Victim Compensation with the assistance of the Kern DA's Office, Victim Witness Service Dept.
- Information and referrals to community services for substance abuse services
- Housing
 - oHousing Vouchers through the Housing Authority of the County of Kern
- Alliance Licensed Childcare Program for children ages 0 to 5-years-old who reside at its Shelters.
- Transportation to off-site services, such as DMV for licenses and ID cards, for court hearings, and to access other community resources

4A-3g.	Plan for Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(e)	

Provide examples in the field below of how the new project will:

1.	prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;
2.	establish and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
3.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;

4.	emphasize program participants' strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans works towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
5.	center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
6.	provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
7.	offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

Q1 Alliance staffs a Housing Specialists and Employment Specialists to assist clients with housing placement and provide follow-up Aftercare services in Bakersfield. The New Project priority is to ensure client's participation and choice in housing preferences and accompany clients on housing searches and advocate on behalf of client with landlords for housing placement; bring additional services such as Aftercare and housing financial assistance to victims living in the Delano community and TH Shelter; and establish a walk-in center where victims in temporary housing situations have access to housing assistance, financial support and other supportive services to obtain their own permanent housing. Currently, only victims in the Delano shelter have access to DV services. The new Project will also provide services for non-sheltered victims who currently must travel 1-2 hours round-trip to receive walk-in housing services in Bakersfield, which is not feasible for many victims living in Delano.

Q2 Alliance already operates under existing TH Project Policies and Procedures designed with a Housing First, 'low barrier' approach to client service provision and the New Project will continue this process. All housing and service goals/plans are client-driven; and clients are not required to participate in services/programs to receive TH shelter. Current TH staff are representative of the culture and ethnic makeup of the population in the community – lending to a greater understanding, mutual respect and equality among TH shelter staff and clients.

Q3 New program staff will attend mandatory Certified 40-hr Domestic Violence Training and Certified 40-hour Sexual Assault training prior to providing any direct-client services. All New Project direct-client services staff will be trained in the effects of trauma and how to recognize the signs and symptoms of it. As a member of the Kern County Medically Vulnerable Care Coordination Project – TIC Committee, Alliance employees have attended annual trainings and have integrated trauma-informed care into their everyday work with clients and staff. As such, all New Project staff will attend TIC trainings and be able to offer TH clients information on trauma and refer them to other on-site services or provide information about other community resources, as needed.

Q4 The New Project will continue to use the variety of interventions and tools currently being used at the TH Shelter in Bakersfield and Delano. Tools focus on client strengths, motivation, protective factors and coping strategies designed to return clients to pre-crisis functioning. The ACE Resilience Questionnaire is used to identify traumas and how best to support the client. Therapists identify client's readiness for counseling through an extensive assessment process and utilize a Pediatric Symptoms Checklist for children ages 17 yrs. and under to determine level of risk of harm or danger. These tools assist staff with case planning and which strengths based therapeutic interventions to use towards assist clients attain success and achieve their goals. All New Project new staff will be trained in use of strengths-based tools and coaching.

Q5 New Project staff will be required to complete state trainings covering cultural competency, cultural responsiveness, sexuality & gender diversity, privilege and bias, equity and inclusion, and adhere to non-discrimination laws. All new staff are required to attend DEI training. Additionally, each year, existing TH staff are required to attend mandatory 8-hr. human relations trainings focusing on services and needs of the underserved, LGBTQ and disabled populations.

Q6 The New Project will continue to connect existing TH clients to in-house services and/or other community resources via information and referrals. Counseling group sessions are held weekly in English and Spanish for Domestic Violence Awareness, Learning to Protect, Teen & Children's DV

Awareness, Children's Art, Nurturing Parents, Life Skills and Job Readiness. Clients are referred to out-side resources for mentorships, peer-to-peer groups and spiritual needs, as requested.

Q7 The Alliance TH Shelters in Bakersfield and Delano already conduct weekly Parenting Groups in English and Spanish for sheltered and non-sheltered parents. Groups include Nurturing Parents Group which is a nine-week program held every other week; Children's Social Learning Group (ages 3-6 yrs.) in which parents participate with their child; Children's Art Group (ages 5 yrs. and under) for children participating in the Alliance licensed childcare program. These program services will continue to be provided in the New Project.

4A-3h.	Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development of New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(f)	

Describe in the field below how the new project(s) will involve survivors with a range of lived expertise in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The new project anticipates implementing a Survivor Advisory Board. This board will allow survivors who have completed our program to participate in monthly meetings with designated employees and discuss the challenges and barriers they struggled with while going through our program. The focus would be to allow those with lived experience to strategize and find solutions to better improve our wrap-around services and client care. This board would also provide feedback and solutions to improve Aftercare Services.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

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

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	PHA Homeless Pref...	09/21/2022
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	PHA Moving on Pre...	09/21/2022
1E-1. Local Competition Deadline	Yes	1E-1. Local Compe...	09/23/2022
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/23/2022
1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application	Yes	Scored Renewal Pr...	09/26/2022
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/22/2022
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/22/2022
1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects	Yes	1E-5b Final Proje...	09/23/2022
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	Housing Leveragin...	09/26/2022

3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Healthcare Formal...	09/26/2022
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		

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Submission Summary

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

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1C-7 Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area – New
Admissions – General/Limited Preference

PHA Homeless Preference

2A. PUBLIC NOTICE TO LOWER-INCOME FAMILIES

HACK shall make known to the public, through publication in newspapers of general circulation as well as through minority media and other means which will most likely attract the type of applicants who may be under-represented in the program, the availability and nature of housing assistance for lower-income families. HACK shall inform everyone responding to such notices including those who may be applicants on waiting lists for public housing that:

1. They must apply specifically for the Section 8 Program being advertised;
2. That they will not lose their place on any public-housing waiting list should they also apply for a Section 8 Program;
3. That they have the right to have their name placed on any waiting list which is open.

The notice will include the Fair Housing logo and slogan and otherwise be in compliance with Fair Housing requirements.

2B. RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

HACK will publish notices as prescribed above at weekly intervals for thirty (30) days prior to the acceptance period. The notice will state the opening and closing dates for acceptance of applications. Due to the demand for Section 8 assistance in HACK's jurisdiction, HACK may take applications on an open-enrollment basis, depending on the length of the waiting list.

Initial applications will be accepted by the Agency using the following method:

All applications will be accepted through an online portal during the time and dates specified on the notice. Assistance will be provided upon request by telephone. Incomplete applications will be rejected by sending an email to the email provided on the application.

Applications received before or after the application period, as designated in the notice, shall be rejected by sending a rejection email to the email used on the application. Hand carried applications will not be accepted.

Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria based on the information contained in the application will be contacted by letter or phone for an in-person interview to complete the application process when their name reaches the top of the list. Applicants who do not appear to be eligible based on the information provided may be placed on the waiting list pending final eligibility determination when their name comes to the top.

Participants must request HACK approval to add new family members to the assisted household. Applications for new family members **under 18** years of age will be submitted to and processed by the Section 8 Housing Specialist. Applications for new family members 18 years of age or older will be submitted to and processed by the Applications Department. Criminal background checks will be run for any newly requested family member 18 years of age or older.

Persons with disabilities who require a reasonable accommodation in completing an application may call HACK to make special arrangements to complete their application. A Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) is available for the deaf. The TDD telephone number is **631-1047**.

2C. PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS

1. An appointment letter will be mailed to applicants confirming the date, time, and place where their formal application will be completed. Applicants will be instructed to bring information regarding income from all sources, assets, medical bills and prescription receipts if currently being paid, as well as any other documentation necessary to assist in determining their eligibility for assistance. Failure to attend will result in a second and final appointment letter. Failure to contact HACK's Application Office to reschedule the second appointment, except in cases of extreme emergency, shall result in the withdrawal of the application. Applicants whose applications are withdrawn will be notified by mailing a notice to the last known address. Withdrawn applications will be retained for three (3) years and then discarded.
2. In completing the Application for Admission, information submitted by each applicant will be verified to insure its accuracy and completeness. All applicants will be required to disclose all past criminal (arrests, convictions, citations) history. Verification of criminal history for a minimum of the past ten (10) years will be obtained through criminal background checks completed by the Investigations Department for every adult household member 18 years of age or older. Failure to accurately or completely disclose past criminal history will result in denial of the application for housing assistance.

Verification of information provided is necessary in order to avoid incorrect determinations of eligibility, preference status, size of dwelling and amounts of Total Tenant Payment (TTP).

3. Verification of income or circumstances affecting the calculation of TTP shall be made by oral or written contact with a third party such as an employer or public agency, or other source that can reliably verify the statements of the applicant. If such contacts are made in the form of written inquiries, the inquiry will include a statement of the

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purpose of the inquiry and a statement signed by the applicant to permit the source to release the requested information. To assure valid results, written inquiries shall be mailed. Oral contacts will be documented with a written verification. Reports may also be generated by a request from HACK or automatically by another government agency, (i.e. Social Security Administration).

4. A review of documents furnished by the applicant may be substituted in lieu of the third-party verification format outlined in 3 above. However, this method shall only be used to:
 - a. Update an earlier third-party verification.
 - b. Provide the basis for a tentative determination of income, prior to the receipt of third-party verifications, before a final determination is made.
 - c. Confirm the applicant's statements when the source of income cannot or will not provide the required verification. In these cases, the applicant will be required to sign an affidavit.

2D. APPLICANT FILES AND RECORD KEEPING

An applicant's file shall contain complete and accurate records consisting of, but not limited to, the following:

1. Letters and other statements from employers and other pertinent sources giving authoritative information concerning all items and amounts of income and deductions.
2. Photo static or carbon copies of documents in the applicant's possession which substantiate their statements, or a brief summary of the pertinent contents of such documents, signed and dated by the staff member who reviewed them.
3. Memoranda of verification data obtained by personal interview, telephone, or other means, with source name, date of contact and name of person receiving information clearly indicated.
4. A photocopy of each document (or the original if released by the person submitting the document), and a signed verification consent form, shall be retained by HACK. However, a photocopy need not be made or retained of any document bearing an identifying serial number. Other necessary identifying information is duplicated and retained in such manner as shall be prescribed by HUD.
5. Proof of any conditions for which a preference, as defined in this chapter, is claimed

by an applicant.

6. Social Security Number/Eligible Immigration status information as required by HUD regulations.

2E. SUMMARY OF VERIFICATION DATA

HACK will verify information related to waiting list preferences, eligibility, admission and level of benefits prior to admission.

1. Verification data will be reviewed and evaluated as received for completeness, accuracy and conclusiveness. Where the information received is not complete in all respects, follow-ups or new efforts to obtain such information will be made and carried through to conclusion. If, during the verification process, it becomes evident that for one or more reasons an applicant is ineligible, the investigation will be discontinued and the applicant notified, in writing, of their ineligibility and reasons thereof.
2. As verification of all necessary items for each application is completed, a summary of the verified information will be prepared and placed in the applicant's file. The summary will cover the following determinations and the basis for such determinations:
 - a. Eligibility of the applicant as a family and their legal residency status.
 - b. Eligibility of the family with respect to income limits for participation.
 - c. Preference status of the family.
 - d. Bedroom size of the voucher to be issued to the family.
 - e. Rent which the family will pay.
3. When third party verification cannot be obtained, HACK will accept documentation received from the applicant/participant. Hand-carried documentation will be accepted if HACK has been unable to obtain third party verification in a maximum four-week period of time. Photocopies of the documents provided by the family will be maintained in the file.

When neither third-party verification nor hand-carried verification can be obtained, HACK will accept a notarized statement or affidavit signed by the head, spouse, or co-head. Such documents will be maintained in the file.

2F. VERIFICATION OF CITIZENSHIP OR ELIGIBLE NON-CITIZEN STATUS

The citizenship/eligible non-citizen status of each family member regardless of age must be determined. For each family member, citizenship/eligible non-citizen status will be verified only once. This verification will be obtained prior to admission. If the status of any family member was not determined prior to admission, verification of their status will be obtained at the next regular reexamination. Prior to a new member joining the family, their status will be verified.

1. Prior to being admitted, all citizens and nationals will be required to sign a declaration regarding citizenship or immigration status, under penalty of perjury. (They will be required to show proof of their status by such means as Social Security card, birth certificate, military ID or military DD214 form.)
2. Prior to being admitted or at the first reexamination, all eligible non-citizens must sign a declaration of their status and a verification consent form and provide their original INS documentation. HACK will make a copy of the individual's INS documentation and place the copy in the file. HACK will also verify their status through the INS SAVE system. If the INS SAVE system cannot confirm eligibility, HACK will mail information to the INS so a manual check can be made of INS records. All eligible non-citizens who are 62 years of age or older, will be required to show proof of age.
3. Family members who do not claim to be citizens, nationals or eligible non-citizens, or whose status cannot be confirmed, must be listed on a statement of non-eligible members and the list must be signed by the head of household. Any family member who does not choose to declare their status must be listed on the statement of non-eligible members.
4. Non-citizen students on visas, though in the country legally, are not eligible to be admitted to the Section 8 Program.
5. If no family member is determined to be eligible under this Section, the family's admission will be denied.

The family's assistance will not be denied, delayed, reduced or terminated because of a delay in the process of determining eligible status under this Section, except to the extent that the delay is caused by the family.

If HACK determines that a family member has knowingly permitted an ineligible non-citizen other than any ineligible unit, the family's assistance will be terminated. Such family will not be eligible to be readmitted to Section 8 for a period of 36 months from the date of termination.

2G. MAINTAINING AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WAITING LIST

HACK maintains a Community Wide Waiting List (CWWL) for the Section 8 Program. Applications are accepted during open periods only. The PHA must give the public notice by publication in a local newspaper of general circulation, and also by minority media and other suitable means. The notice must comply with HUD fair housing requirements.

All applications shall be numbered and show the date and time received. Applicants may be selected from the waiting list either according to the date and time of application, or by a random selection. The waiting list of active applications shall be kept current by requiring each applicant to inform the Applications Office at least once every three hundred sixty- f i v e (365) days of continued interest in receiving housing assistance.

Notations of contact dates and of the applicant's continued interest are to be made a part of the application record. Each eligible family's name and pre-application (or application) number shall be placed on the waiting list and on all appropriate control records. These control records shall be maintained per HUD criteria for eligibility.

If there are two or more eligible applicant families with identical preference, the date and time sequence shall govern selection. Applications will be placed on the list in the order accepted. HACK may admit an applicant family for participation in the program either as a Waiting List admission or a Special admission. If HUD approves or awards funding that is targeted for families with specific characteristics or families living in specific units, HACK will use the assistance for those families.

NOTE: The Waiting List cannot be maintained by bedroom size under current HUD regulation.

2H. VERIFICATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

Prior to admission, each family member who has a Social Security Number and who is at least six years of age must provide verification of his or her Social Security Number. New family members at least six years of age must provide this verification prior to being added to the lease. Children in assisted households must provide this verification at the first regular reexamination after turning six. If a child under the age of 6 was added to the assistance applicant household within the 6-month period prior to the household's date of admission or from the date of voucher issuance, the assistance applicant may become a participant, so long as verification of his or her Social Security Number is received within 90 day calendar days from the date of admission into the program.

The best verification of the Social Security Number is the original Social Security card. If the card is not available, HACK will accept letters from Social Security that establish and state the number. Documentation from other governmental agencies will also be accepted that

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establish and state the number. Driver's license, military ID, passports, or other official documents that establish and state the number may also be acceptable.

If a member of an applicant family indicates they have a Social Security Number, but cannot readily verify it, the family cannot be assisted until verification is provided.

If a member of a participant family indicates they have a Social Security Number, but cannot readily verify it, they shall be asked to certify to this fact and shall have up to 60 days to provide the verification. If the individual is at least 62 years of age, they will be given 120 days to provide the verification. If the individual is a child under 6 and was added to the assistance applicant household within the 6-month period prior to the household's date of program admission, HACK may grant a single 90 day extension if it is determined that the applicant's failure to comply was due to circumstances that could not reasonably have been foreseen and were outside the control of the applicant. If the individual fails to provide the verification within the time allowed, the family will be denied assistance or will have their assistance terminated.

2I. TIMING OF VERIFICATION

Verification must be dated within 60 days of issuance of voucher or 120 days prior to the effective date of reexamination. If the verification is older than this, the source will be contacted and asked to provide information regarding any changes.

When an interim reexamination is conducted for a change in household income or household composition, HACK will verify and update all household income and household elements.

2J. HACK PREFERENCES

An applicant may claim qualification for a HACK preference by certifying to HACK that the family qualifies for a HACK preference. HACK must accept the certification at the time of application, but before admitting an applicant on the basis of a local preference, HACK will require the applicant to provide sufficient information to allow HACK to verify that the applicant qualifies for the claimed preference because of the applicant's current status.

Applicants will qualify for the HACK preference(s) to the extent that their status is verified in accordance with the following requirements which are consistent with the HUD regulation and Fair Housing Laws and according to HACK preferences in effect at the time of admission to the program:

In accordance with the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013: Implementation in HUD Housing Programs section 5.2005 (e)(6) victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking will be given preference when approved for an emergency transfer. For more information on emergency transfers, please reference the Emergency Transfer Plan

in appendix IX.

1. Involuntarily Displaced

If the applicant has been involuntarily displaced or is within 90 days of the date of the involuntary displacement and is not living in standard, permanent replacement housing or within no more than 90 days (or as approved by the Executive Director or designee) for the date of any PHA verification, the applicant will be considered to be involuntarily displaced. Examples of Involuntary Displacement include:

a. Natural Disaster(s)

For applicants claiming displacement as a result of a natural disaster, such as fire, flood, earthquake or other catastrophe formally recognized pursuant to Federal Disaster Relief Laws which causes the housing to be uninhabitable, HACK will require a third-party written verification from a unit or agency of government certifying that the applicant has been displaced or will be displaced within the

next 90 days. HACK will ask the verifying agency to state the cause of disaster, if known, for the purposes of verifying eligibility.

b. Governmental Action

For applicants claiming displacement resulting from code enforcement or a public improvement or development program carried on by a governmental agency, HACK will require a third-party verification from the appropriate unit or agency of government certifying that the applicant has been moved or will be moving in the next 90 days, as a result of code enforcement or a public improvement or development program.

c. Avoiding Reprisals

For applicants claiming displacement resulting from the recommendation of a law enforcement agency to avoid or to minimize a risk of violence against family members, HACK will require a third-party verification from the appropriate agency certifying that the applicant has been moved or will be moving within the next 90 days as a result of a threat to the family. HACK will establish safe-guards to conceal the identity of families requiring protection against such reprisals.

d. Hate Crimes

For applicants claiming displacement because one or more members of the applicant's family have been victims of one or more hate crimes, and the family has vacated their housing, HACK will require a third-party verification from the appropriate governmental agency certifying that the applicant has moved, or will be moving, as a result of a hate crime which:

- i. Constitute actual or threatened physical violence or intimidation directed against them or their property, based on race, ethnicity, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status.
- ii. The hate crime occurred recently or is of a continuing nature.

HACK will establish safeguards to conceal the identity of families requiring protection against such crimes.

e. HUD Disposition

For applicants claiming displacement because of a HUD disposition of a multifamily project (including rental housing under Section 203 of the Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1978), HACK will require a third-party written verification from the appropriate governmental agency certifying the applicant has moved or will be moving because of the disposition.

f. Displaced Residents of Public Housing

Residents of HACK's Low-Income Public Housing who are required to move and who cannot be placed in another public housing unit.

2. Residency Preference

Will be provided to those families who live, work or have been hired to work in Kern County. Applicants must provide proof of residency, employment in Kern County, or a valid job offer to qualify.

3. Veteran or Serviceman

Veteran or Serviceman households not eligible for Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing or Veterans Administration funded permanent housing will be given priority within each preference category.

4. Homeless Families

For homeless families (this includes individuals and family households) HACK has set aside up to 50% of the vouchers issued each calendar year in the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) to make rental assistance available under this preference. Families who qualify move ahead of other families on the wait list who do not qualify for any preference.

Criteria for eligible applicants, include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Applicants certified to meet the HUD definition of homeless at the time of application; and
- b. Not eligible for HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) or other Housing Authority funded Permanent Supportive Housing programs due to availability or program requirements; and
- c. Applicants will be prioritized based on the use of a CoC approved service prioritization decision assessment tool and matched to the program through the Homeless Collaborative's Coordinated Entry System; and
- d. Receive Case Management from a Kern County Homeless Collaborative member agency who has committed to the following:
 - i. Provide available resources to assist families such as housing search counseling, job search assistance, benefit acquisition, moving expenses, security deposits and utility deposits.
 - ii. Provide on-going case management services for a minimum of 24 months after families are housed.
- f. Previously homeless families who were assisted in a permanent supportive housing program (PSH) administered by HACK and have demonstrated their ability and willingness to transition to "mainstream vouchers" may be housed through this set aside in the Housing Choice Voucher program. Criteria for eligible participants include, but are not limited to the following:
 - i. The family must meet all Housing Choice Voucher eligibility criteria. Note that since the participant is transferring to the Housing Choice Voucher program from a PSH program and is not a new participant within our agency, a review of criminal background will be limited. Criminal background reviews will include:
 - Determine if each household member is subject to a lifetime sex offender registration;

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- Determine if any household member has been convicted of the manufacture of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing;
 - and recent criminal histories since participating in the PSH program.
- ii. The family must continue to partner with a supportive service agency.
 - iii. Must have successfully participated in the PSH program
 - iv. Must have a recommendation from their service provider for the move to the Housing Choice Voucher program.

5. Homeless Youth

For homeless youth, HACK has set aside a maximum of 25 vouchers in the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Youth who qualify move ahead of other families on the wait list who do not qualify for a preference.

Criteria for eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Applicants certified to meet the HUD definition of homeless at the time of application; and
- b. Age 18-24 at the time of application; and
- c. Not eligible for HUD Continuum of Care or other Housing Authority funded Permanent Supportive Housing programs due to availability or program requirements; and
- d. Not eligible for AB12 extended foster care benefits, THP+ benefits or other similar Transition Age Youth financial support programs; and
- e. Referred by the Kern County Network for Children who commits, either directly or through a partner agency, to provide the following:
 - i. Provide available resources to assist homeless youth such as housing search counseling, job search assistance, benefit acquisition, and moving assistance.
 - ii. Provide on-going case management services for a minimum of 24 months after youth are housed.

6. Non-Elderly Persons with Disabilities

This preference is specific to persons with disabilities who are transitioning out of institutional and other segregated settings, at serious risk of institutionalization, or who are homeless.

Criteria for eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Non-elderly persons with disabilities must be at least 18 years of age and less than 62 years of age.
- b. Must be at transitioning out of institutional and other segregated settings, at serious risk of institutionalization, or homeless as defined by HUD.
- c. Must receive case management services from a partnering agency who has committed to the following:
 - iii. Provide available resources to assist families such as housing search counseling, job search assistance, benefit acquisition, moving expenses, security deposits and utility deposits.
- d. The eligible household member does not need to be the head of household.
- e. Non-elderly persons with disabilities who turn 62 after receiving their voucher will not lose assistance.

7. Family Unification

Youth participants of the Family Unification Program whose 18-month term has expired by statute.

- 8. All other applicants who do not meet the definition in the other preference categories. An applicant or any member of the applicant's family who has been previously evicted from any assisted housing programs under the U.S. Housing Act because of drug- related or violent criminal activity may not be given any tenant selection preference for three (3) years from the date of that eviction.

HACK may waive drug-related restrictions *for* a particular applicant if it has been determined that the evicted person:

- a. Has successfully completed a rehabilitation program approved by HACK. Programs which have been certified by an appropriate state agency and/or the Kern County Department of Mental Health will meet this requirement;

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- b. Clearly did not participate in, or know about, the drug-related criminal activity; or
- c. No longer participates in any drug- related criminal activity; or
- d. The offending family member no longer resides in the home. A family member sentenced to fewer than twelve months in a penal institution does not meet this test.

2K. SELECTION FROM THE WAITING LIST

The date and time of application will be utilized to determine the sequence within the preference categories.

Notwithstanding the above, if necessary, to meet the statutory requirement that 75% of newly admitted families in any fiscal year be families who are extremely low-income, HACK retains the right to skip higher income families on the waiting list to reach extremely low-income families. This measure will only be taken if it appears the goal will not otherwise be met. To ensure this goal is met, HACK will monitor incomes of newly admitted families and the income of the families on the waiting list.

If there are not enough extremely low-income families on the waiting list, HACK will conduct outreach on a non-discriminatory basis to attract extremely low-income families to reach the statutory requirement.

2L. FAMILIES NEAR THE TOP OF THE WAITING LIST

When a family appears to be within 2 months of being offered assistance, the family will be invited to an interview, the family's waiting list preference will be verified, and the eligibility determination process will begin. If the family no longer qualifies to be near the top of the list, the family's name will be returned to the waiting list. HACK must notify the family in writing of this determination.

2M. RESTRICTION ON ASSISTANCE TO NON-CITIZENS

Per Federal regulations, financial assistance can be made available only to people who are United States citizens, nationals, or are in certain categories of eligible non-citizens.

Applicants and family members must certify that they are eligible citizens or provide proof of eligible immigration status.

2N. SUSPENSION OF APPLICATION TAKING AND PROCESSING

Applications will be accepted from all families apparently eligible for the issuance of a voucher.

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If there is insufficient funding to admit all eligible applicants to participate in the Section 8 Program, HACK may at any time suspend the acceptance or processing of new applications, or the addition of new listings to the waiting list. Said suspension will be publicly announced by publication of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation or by such other suitable means. The announcement will specify the effective date of the suspension. An identical method of announcement will be used prior to the resumption of the taking of applications. The decision to suspend the taking of applications shall be made jointly by the Executive Director and the Deputy Director.

20. RECHECKING VERIFIED FINDINGS PRIOR TO ISSUING A VOUCHER

Where a delay of sixty (60) or more days exists between the first determination of a family's eligibility and the time that a voucher may be issued, facts pertaining to eligibility shall be reviewed with the applicant. Any changes reported will be verified to determine their effect on the applicant's eligibility.

2P. NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

Those families found eligible, per HUD criteria and per the criteria set forth in this Plan, and for whom contract authority is available, shall be notified by letter or by telephone. An appointment will be scheduled for a briefing session, at which time vouchers shall be issued.

2Q. NOTIFICATION OF FAMILIES DETERMINED TO BE INELIGIBLE

If an applicant family is determined to be ineligible on the basis of income, family composition, drug or violent criminal activity, failure to disclose a past or current criminal record including arrests, convictions, and citations or being a current abuser of illegal substances (except as provided in HUD regulations) or for any other reason, the applicant shall be notified promptly by letter of the determination and the reasons thereof. The applicant shall be informed in the letter of his/her right to an informal review if requested, in writing, within ten (10) days of the date of the letter, to receive explanation of those reasons for his/her ineligibility and to provide any additional facts which may affect his/her eligibility. After the review, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the eligibility determination.

2R. MISSED APPOINTMENTS

HACK will allow the family to reschedule appointments for cause. Generally, no more than one opportunity will be given to reschedule without good cause, and no more than two opportunities for good cause. When a good cause exists, HACK will work closely with the family to find a more suitable time. Applicants will be notified of any determination and offered the right to an informal review before being removed from the waiting list.

2S. PURGING THE WAITING LIST

HACK will periodically update and purge its waiting list to ensure that the pool of applicants reasonably represents interested families. Purging also enables HACK to update the information regarding address, family composition, income category and preferences.

2T. REMOVAL OF APPLICANTS FROM THE WAITING LIST

HACK will not remove an applicant's name from the waiting list unless:

1. The applicant requests that the name be removed;
2. The applicant fails to respond to a written request for information: fails to declare their continued interest in the program or misses scheduled appointments; or
3. The applicant does not meet either the eligibility or screening criteria for the program.

2U. GROUNDS FOR DENIAL

HACK will deny assistance to applicants who:

1. Do not meet any one or more of the eligibility criteria;
2. Do not supply information or documentation required by the application process;
3. Fail to respond to a written request for information or a request to declare their continued interest in the program;
4. Fail to complete any aspect of the application or lease-up process;
5. Have a history of criminal activity, within the past three (3) years, by any household member involving crimes of physical violence against persons or property, and any other criminal activity including drug-related criminal activity that would adversely affect the health, safety, or well being of other tenants or staff, or cause damage to the property.
6. Have been convicted of drug related criminal activity (personal use/possession) within one (1) year of determination of eligibility. HACK may waive this requirement if:
 - a. The person demonstrates to HACK's satisfaction that the person is no longer engaging in drug-related criminal activity or abuse of alcohol;
 - b. The person has successfully completed a supervised drug or alcohol

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rehabilitation program;

- c. The person has otherwise been rehabilitated successfully; or
- d. The person is participating in a supervised drug or alcohol rehabilitation program.

- 7. Currently owes rent or other amounts to any housing authority in connection with the Public Housing or Section 8 Programs.
- 8. Have committed fraud, bribery, or any other corruption, within the past three (3) years in connection with any Federal housing assistance program, including the intentional misrepresentation of information related to their housing application or benefits derived there from;
- 9. Have a family member who was evicted from public housing within the last three years;
- 10. Have a family member who was convicted for, or evicted from assisted housing, due to drug-related criminal activity within three years of the projected date of admission, involving the illegal manufacture, sale, distribution, or possession with the intent to manufacture, sell, distribute a controlled substance as defined in Section 102, of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 802.
- 11. Have a family member who is illegally using a controlled substance or abuses alcohol in a way that may interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents.
- 12. Have engaged in or threatened abusive or violent behavior towards any HACK Housing staff or residents;
- 13. Have a family household member who has been terminated under the Voucher Program during the last three years;
- 14. Have a family member who has been convicted of manufacturing or producing methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing (Denied for life).
- 15. Have a family member with a lifetime registration under a State sex offender registration program (Denied for life).

2V. NOTIFICATION OF NEGATIVE ACTIONS

Any applicant whose name is being removed from the waiting list will be notified by HACK, in writing, that they have ten (10) business days, from the date of the written correspondence

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to request in writing to have an informal review. The letter will also indicate that their name will be removed from the waiting list if they fail to respond within the time frame specified.

HACK's system of removing applicants' names from the waiting list will not violate the rights of persons with disabilities. If an applicant's failure to respond to a request for information or updates was caused by the applicant's disability, HACK will provide a reasonable accommodation. HACK will obtain verification that there is in fact a disability and that the accommodation they are requesting is necessary based on the disability. An example of a reasonable accommodation would be to reinstate the applicant on the waiting list based on the date and time of the original application.

2W. INFORMAL REVIEW

If HACK determines that an applicant does not meet the criteria for receiving Section 8 assistance, HACK will promptly provide the applicant with written notice of the determination. The notice must contain a brief statement of the reason(s) for the decision, and state that the applicant may request in writing to have an informal review of the decision within 10 business days of the denial. HACK will describe how to obtain the informal review. The information review process is described later in this plan.

2X. CONFIDENTIALITY

Every effort shall be made to protect the individual applicant's/tenant's right to privacy. Information required in determining eligibility shall be held as confidential. Such information shall not be released to another person and/or agency without permission of the individual involved, except as required by law.

2Y. FRAUD

All participants in Section 8 Programs, which includes recipients, owners and HACK employees, will be informed that they must properly use government funds and comply with HUD regulations and guidelines.

Incidents of suspected fraud, willful misrepresentation, or intent to deceive are criminal acts and will be investigated. HACK will take any action warranted to ensure that incidents of fraud are prevented. Such action may include, but not be limited to, termination and/or prohibition from further participation in the program, in the case of owners and tenants, and termination of employment in the case of HACK employees. HACK may refer incidents for legal action, if appropriate.



1C-7 Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area Moving On Strategy

PHA Moving On Preference

2A. PUBLIC NOTICE TO LOWER-INCOME FAMILIES

HACK shall make known to the public, through publication in newspapers of general circulation as well as through minority media and other means which will most likely attract the type of applicants who may be under-represented in the program, the availability and nature of housing assistance for lower-income families. HACK shall inform everyone responding to such notices including those who may be applicants on waiting lists for public housing that:

1. They must apply specifically for the Section 8 Program being advertised;
2. That they will not lose their place on any public-housing waiting list should they also apply for a Section 8 Program;
3. That they have the right to have their name placed on any waiting list which is open.

The notice will include the Fair Housing logo and slogan and otherwise be in compliance with Fair Housing requirements.

2B. RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

HACK will publish notices as prescribed above at weekly intervals for thirty (30) days prior to the acceptance period. The notice will state the opening and closing dates for acceptance of applications. Due to the demand for Section 8 assistance in HACK's jurisdiction, HACK may take applications on an open-enrollment basis, depending on the length of the waiting list.

Initial applications will be accepted by the Agency using the following method:

All applications will be accepted through an online portal during the time and dates specified on the notice. Assistance will be provided upon request by telephone. Incomplete applications will be rejected by sending an email to the email provided on the application.

Applications received before or after the application period, as designated in the notice, shall be rejected by sending a rejection email to the email used on the application. Hand carried applications will not be accepted.

Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria based on the information contained in the application will be contacted by letter or phone for an in-person interview to complete the application process when their name reaches the top of the list. Applicants who do not appear to be eligible based on the information provided may be placed on the waiting list pending final eligibility determination when their name comes to the top.

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Participants must request HACK approval to add new family members to the assisted household. Applications for new family members **under 18** years of age will be submitted to and processed by the Section 8 Housing Specialist. Applications for new family members 18 years of age or older will be submitted to and processed by the Applications Department. Criminal background checks will be run for any newly requested family member 18 years of age or older.

Persons with disabilities who require a reasonable accommodation in completing an application may call HACK to make special arrangements to complete their application. A Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) is available for the deaf. The TDD telephone number is **631-1047**.

2C. PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS

1. An appointment letter will be mailed to applicants confirming the date, time, and place where their formal application will be completed. Applicants will be instructed to bring information regarding income from all sources, assets, medical bills and prescription receipts if currently being paid, as well as any other documentation necessary to assist in determining their eligibility for assistance. Failure to attend will result in a second and final appointment letter. Failure to contact HACK's Application Office to reschedule the second appointment, except in cases of extreme emergency, shall result in the withdrawal of the application. Applicants whose applications are withdrawn will be notified by mailing a notice to the last known address. Withdrawn applications will be retained for three (3) years and then discarded.
2. In completing the Application for Admission, information submitted by each applicant will be verified to insure its accuracy and completeness. All applicants will be required to disclose all past criminal (arrests, convictions, citations) history. Verification of criminal history for a minimum of the past ten (10) years will be obtained through criminal background checks completed by the Investigations Department for every adult household member 18 years of age or older. Failure to accurately or completely disclose past criminal history will result in denial of the application for housing assistance.

Verification of information provided is necessary in order to avoid incorrect determinations of eligibility, preference status, size of dwelling and amounts of Total Tenant Payment (TTP).

3. Verification of income or circumstances affecting the calculation of TTP shall be made by oral or written contact with a third party such as an employer or public agency, or other source that can reliably verify the statements of the applicant. If such contacts are made in the form of written inquiries, the inquiry will include a statement of the

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purpose of the inquiry and a statement signed by the applicant to permit the source to release the requested information. To assure valid results, written inquiries shall be mailed. Oral contacts will be documented with a written verification. Reports may also be generated by a request from HACK or automatically by another government agency, (i.e. Social Security Administration).

4. A review of documents furnished by the applicant may be substituted in lieu of the third-party verification format outlined in 3 above. However, this method shall only be used to:
 - a. Update an earlier third-party verification.
 - b. Provide the basis for a tentative determination of income, prior to the receipt of third-party verifications, before a final determination is made.
 - c. Confirm the applicant's statements when the source of income cannot or will not provide the required verification. In these cases, the applicant will be required to sign an affidavit.

2D. APPLICANT FILES AND RECORD KEEPING

An applicant's file shall contain complete and accurate records consisting of, but not limited to, the following:

1. Letters and other statements from employers and other pertinent sources giving authoritative information concerning all items and amounts of income and deductions.
2. Photo static or carbon copies of documents in the applicant's possession which substantiate their statements, or a brief summary of the pertinent contents of such documents, signed and dated by the staff member who reviewed them.
3. Memoranda of verification data obtained by personal interview, telephone, or other means, with source name, date of contact and name of person receiving information clearly indicated.
4. A photocopy of each document (or the original if released by the person submitting the document), and a signed verification consent form, shall be retained by HACK. However, a photocopy need not be made or retained of any document bearing an identifying serial number. Other necessary identifying information is duplicated and retained in such manner as shall be prescribed by HUD.
5. Proof of any conditions for which a preference, as defined in this chapter, is claimed

by an applicant.

6. Social Security Number/Eligible Immigration status information as required by HUD regulations.

2E. SUMMARY OF VERIFICATION DATA

HACK will verify information related to waiting list preferences, eligibility, admission and level of benefits prior to admission.

1. Verification data will be reviewed and evaluated as received for completeness, accuracy and conclusiveness. Where the information received is not complete in all respects, follow-ups or new efforts to obtain such information will be made and carried through to conclusion. If, during the verification process, it becomes evident that for one or more reasons an applicant is ineligible, the investigation will be discontinued and the applicant notified, in writing, of their ineligibility and reasons thereof.
2. As verification of all necessary items for each application is completed, a summary of the verified information will be prepared and placed in the applicant's file. The summary will cover the following determinations and the basis for such determinations:
 - a. Eligibility of the applicant as a family and their legal residency status.
 - b. Eligibility of the family with respect to income limits for participation.
 - c. Preference status of the family.
 - d. Bedroom size of the voucher to be issued to the family.
 - e. Rent which the family will pay.
3. When third party verification cannot be obtained, HACK will accept documentation received from the applicant/participant. Hand-carried documentation will be accepted if HACK has been unable to obtain third party verification in a maximum four-week period of time. Photocopies of the documents provided by the family will be maintained in the file.

When neither third-party verification nor hand-carried verification can be obtained, HACK will accept a notarized statement or affidavit signed by the head, spouse, or co-head. Such documents will be maintained in the file.

2F. VERIFICATION OF CITIZENSHIP OR ELIGIBLE NON-CITIZEN STATUS

The citizenship/eligible non-citizen status of each family member regardless of age must be determined. For each family member, citizenship/eligible non-citizen status will be verified only once. This verification will be obtained prior to admission. If the status of any family member was not determined prior to admission, verification of their status will be obtained at the next regular reexamination. Prior to a new member joining the family, their status will be verified.

1. Prior to being admitted, all citizens and nationals will be required to sign a declaration regarding citizenship or immigration status, under penalty of perjury. (They will be required to show proof of their status by such means as Social Security card, birth certificate, military ID or military DD214 form.)
2. Prior to being admitted or at the first reexamination, all eligible non-citizens must sign a declaration of their status and a verification consent form and provide their original INS documentation. HACK will make a copy of the individual's INS documentation and place the copy in the file. HACK will also verify their status through the INS SAVE system. If the INS SAVE system cannot confirm eligibility, HACK will mail information to the INS so a manual check can be made of INS records. All eligible non-citizens who are 62 years of age or older, will be required to show proof of age.
3. Family members who do not claim to be citizens, nationals or eligible non-citizens, or whose status cannot be confirmed, must be listed on a statement of non-eligible members and the list must be signed by the head of household. Any family member who does not choose to declare their status must be listed on the statement of non-eligible members.
4. Non-citizen students on visas, though in the country legally, are not eligible to be admitted to the Section 8 Program.
5. If no family member is determined to be eligible under this Section, the family's admission will be denied.

The family's assistance will not be denied, delayed, reduced or terminated because of a delay in the process of determining eligible status under this Section, except to the extent that the delay is caused by the family.

If HACK determines that a family member has knowingly permitted an ineligible non-citizen other than any ineligible unit, the family's assistance will be terminated. Such family will not be eligible to be readmitted to Section 8 for a period of 36 months from the date of termination.

2G. MAINTAINING AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WAITING LIST

HACK maintains a Community Wide Waiting List (CWWL) for the Section 8 Program. Applications are accepted during open periods only. The PHA must give the public notice by publication in a local newspaper of general circulation, and also by minority media and other suitable means. The notice must comply with HUD fair housing requirements.

All applications shall be numbered and show the date and time received. Applicants may be selected from the waiting list either according to the date and time of application, or by a random selection. The waiting list of active applications shall be kept current by requiring each applicant to inform the Applications Office at least once every three hundred sixty- f i v e (365) days of continued interest in receiving housing assistance.

Notations of contact dates and of the applicant's continued interest are to be made a part of the application record. Each eligible family's name and pre-application (or application) number shall be placed on the waiting list and on all appropriate control records. These control records shall be maintained per HUD criteria for eligibility.

If there are two or more eligible applicant families with identical preference, the date and time sequence shall govern selection. Applications will be placed on the list in the order accepted. HACK may admit an applicant family for participation in the program either as a Waiting List admission or a Special admission. If HUD approves or awards funding that is targeted for families with specific characteristics or families living in specific units, HACK will use the assistance for those families.

NOTE: The Waiting List cannot be maintained by bedroom size under current HUD regulation.

2H. VERIFICATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

Prior to admission, each family member who has a Social Security Number and who is at least six years of age must provide verification of his or her Social Security Number. New family members at least six years of age must provide this verification prior to being added to the lease. Children in assisted households must provide this verification at the first regular reexamination after turning six. If a child under the age of 6 was added to the assistance applicant household within the 6-month period prior to the household's date of admission or from the date of voucher issuance, the assistance applicant may become a participant, so long as verification of his or her Social Security Number is received within 90 day calendar days from the date of admission into the program.

The best verification of the Social Security Number is the original Social Security card. If the card is not available, HACK will accept letters from Social Security that establish and state the number. Documentation from other governmental agencies will also be accepted that

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establish and state the number. Driver's license, military ID, passports, or other official documents that establish and state the number may also be acceptable.

If a member of an applicant family indicates they have a Social Security Number, but cannot readily verify it, the family cannot be assisted until verification is provided.

If a member of a participant family indicates they have a Social Security Number, but cannot readily verify it, they shall be asked to certify to this fact and shall have up to 60 days to provide the verification. If the individual is at least 62 years of age, they will be given 120 days to provide the verification. If the individual is a child under 6 and was added to the assistance applicant household within the 6-month period prior to the household's date of program admission, HACK may grant a single 90 day extension if it is determined that the applicant's failure to comply was due to circumstances that could not reasonably have been foreseen and were outside the control of the applicant. If the individual fails to provide the verification within the time allowed, the family will be denied assistance or will have their assistance terminated.

2I. TIMING OF VERIFICATION

Verification must be dated within 60 days of issuance of voucher or 120 days prior to the effective date of reexamination. If the verification is older than this, the source will be contacted and asked to provide information regarding any changes.

When an interim reexamination is conducted for a change in household income or household composition, HACK will verify and update all household income and household elements.

2J. HACK PREFERENCES

An applicant may claim qualification for a HACK preference by certifying to HACK that the family qualifies for a HACK preference. HACK must accept the certification at the time of application, but before admitting an applicant on the basis of a local preference, HACK will require the applicant to provide sufficient information to allow HACK to verify that the applicant qualifies for the claimed preference because of the applicant's current status.

Applicants will qualify for the HACK preference(s) to the extent that their status is verified in accordance with the following requirements which are consistent with the HUD regulation and Fair Housing Laws and according to HACK preferences in effect at the time of admission to the program:

In accordance with the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013: Implementation in HUD Housing Programs section 5.2005 (e)(6) victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking will be given preference when approved for an emergency transfer. For more information on emergency transfers, please reference the Emergency Transfer Plan

in appendix IX.

1. Involuntarily Displaced

If the applicant has been involuntarily displaced or is within 90 days of the date of the involuntary displacement and is not living in standard, permanent replacement housing or within no more than 90 days (or as approved by the Executive Director or designee) for the date of any PHA verification, the applicant will be considered to be involuntarily displaced. Examples of Involuntary Displacement include:

a. Natural Disaster(s)

For applicants claiming displacement as a result of a natural disaster, such as fire, flood, earthquake or other catastrophe formally recognized pursuant to Federal Disaster Relief Laws which causes the housing to be uninhabitable, HACK will require a third-party written verification from a unit or agency of government certifying that the applicant has been displaced or will be displaced within the

next 90 days. HACK will ask the verifying agency to state the cause of disaster, if known, for the purposes of verifying eligibility.

b. Governmental Action

For applicants claiming displacement resulting from code enforcement or a public improvement or development program carried on by a governmental agency, HACK will require a third-party verification from the appropriate unit or agency of government certifying that the applicant has been moved or will be moving in the next 90 days, as a result of code enforcement or a public improvement or development program.

c. Avoiding Reprisals

For applicants claiming displacement resulting from the recommendation of a law enforcement agency to avoid or to minimize a risk of violence against family members, HACK will require a third-party verification from the appropriate agency certifying that the applicant has been moved or will be moving within the next 90 days as a result of a threat to the family. HACK will establish safe-guards to conceal the identity of families requiring protection against such reprisals.

d. Hate Crimes

For applicants claiming displacement because one or more members of the applicant's family have been victims of one or more hate crimes, and the family has vacated their housing, HACK will require a third-party verification from the appropriate governmental agency certifying that the applicant has moved, or will be moving, as a result of a hate crime which:

- i. Constitute actual or threatened physical violence or intimidation directed against them or their property, based on race, ethnicity, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status.
- ii. The hate crime occurred recently or is of a continuing nature.

HACK will establish safeguards to conceal the identity of families requiring protection against such crimes.

e. HUD Disposition

For applicants claiming displacement because of a HUD disposition of a multifamily project (including rental housing under Section 203 of the Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1978), HACK will require a third-party written verification from the appropriate governmental agency certifying the applicant has moved or will be moving because of the disposition.

f. Displaced Residents of Public Housing

Residents of HACK's Low-Income Public Housing who are required to move and who cannot be placed in another public housing unit.

2. Residency Preference

Will be provided to those families who live, work or have been hired to work in Kern County. Applicants must provide proof of residency, employment in Kern County, or a valid job offer to qualify.

3. Veteran or Serviceman

Veteran or Serviceman households not eligible for Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing or Veterans Administration funded permanent housing will be given priority within each preference category.

4. Homeless Families

For homeless families (this includes individuals and family households) HACK has set aside up to 50% of the vouchers issued each calendar year in the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) to make rental assistance available under this preference. Families who qualify move ahead of other families on the wait list who do not qualify for any preference.

Criteria for eligible applicants, include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Applicants certified to meet the HUD definition of homeless at the time of application; and
- b. Not eligible for HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) or other Housing Authority funded Permanent Supportive Housing programs due to availability or program requirements; and
- c. Applicants will be prioritized based on the use of a CoC approved service prioritization decision assessment tool and matched to the program through the Homeless Collaborative's Coordinated Entry System; and
- d. Receive Case Management from a Kern County Homeless Collaborative member agency who has committed to the following:
 - i. Provide available resources to assist families such as housing search counseling, job search assistance, benefit acquisition, moving expenses, security deposits and utility deposits.
 - ii. Provide on-going case management services for a minimum of 24 months after families are housed.
- f. Previously homeless families who were assisted in a permanent supportive housing program (PSH) administered by HACK and have demonstrated their ability and willingness to transition to "mainstream vouchers" may be housed through this set aside in the Housing Choice Voucher program. Criteria for eligible participants include, but are not limited to the following:
 - i. The family must meet all Housing Choice Voucher eligibility criteria. Note that since the participant is transferring to the Housing Choice Voucher program from a PSH program and is not a new participant within our agency, a review of criminal background will be limited. Criminal background reviews will include:
 - Determine if each household member is subject to a lifetime sex offender registration;

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- Determine if any household member has been convicted of the manufacture of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing;
 - and recent criminal histories since participating in the PSH program.
- ii. The family must continue to partner with a supportive service agency.
 - iii. Must have successfully participated in the PSH program
 - iv. Must have a recommendation from their service provider for the move to the Housing Choice Voucher program.

5. Homeless Youth

For homeless youth, HACK has set aside a maximum of 25 vouchers in the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Youth who qualify move ahead of other families on the wait list who do not qualify for a preference.

Criteria for eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Applicants certified to meet the HUD definition of homeless at the time of application; and
- b. Age 18-24 at the time of application; and
- c. Not eligible for HUD Continuum of Care or other Housing Authority funded Permanent Supportive Housing programs due to availability or program requirements; and
- d. Not eligible for AB12 extended foster care benefits, THP+ benefits or other similar Transition Age Youth financial support programs; and
- e. Referred by the Kern County Network for Children who commits, either directly or through a partner agency, to provide the following:
 - i. Provide available resources to assist homeless youth such as housing search counseling, job search assistance, benefit acquisition, and moving assistance.
 - ii. Provide on-going case management services for a minimum of 24 months after youth are housed.

6. Non-Elderly Persons with Disabilities

This preference is specific to persons with disabilities who are transitioning out of institutional and other segregated settings, at serious risk of institutionalization, or who are homeless.

Criteria for eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Non-elderly persons with disabilities must be at least 18 years of age and less than 62 years of age.
- b. Must be at transitioning out of institutional and other segregated settings, at serious risk of institutionalization, or homeless as defined by HUD.
- c. Must receive case management services from a partnering agency who has committed to the following:
 - iii. Provide available resources to assist families such as housing search counseling, job search assistance, benefit acquisition, moving expenses, security deposits and utility deposits.
- d. The eligible household member does not need to be the head of household.
- e. Non-elderly persons with disabilities who turn 62 after receiving their voucher will not lose assistance.

7. Family Unification

Youth participants of the Family Unification Program whose 18-month term has expired by statute.

- 8. All other applicants who do not meet the definition in the other preference categories. An applicant or any member of the applicant's family who has been previously evicted from any assisted housing programs under the U.S. Housing Act because of drug- related or violent criminal activity may not be given any tenant selection preference for three (3) years from the date of that eviction.

HACK may waive drug-related restrictions *for* a particular applicant if it has been determined that the evicted person:

- a. Has successfully completed a rehabilitation program approved by HACK. Programs which have been certified by an appropriate state agency and/or the Kern County Department of Mental Health will meet this requirement;

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- b. Clearly did not participate in, or know about, the drug-related criminal activity; or
- c. No longer participates in any drug- related criminal activity; or
- d. The offending family member no longer resides in the home. A family member sentenced to fewer than twelve months in a penal institution does not meet this test.

2K. SELECTION FROM THE WAITING LIST

The date and time of application will be utilized to determine the sequence within the preference categories.

Notwithstanding the above, if necessary, to meet the statutory requirement that 75% of newly admitted families in any fiscal year be families who are extremely low-income, HACK retains the right to skip higher income families on the waiting list to reach extremely low-income families. This measure will only be taken if it appears the goal will not otherwise be met. To ensure this goal is met, HACK will monitor incomes of newly admitted families and the income of the families on the waiting list.

If there are not enough extremely low-income families on the waiting list, HACK will conduct outreach on a non-discriminatory basis to attract extremely low-income families to reach the statutory requirement.

2L. FAMILIES NEAR THE TOP OF THE WAITING LIST

When a family appears to be within 2 months of being offered assistance, the family will be invited to an interview, the family's waiting list preference will be verified, and the eligibility determination process will begin. If the family no longer qualifies to be near the top of the list, the family's name will be returned to the waiting list. HACK must notify the family in writing of this determination.

2M. RESTRICTION ON ASSISTANCE TO NON-CITIZENS

Per Federal regulations, financial assistance can be made available only to people who are United States citizens, nationals, or are in certain categories of eligible non-citizens.

Applicants and family members must certify that they are eligible citizens or provide proof of eligible immigration status.

2N. SUSPENSION OF APPLICATION TAKING AND PROCESSING

Applications will be accepted from all families apparently eligible for the issuance of a voucher.

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If there is insufficient funding to admit all eligible applicants to participate in the Section 8 Program, HACK may at any time suspend the acceptance or processing of new applications, or the addition of new listings to the waiting list. Said suspension will be publicly announced by publication of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation or by such other suitable means. The announcement will specify the effective date of the suspension. An identical method of announcement will be used prior to the resumption of the taking of applications. The decision to suspend the taking of applications shall be made jointly by the Executive Director and the Deputy Director.

20. RECHECKING VERIFIED FINDINGS PRIOR TO ISSUING A VOUCHER

Where a delay of sixty (60) or more days exists between the first determination of a family's eligibility and the time that a voucher may be issued, facts pertaining to eligibility shall be reviewed with the applicant. Any changes reported will be verified to determine their effect on the applicant's eligibility.

2P. NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

Those families found eligible, per HUD criteria and per the criteria set forth in this Plan, and for whom contract authority is available, shall be notified by letter or by telephone. An appointment will be scheduled for a briefing session, at which time vouchers shall be issued.

2Q. NOTIFICATION OF FAMILIES DETERMINED TO BE INELIGIBLE

If an applicant family is determined to be ineligible on the basis of income, family composition, drug or violent criminal activity, failure to disclose a past or current criminal record including arrests, convictions, and citations or being a current abuser of illegal substances (except as provided in HUD regulations) or for any other reason, the applicant shall be notified promptly by letter of the determination and the reasons thereof. The applicant shall be informed in the letter of his/her right to an informal review if requested, in writing, within ten (10) days of the date of the letter, to receive explanation of those reasons for his/her ineligibility and to provide any additional facts which may affect his/her eligibility. After the review, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the eligibility determination.

2R. MISSED APPOINTMENTS

HACK will allow the family to reschedule appointments for cause. Generally, no more than one opportunity will be given to reschedule without good cause, and no more than two opportunities for good cause. When a good cause exists, HACK will work closely with the family to find a more suitable time. Applicants will be notified of any determination and offered the right to an informal review before being removed from the waiting list.

2S. PURGING THE WAITING LIST

HACK will periodically update and purge its waiting list to ensure that the pool of applicants reasonably represents interested families. Purging also enables HACK to update the information regarding address, family composition, income category and preferences.

2T. REMOVAL OF APPLICANTS FROM THE WAITING LIST

HACK will not remove an applicant's name from the waiting list unless:

1. The applicant requests that the name be removed;
2. The applicant fails to respond to a written request for information: fails to declare their continued interest in the program or misses scheduled appointments; or
3. The applicant does not meet either the eligibility or screening criteria for the program.

2U. GROUNDS FOR DENIAL

HACK will deny assistance to applicants who:

1. Do not meet any one or more of the eligibility criteria;
2. Do not supply information or documentation required by the application process;
3. Fail to respond to a written request for information or a request to declare their continued interest in the program;
4. Fail to complete any aspect of the application or lease-up process;
5. Have a history of criminal activity, within the past three (3) years, by any household member involving crimes of physical violence against persons or property, and any other criminal activity including drug-related criminal activity that would adversely affect the health, safety, or well being of other tenants or staff, or cause damage to the property.
6. Have been convicted of drug related criminal activity (personal use/possession) within one (1) year of determination of eligibility. HACK may waive this requirement if:
 - a. The person demonstrates to HACK's satisfaction that the person is no longer engaging in drug-related criminal activity or abuse of alcohol;
 - b. The person has successfully completed a supervised drug or alcohol

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rehabilitation program;

- c. The person has otherwise been rehabilitated successfully; or
- d. The person is participating in a supervised drug or alcohol rehabilitation program.

- 7. Currently owes rent or other amounts to any housing authority in connection with the Public Housing or Section 8 Programs.
- 8. Have committed fraud, bribery, or any other corruption, within the past three (3) years in connection with any Federal housing assistance program, including the intentional misrepresentation of information related to their housing application or benefits derived there from;
- 9. Have a family member who was evicted from public housing within the last three years;
- 10. Have a family member who was convicted for, or evicted from assisted housing, due to drug-related criminal activity within three years of the projected date of admission, involving the illegal manufacture, sale, distribution, or possession with the intent to manufacture, sell, distribute a controlled substance as defined in Section 102, of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 802.
- 11. Have a family member who is illegally using a controlled substance or abuses alcohol in a way that may interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents.
- 12. Have engaged in or threatened abusive or violent behavior towards any HACK Housing staff or residents;
- 13. Have a family household member who has been terminated under the Voucher Program during the last three years;
- 14. Have a family member who has been convicted of manufacturing or producing methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing (Denied for life).
- 15. Have a family member with a lifetime registration under a State sex offender registration program (Denied for life).

2V. NOTIFICATION OF NEGATIVE ACTIONS

Any applicant whose name is being removed from the waiting list will be notified by HACK, in writing, that they have ten (10) business days, from the date of the written correspondence

to request in writing to have an informal review. The letter will also indicate that their name will be removed from the waiting list if they fail to respond within the time frame specified.

HACK's system of removing applicants' names from the waiting list will not violate the rights of persons with disabilities. If an applicant's failure to respond to a request for information or updates was caused by the applicant's disability, HACK will provide a reasonable accommodation. HACK will obtain verification that there is in fact a disability and that the accommodation they are requesting is necessary based on the disability. An example of a reasonable accommodation would be to reinstate the applicant on the waiting list based on the date and time of the original application.

2W. INFORMAL REVIEW

If HACK determines that an applicant does not meet the criteria for receiving Section 8 assistance, HACK will promptly provide the applicant with written notice of the determination. The notice must contain a brief statement of the reason(s) for the decision, and state that the applicant may request in writing to have an informal review of the decision within 10 business days of the denial. HACK will describe how to obtain the informal review. The information review process is described later in this plan.

2X. CONFIDENTIALITY

Every effort shall be made to protect the individual applicant's/tenant's right to privacy. Information required in determining eligibility shall be held as confidential. Such information shall not be released to another person and/or agency without permission of the individual involved, except as required by law.

2Y. FRAUD

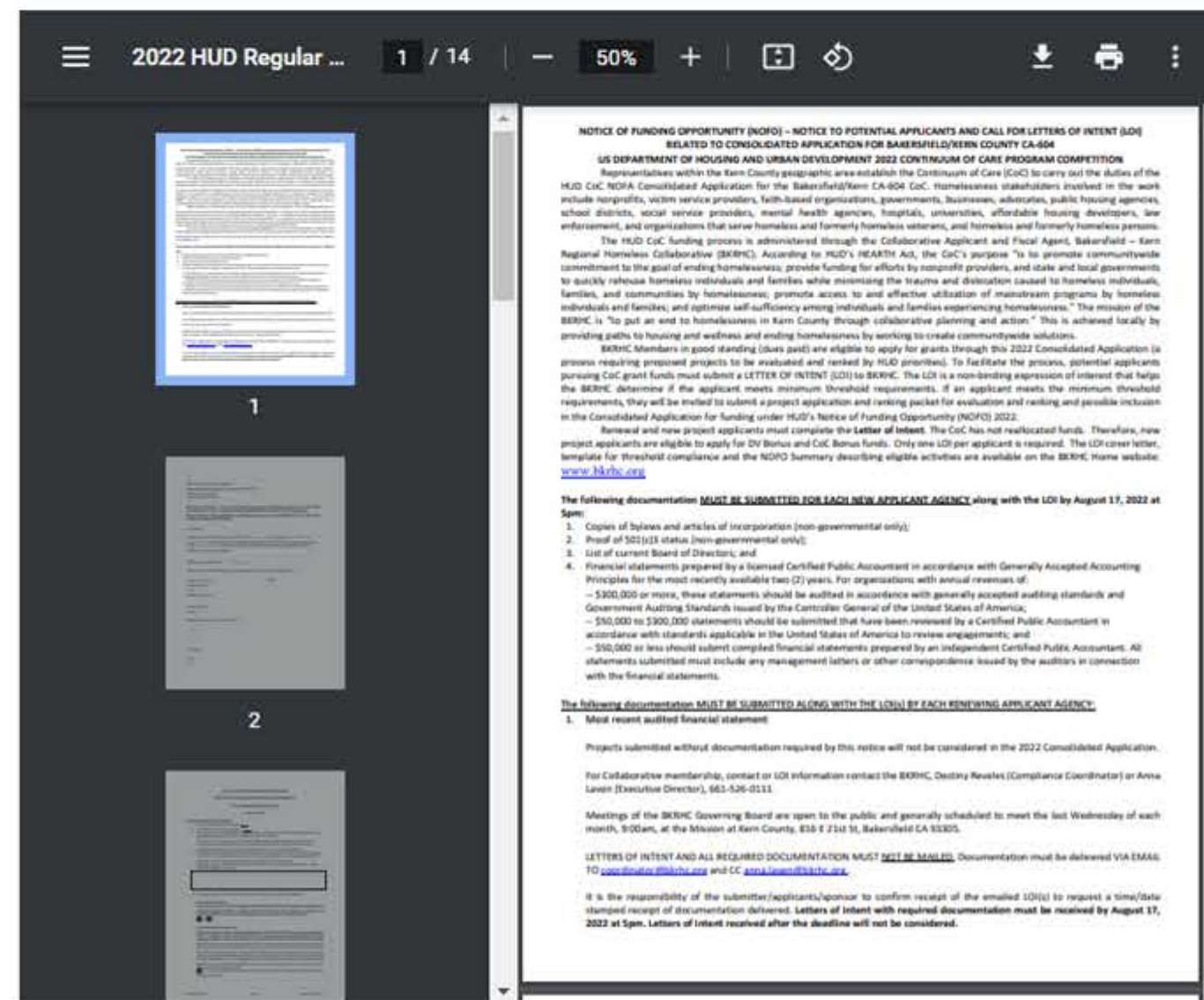
All participants in Section 8 Programs, which includes recipients, owners and HACK employees, will be informed that they must properly use government funds and comply with HUD regulations and guidelines.

Incidents of suspected fraud, willful misrepresentation, or intent to deceive are criminal acts and will be investigated. HACK will take any action warranted to ensure that incidents of fraud are prevented. Such action may include, but not be limited to, termination and/or prohibition from further participation in the program, in the case of owners and tenants, and termination of employment in the case of HACK employees. HACK may refer incidents for legal action, if appropriate.

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Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Notice to Potential Applicants and Call for Letters of Intent (LOI) Related to Consolidated Application for Bakersfield/Kern County CA-604 US Department of Housing and Urban Development 2022 Continuum of Care Program Competition

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Projects submitted without documentation required by this notice will not be considered in the 2022 Consolidated Application.

For Collaborative membership, contact or LOI information contact the BKRHC, Destiny Reveles (Compliance Coordinator) or Anna Laven (Executive Director), 661-526-0111.

Meetings of the BKRHC Governing Board are open to the public and generally scheduled to meet the last Wednesday of each month, 9:00am, at the Mission at Kern County, 816 E 21st St, Bakersfield CA 93305.

LETTERS OF INTENT AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION MUST NOT BE MAILED. Documentation must be delivered VIA EMAIL TO coordinator@bkrhc.org and CC anna.laven@bkrhc.org.

It is the responsibility of the submitter/applicants/sponsor to confirm receipt of the emailed LOI(s) to request a time/date stamped receipt of documentation delivered. **Letters of Intent with required documentation must be received by August 17, 2022 at 5pm. Letters of Intent received after the deadline will not be considered.**

Date

Anna Laven, Executive Director
Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative
1900 E. Brundage Ln
Bakersfield, CA 93307

**RE: Letter of Intent – Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022
Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless
Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants FR-6600-N-25 (FY 2022 CoC
Program Competition NOFO)**

Dear Anna:

Please let this serve as the Letter of Intent for Agency Name to apply for List of Projects.
Agency Name will be applying for funding through the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition
NOFO. Agency Name is an active member of the Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless
Collaborative in good standing.

Applicant's Legal Name: Agency Name

Please contact the following persons regarding the Consolidated Application:

Point of Contact: AND

Organization:

Title:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Phone:

Included with this Letter of Intent are:

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Sincerely,

Name
Title

AGENCY SPECIFIC INFORMATION ENTERED HERE

MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE GRANT NAME AND PROGRAM TYPE

PUT ALL PROJECTS IN THIS SECTION

Letter of Intent

HUD THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

1. Active SAM registration number: _____
2. Valid DUNS number in application: _____
3. Our agency has no Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts- It is HUD policy, consistent with the purposes and intent of 31 U.S.C. 3720B and 28 U.S.C. 3201(e),
OR I certify that our agency has outstanding delinquent federal debt, however we have a negotiated repayment schedule and the repayment schedule is not delinquent, or other arrangements satisfactory to HUD are made before the award of funds by HUD.
4. Our agency has no Debarments and/or Suspensions - In accordance with 2 CFR 2424, no award of federal funds may be made to debarred or suspended applicants, or those proposed to be debarred or suspended from doing business with the Federal Government.
5. Our agency agrees to disclose any violations of Federal criminal law in the box below. (attach additional pages if necessary)

6. Our agency agrees to disclose the required certifications as specified in the NOFO.

Faith-based activities

Does your proposed renewal program use direct program funds to support or engage in any explicitly religious activities, including activities that involve overt religious content, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization, or any manner prohibited by law?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Involuntary family separation

Does the project accept all families with children under age 18 without regard to the age of any child? In general, under the HEARTH Act, any project sponsor receiving funds to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing to families with children under age 18. Note there is an exception outlined in the Act: Project sponsors of transitional housing receiving funds may target transitional housing resources to families with children of a specific age only if the project sponsor: (1) operates a transitional housing program that has a primary purpose of implementing evidence based practice that requires that housing units be targeted to families with children in a specific age group; and (2) provides assurances, as the Secretary shall require, that an equivalent appropriate alternative living arrangement for the whole family or household unit has been secured.

☐ Yes. Project certifies that it accepts all families with children under age 18 without regard to the age of any child.

- ☐ No. Project does not comply with this requirement. A narrative is attached explaining how the project will comply with this HEARTH Act requirement.
- ☐ No. Project does not comply with this requirement but qualifies for an exception because it is implementing an evidence based practice that requires housing units targeted to families with children in a specific age group. A narrative is attached explaining how the project will comply with the exception, including identification of the evidenced based practice being utilized.
- ☐ N/A. Project does not serve families.
- ☐ N/A. Project is new and has not started yet.

Discrimination Policy

Does your program deny services to potential recipients based on any of the following:

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|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Age | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Color | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Familial Status | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Gender | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Marital Status | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • National Origin | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Race | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| • Sexual Orientation | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

If you answered “yes” to any of the above, please explain why in the box below (expand box as needed).

7. This project will serve the population which meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act. This includes any additional eligibility criteria for certain types of projects contained in the NOFO.

If the project is not providing participant data in the HMIS – indicate one or more of the four (4) reason(s) for non-participation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal law prohibits (please cite specific law) | <input type="checkbox"/> State law prohibits (please cite specific law) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New project not yet in operation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify prohibition) |

5. I certify that Our Agency board structure is compliant with HUD regulations

Does your agency provide for the participation of not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual on the board of directors or other equivalent policymaking entity of the recipient or sub recipient, to the extent that such entity considers and makes policies and decisions regarding any project, supportive services, or assistance provided under this part. This requirement is waived if a recipient or sub recipient is unable to meet such requirement and obtains HUD approval for a plan to otherwise consult with homeless or formerly homeless persons when considering and making policies and decisions?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, please provide an action plan/timeline on when your agency will be compliant with this requirement in the box below (expand box as needed).

Does your agency, to the maximum extent practicable, involve homeless individuals and families through employment; volunteer services; or otherwise in constructing, rehabilitating, maintaining, and operating the project, and in providing supportive services for the project?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, please provide an action plan/timeline as to when your agency will be compliant with this requirement in the box below (expand box as needed).

2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition: NOFO Summary of Primary Points

A. Funding

Approximately \$2,794,000,000 is available nationally.

1. Annual Renewal Demand

- Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) is the total amount of funds for all of the CoCs projects previously funded and eligible for renewal
- Eligible Renewal Project is a project that will be under grant agreement by December 31, 2022 and will have an expiration date in CY 2023 (between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023).

2. DV Bonus

HUD has made at least \$52,000,000 available nationally for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) projects.

To be considered for the DV Bonus, new projects must be:

- Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3);
- Joint Transitional Housing/Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (TH/PH-RRH) component projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3); or
- Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) project to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Only one SSO-CE project can be submitted per CoC; however, there is no limit on the number of Permanent housing-rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) and Joint TH/PH-RRH projects provided that each application is for at least \$50,000.

DV Bonus funds can only be used to expand an existing renewal project if the expansion project is dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3; however, only the new project application for the expansion will be considered for DV Bonus funds. – p. 23

3. CoC Bonus

CoCs may receive up to 14 points on the CoC Application if the CoC Priority Listing includes new project applications created through the CoC Bonus that utilizes housing vouchers and healthcare provided through an array of healthcare services providers.

New projects created through CoC Bonus includes:

- Permanent Housing-Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) projects;
- Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) projects;
- Joint Transitional Housing/Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (TH/PH-RRH) component projects;
- Dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(4) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant and is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in *e-snaps*. Additionally, if the CoC has organizations within its geographic area that are victim service providers, the HMIS Lead, or subrecipient, may request HMIS funds for a comparable database. Victim service providers may also request HMIS funds in their project application budgets to enter data into a comparable database.
- Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

4. Reallocation

Reallocation is a process CoCs use to shift funds in whole or part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects without decreasing the CoC's ARD.

CoCs may submit new projects created through reallocation, CoC Bonus, or a combination of reallocation and CoC Bonus, new DV Bonus projects.

New projects created through Reallocation includes:

- Permanent Housing-Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) projects;
- Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) projects;
- Joint Transitional Housing/Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (TH/PH-RRH) component projects;
- Dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(4) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant and is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in *e-snaps*. Additionally, if the CoC has organizations within its geographic area that are victim service providers, the HMIS Lead, or subrecipient, may request HMIS funds for a comparable database. Victim service providers may also request HMIS funds in their project application budgets to enter data into a comparable database.
- Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

5. Transition Grants

HUD first introduced transition grants in the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition. This process provides an opportunity for renewal projects to transition from one CoC Program component to another during the CoC Program Competition.

New this year, CoCs will not be limited to only 50 percent of awarded funds to be used for the costs of eligible activities of the program component originally funded. Instead, recipients may use as much of the awarded grant funds on the costs of eligible activities of the program component originally funded; however, by the end of the operating year, the recipient must be fully operating the new program component. Recipients will be eligible for renewal in subsequent fiscal years for eligible activities of the new program component. See Section III.B.2.cc for more information on Transition Grants.

A grant to fund a new CoC project to transition an eligible renewal project being eliminated through reallocation from one program component to another eligible new component over a 1-year period. The new transition project must meet the following requirements:

- transition grants in this Competition are eligible for renewal in subsequent fiscal years for eligible activities of the new component;
- to be eligible to receive a transition grant, the current recipient must have the consent of its Continuum of Care; and
- the new project application must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by HUD in Sections V.C.4.b and c of this NOFO.

Transition grants conditionally awarded in the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition will have one year to fully transition from the original component to the new component during the normal operating year

6. Expansion Project

Expansion is the process by which a renewal project applicant submits a new project application to expand its current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS, increase the current HMIS activities within the CoC's geographic area.

HUD will allow project applicants to apply for a new expansion project through reallocation, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus processes to expand existing projects to increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-CE projects.

If the new expansion project will expand an existing eligible CoC Program renewal project HUD will not fund capital costs (i.e., new constructions, rehabilitation, or acquisition) and will only allow 1-year funding requests.

DV Bonus funds can only be used to expand an existing renewal project if the expansion project is dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3; however, as explained in II.B.11.e, only the new project application for the expansion will be considered for DV Bonus funds.

For projects that are expanding their current CoC Program-funded project, project applicants will be required to submit:

- the renewal project application that will be expanded; and
- a new project application with the expansion information.

7. Consolidation Project

Project applicants can consolidate two but no more than ten eligible renewal projects during the application process. The projects being combined during a grant consolidation will continue uninterrupted.

To be eligible for consolidation, the projects must have the same recipient and be for the same component; and will only be funded in this Competition with FY 2022 funds (meaning no funds recaptured from prior years will be awarded to the project).

8. Match

The CoC Program requires a 25 percent match of the awarded grant amount minus funds for leasing.

Cash or in-kind resources will satisfy the match requirement.

All costs paid for with matching funds must be for activities that are eligible under the CoC Program, even if the recipient is not receiving CoC Program grant funds for that activity. Match resources may be from public (not statutorily prohibited by the funding agency from being used as a match) or private resources.

9. Leverage

Leverage is any amount over the 25% minimum Match provided to the CoC project.

10. Miscellaneous Notes

Because funds for acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation may not be renewed, grants being renewed whose original expiring award included those funds may only renew leasing, supportive services, rental assistance, operating, and HMIS costs and may not exceed 10 percent in administrative costs.

HUD will allow new projects to request 1 year of funding with a longer initial grant term not to exceed 18 months. HUD has determined that most new projects requesting 1 year of funding normally take approximately 3 to 6 months to begin fully operating the new project (e.g., hiring staff, developing partnerships with landowners if leasing or renting). Therefore, a new project requesting 1 year of funding may request a grant term of 12 months to 18 months that will allow for the additional start-up process. Any new projects requesting capital costs (i.e., new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation) are not eligible for 1-year requests

Any new expansion project that is submitted to expand an eligible renewal CoC Program-funded project may only request a 1-year grant term, regardless of the project type.

B. CoC Project Review and Ranking

1. Priority Listing

Project applications must be completed by project applicants for all new and renewal projects.

Project applications submitted to the CoC for inclusion on the FY 2022 CoC Priority Listing as part of the CoC Consolidated Application must be reviewed and either accepted and ranked, approved, or rejected by the CoC.

HUD expects each CoC to implement a thorough review and oversight process at the local level for both new and renewal project applications

2. Tier 1 and 2

Tier 1 is equal to 95 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) minus the Annual Renewal Amounts (ARAs) of YHDP renewal and YHDP replacement projects.

Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for but does not include YHDP renewal or YHDP replacement projects, CoC planning projects, and if applicable, UFA Costs projects or projects selected with DV Bonus funds. If a DV Bonus project ranked in Tier 2 is selected with DV Bonus funds, the project will be removed from this tier and the projects below it will move up one rank position.

Higher ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 1 and lower ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 2.

If a project application straddles the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1.

HUD will select projects in order of point value until there are no more funds available.

3. HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities and Program Highlights

- Ending homelessness for all persons.
- Use a Housing First approach
- Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
- Improving System Performance
- Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
- Racial Equity
- Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals
- Persons with Lived Experience
- Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

Task Name	Due Date
CoC notifies applicant of public rating and ranking criteria	8/10/2022
Governing Board approves the CoC to apply to the CoC-wide application to the HUD Regular NOFO	8/11/2022
Governing Board approves ranking timeline and approves BKRHC staff to make adjustments to existing LOI, ranking packet, sliding scale and other materials in accordance with the NOFO and as HUD provides additional guidance	8/11/2022
LOI published BKRHC website, emailed, and sent to Bakersfield Californian	8/11/2022
Regular NOFO info session for potential project applicants (via Zoom)	8/15/2022
LOIs due	8/17/2022
LOI packets reviewed for compliance with threshold requirements	8/18/2022
CoC Ranking Packets populated with data for renewal projects	8/18/2022
CoC Ranking Packet distributed to qualifying project applicants	8/19/2022
Ranking packets are due	8/23/2022
Governing Board approves of non-conflicting ranking panel	8/24/2022
Draft CoC application assignments due	8/29/2022
All project applications submitted to BKRHC in e-snaps	8/30/2022
Ranking Review Panel to review CoC HUD application projects and making recommendations to take to Governing Board	8/31/2022 - 9/1/2022
Ranking review panel priority list is due to BKRHC staff	9/2/2022
Governing Board meeting; approve priority list for CoC HUD Consolidated application projects	9/8/2022
Draft CoC E-Snaps application and ranking circulated for review	9/12/2022
Agencies notified in writing of acceptance or rejection of project applications	9/12/2022
Appeal are due	9/14/2022
Appeals committee to meet	9/15/2022

Appeals noticed within 2 days	9/19/2022
Special Governing Board meeting to approve all components of the NOFO application	9/22/2022
<i>Project - level Certificates of Consistency with Consolidated Plan(s) signed</i>	9/26/2022
All components of the NOFO Application Posted to BKRHC Website	9/26/2022
CoC Application and Ranking submitted in E-Snaps	9/28/2022
2022 HUD Regular NOFO Due!!!	9/30/2022

From: [Destiny Reveles](#)
Cc: [Rick Ramos](#); [Destiny Reveles](#)
Subject: 2022 Continuum of Care Regular NOFO
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 4:07:16 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[LOI Notice FY 22 - 2022 HUD Regular NOFO.docx](#)
[Letter of Intent Form - 2022 HUD Regular NOFO.docx](#)
[LOI Fillable - 2022 HUD Regular NOFO.docx](#)
[Summary of 2022 HUD Regular NOFO.pdf](#)
[2022 HUD Regular NOFO Timeline.xlsx](#)

Dear Governing Board, Executive Board & Distribution List,

Deadline: The deadline for submitting consolidated applications to HUD is **September 30, 2022**. Collaborative applicants must complete and submit their applications in *e-snaps*.

All project applications are required to be submitted to the CoC no later than 30 days before the consolidated application deadline. The submission deadline for complete project applications is due on **August 30, 2022** to BKRHC in *e-snaps*.

You will find five attachments.

- Notice
- Letter of intent form
- LOI fillable
- Summary of 2022 HUD Regular NOFO
- Approved Timeline

Kindly,

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Renewals			Performance Measures							Serve High Needs Pop			DV Addendum Packet				Project Effectiveness			Criteria		Equity Factors								Other	Total		
Agency	Project Name	Type	LOS 20 pts	Exits to PH 25 pts	Return to Home 20 pts	New Inc stayer 2.5 pts	New Inc non emply stayer 2.5 pts	New Inc leaver 2.5 pts	Non empl inc leaver 2.5 pts	% Inc at Entry 5 pts	% w disab 5 pts	% from HH 5 pts	Safety plan 5 pts	Legal 2.5 pts	Educ. 5 pts	Transp 2.5	Reas Cost 20 pts	Coord Entry 10 pts	Hous First 10 pts	Data Qty 5 pts	Bed Util 5 pts	Mgt & Ldrship 3 pts	BODs 3 pts	Feedba ck 3 pts	P&Ps 3 pts	Equity lens 3 pts	progra m change s 3 pts	data review 3 pts	Proj Type 1-5 pts	Pts rec	Pts Avail	%	
HACK	Dulce Consol.	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	1.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	4.00	3.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	2.80	2.00	2.80	2.80	2.60	3.00	2.40	5.00	158.90	161	98.70%	
CSV	HMV	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	0.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	4.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.40	10.00	8.20	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.50	1.80	2.10	2.60	2.20	2.80	5.00	153.60	161	95.40%	
Alliance	TH & PH-RRH	TH	20.00	25.00	20.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	2.50	5.00	2.50	15.40	9.00	7.80	5.00	5.00	3.00	2.70	2.40	2.40	3.00	2.60	2.80	2.00	153.10	161	95.09%	
CSV	Sebastian	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.00	5.00	3.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.00	10.00	7.80	5.00	5.00	2.80	2.00	2.80	2.80	2.60	3.00	2.40	5.00	151.20	161	93.91%	
Flood	Project Home	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	0.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.20	10.00	8.60	5.00	0.00	2.00	1.40	2.80	2.20	1.70	1.40	1.20	5.00	147.50	161	91.61%	
BHC	Casa Nueva II	PSH	20.00	20.00	20.00	2.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	4.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	10.00	9.60	5.00	0.00	3.00	2.60	2.20	2.60	1.60	2.60	2.80	5.00	144.50	161	89.75%	
BHC	Casa Nueva III	PSH	20.00	20.00	20.00	2.50	2.50	0.00	2.50	4.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	10.00	9.80	5.00	0.00	3.00	2.60	2.20	2.60	1.60	2.60	2.80	5.00	140.70	161	87.39%	
Alliance	THP	TH	20.00	15.00	20.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	2.50	5.00	1.00	20.00	9.00	7.80	5.00	0.00	3.00	2.70	2.40	2.40	2.00	2.60	2.80	2.00	140.20	161	87.08%	
BHC	RRP I	RRH	0.00	10.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.50	2.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	2.60	2.20	2.60	1.60	2.60	2.80	4.00	111.90	161	69.50%	
CAPK	CES (Tier 1)	SSO - CES																															
KBHRS	HMIS (Tier 1)	HMIS																															

N/A; projects not scored on these questions in ranking packet:

Does not get scored; no packet; required renewa

New Projects			I. Experience			II Design of Hous			Timeliness	Financial			Proj Effect	Equity Factors							Proj Type	Total		
Agency	Project Name	Type	A. 15 pts	B. 10 pts	C. 5 pts	A. 15 pts	B. 5 pts	C. 5 pts	A. 10 pts	A. 5 pts	B. 15 pts	C. 20 pts	A. 5 pts	Mgt & Ldrship 3 pts	BODs 3 pts	Feedback 3 pts	P&Ps 3 pts	Equity lens 3 pts	program changes 3 pts	data review 3 pts	1-5 Avail		Pts Avail	%
BHRS	Bonus Project for HMIS	HMIS	0.00	10.00	3.80	0.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.80	131	24.27%
HACK	Fresh Start Bonus	PSH	15.00	10.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	10	5.00	12.40	20.00	4.60	2.80	2.00	2.80	2.80	3.00	3.00	2.80	5.00	131.20	131	100.15%
Alliance	Delano TH & RRH (DV Bonus Project)	TH & PH-RRH	12.80	10.00	5.00	12.80	5.00	4.60	10	4.80	15.00	13.20	5.00	3.00	2.70	2.40	2.40	1.40	2.30	2.40	4.00	118.60	131	90.53%
HACK	Safe Start Bonus (DV Bonus Project)	PSH																						

Packet was submitted after the deadline

Ineligible due to DV Bonus Project being PSH, which is not an applicable DV Bonus project type

**Bakersfield/Kern County CoC
Ranking Packet to Renew
Permanent Supportive Housing Project**

Instructions: Please complete one packet for each renewal application.

Lead Agency Information

SAM #: EG8WAM315LZ5

DUNS #: 077979128

Agency Name: Housing Authority of the County of Kern

Agency Address: 601 24th Street

City: Bakersfield

State: CA

Zip: 93301

Phone: 661-631-8500

Fax: 661-631-9500

email: spelz@kernha.org

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HMIS Contact Person:

Name: Cristina Provencio

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Project Information:

Name of Project: El Programa Dulce Hogar Consolidated

Project Address: 601 24th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Grant amount: 4,778,834

Grant Term: 1-year

Expiration Date: May 31, 2024

Program Type: PSH

Project Description: (1,000 characters)

El Programa Dulce Hogar Consolidated is the combination of several CoC grants and is the oldest surviving grant. The Program utilizes a Housing First approach through tenant-based rental assistance. Once a housing unit is identified and a lease agreement signed, participants will receive ongoing rental assistance which greatly increases their chance of sustaining stable, decent shelter. All participants are offered and encouraged to participate in intensive case management through a partnership with Flood Bakersfield Ministries, The Open Door Network, Clinica Sierra Vista, and/or the Independent Living Center. Case management includes the development of a housing stability plan, connection to mainstream benefits, and

assistance with increased income. In addition, case managers assist the client with accessing medical care, mental health care, and substance abuse treatment.

Primary Population: **Homeless and disabled, with priority given to the chronically homeless**

Annual Renewal Amount for project: **4,778,834**

Total Number of Units: **473 Units**

Last Grant Cycle Funding (6/1/21-5/31/22):

Amount Awarded: **\$4,331,645** Expended: **\$3,915,770.11**

Narrative: **We underspent this grant by 9.61%. This was due to an increasingly challenging rental market making it harder for our new participants to find rental units. Most expenses do not begin until the participant has executed a lease with a landlord. Since the vacancy rate fluctuated between .5-1% during this time (a historic low for our community), our participants were not being approved for units and we saw our lease up rates plummet to 52%. For those who were able to successfully lease up, it took on average over 120 days to do so. To correct this issue, we have partnered with the Medi-Cal programs to create 5 new Housing Navigator positions within our agency. We have also raised our payment standards, or how much rent a voucher can pay for. In addition, we are creating a comprehensive landlord incentive package. We are working hard to ensure that our participants continue to be competitive applicants in this newly emerged rental market.**

Previously approved budget amounts by activity (6/1/22-5/31/23):

Activity:	Budget Amount:
Leased Units	
Leased Structures	
Rental Assistance	4,192,104
Supportive Services	309,893
Operations	
HMIS	6,692
Administration	270,145
Total:	4,778,834

Name, signature, email and phone number of person who will complete the application:
Nick Jeffers, njeffers@kernha.org, 661 631-8500

Name, signature, email and phone number of person authorized to sign the HUD application:
Stephen M. Pelz, spelz@kernha.org

I certify, on behalf of my agency that all information contained in this application is accurate and true, based on our current records for the project. I understand that falsifying information or failing to provide accurate information will have a negative impact on my overall review and may result in removal from the Continuum of Care Application to HUD. I also understand that projects not submitting their Letter of Intent by the deadline may be reallocated.


Executive Director/CEO/President

8/23/22

Date

Background Information:

The Continuum of Care (CoC) will consider the need to continue funding for projects expiring in 2019 as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). However, as noted by HUD, renewal projects must meet minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards identified in the NOFA or they will be rejected from consideration for funding.

While considering the need to continue funding for projects expiring in 2019, the CoC Independent Review Panel will review the information that HUD noted in the 2018 NOFA CoC Program Competition, which is as follows:

1. When considering renewal projects for award, HUD will review financial information; Annual Performance Reports (APRs); and information provided from the local HUD CPD Field Office, including monitoring reports and A-133 audit reports as applicable, and performance standards on prior grants, and will assess projects using the following criteria on a pass/fail basis:
 - a. Whether the project applicant's performance met the plans and goals established in the initial application, as amended;
 - b. Whether the project applicant demonstrated all timeliness standards for grants being renewed, including those standards for the expenditure of grant funds that have been met;
 - c. The project applicant's performance in assisting program participants to achieve and maintain independent living and records of success, except HMIS-dedicated projects that are not required to meet this standard; and,
 - d. Whether there is evidence that a project applicant has been unwilling to accept technical assistance, has a history of inadequate financial accounting practices, has indications of project mismanagement, has a drastic reduction in the population served, has made program changes without prior HUD approval, or has lost a project site.
2. HUD reserves the right to reduce or reject a funding request from the project applicant for the following reasons:
 - a. Outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears or for which a payment schedule has not been agreed upon;
 - b. Audit/Monitoring finding(s) for which a response is overdue or unsatisfactory;
 - c. History of inadequate financial management accounting practices;
 - d. Evidence of untimely expenditures and unspent funds on prior award;
 - e. History of other major capacity issues that have significantly affected the operation of the project and its performance;
 - f. History of not reimbursing subrecipients for eligible costs in a timely manner, or at least quarterly; and
 - g. History of serving ineligible program participants, expending funds on ineligible costs, or failing to expend funds within statutorily established timeframes.

I. Supportive Services for Participants

(No Points)

Please identify whether the project includes the following activities:

- 1. Transportation assistance to clients to attend mainstream benefit appointments, employment training, or jobs?**

☒ Yes No

Select **"Yes"** if the project provides regular or as needed transportation assistance to mainstream and community resources, including appointments, employment training, educational programs, or jobs. Select **"No"** if transportation is not regularly provided or cannot be provided consistently as requested.

- 2. Use of a single application form for four or more mainstream programs?**

☒ Yes No

Select **"Yes"** if the project uses a *single application form that allows program participants to sign up for four or more mainstream programs. Select **"No"** if application forms cover 3 or fewer mainstream programs.

***Agencies utilizing C4 Yourself meet this requirement.**

- 3. Regular follow-ups with participants to ensure mainstream benefits are received and renewed?**

☒ Yes No

Select **"Yes"** if the project regularly follows-up with program participants at least annually to ensure that they have applied for, are receiving their mainstream benefits, and renew benefits when required. Select **"No"** if there is no or irregular follow-up concerning mainstream benefits.

- 4. Do program participants have access to SSI/SSDI technical assistance provided by the applicant, a subrecipient, or partner agency?**

☒ Yes No

Select **"Yes"** if program participants have access to SSI/SSDI technical assistance. The assistance can be provided by the applicant, a subrecipient, or a partner agency—through a formal or informal relationship. Select **"No"** if there is no or significantly limited access to SSI/SSDI technical assistance.

- 5. Has the staff person providing the technical assistance completed SOAR training in the past 24 months?**

☒ Yes No

This question will only appear if **"Yes"** is selected to the previous question. Select **"Yes"** to indicate that the applicant, subrecipient or partner agency staff person who will be providing the SSI/SSDI technical assistance has completed SOAR training, online or in person, in the past 24 months. If more than one person will provide technical assistance, select **"Yes"** only if all persons have completed the training. Otherwise, select **"No."**

II. System Performance Measures**(75 Points Total Max)**

The purpose of the HUD's System Performance Measures is to help communities gauge their progress in preventing and ending homelessness and provide a more complete picture of how well a community is achieving this goal. The performance of each project in the CoC is crucial in the overall performance of the CoC. The source data for performance measures include the APR and HMIS.

Length of Stay

Max Points	Measure (APR Q22b for Stayers)	Factor/Goal Min	Outcome (HMIS APR)	Points Awarded
20	Average number of days participants stay in project	180 days	1466 days	20

Exits to Permanent Housing

Max Points	Measure (SPM 7b.2)	Factor/Goal Min	Outcome (HMIS SPM)	Points Awarded
25	Percent who remain in or move to permanent housing	90%	95.38%	25

Returns to Homelessness

Max Points	Measure (SPM 2a and 2b)	Factor/Goal Max	Outcome (HMIS SPM)	Points Awarded
20	Percent of participants who return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	15%	2.04%	20

New or Increased Income and Earned Income

Max Points	Measure (SPM 4.1, 4.2, 4.4 & 4.5)	Factor/Goal Min	Outcome (HMIS APR)	Points Awarded
2.5	New or increased earned income for project stayers	8%	4.98%	1
2.5	New or increased non-employment income for project stayers	10%	69.19%	2.5
2.5	New or increased earned income for project leavers	8%	9.09%	2.5
2.5	New or increased non-employment income for project leavers	10%	54.55%	2.5

III. Serve High Needs Population**(15 Points)**

Max Points	Measure (APR Q16, Q13a2, Q15)	Factor/Goal Min	Outcome (HMIS APR)	Points Awarded
5	Percent of participants with zero income at entry	50%	43.37%	4
5	Percent of participants with more than one disability	50%	31.25%	3
5	Percent of participants entering project from place not meant for human habitation	50%	52.45%	5

IV. Project Effectiveness**(40 Points)**

Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters) <small>Include cost & formula on how the cost was determined</small>	Points Awarded
20	Project has reasonable costs per individual	Yes	<p>In 2018, the KCHC conducted a cost benefit analysis (CBA) that concluded it costs \$47,585 per person, per year, to maintain someone in homelessness. The study indicated that PSH costs an average of \$9,973 per person, per year. The CVA indicated that PSH is significantly more cost effective. According to the National CPI index, Kern County has seen an inflation rate of 26.23% since the study. If we apply this inflation rate to the 2018 study, today's costs would be \$60,000 versus \$12,600.</p> <p>The total cost per unit, including intensive supportive services for this project is \$10,103/Unit (\$4,778,834/473 units), which is 20% below the reasonable costs outlined above.</p>	20

Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters)	Points Awarded
10	Participation in Coordinated Entry system	Yes	<p>Clients are accepted by referral through the Coordinated Entry System (CES). Once a client is matched by CES to our program, they complete an intake packet, receive a program briefing, and then are issued a voucher. This program typically accepts matches from Priority grouping 1 and 2, meaning that we are serving those who have the highest vulnerability as indicated by the CES's VI-SPDAT score. In other words, we serve those that are most likely to be victimized and/or die without immediate housing interventions.</p>	10

Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters)	Points Awarded
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10	Project has implemented housing first and has written procedures	Yes	<p>Since 2012 the Housing Authority has implemented and followed a Housing First approach for its CoC funded PSH grants. Our Housing First principals as defined in the Housing Authority 's Administrative Plan, Chapter 15. The Plan states the policies by which programs are operated and is reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners. In addition, changes to the Plan must be submitted to HUD annually for review. The Plan is posted to the website www.kernha.org. To be eligible for the CoC funded PSH programs, the client must meet the HEARTH Act definition of homeless and must have a disabling condition. No additional eligibility criteria will be added. New clients are accepted by referral through the CES as detailed in the section above. Clients are exited from the program for one of three reasons; 1.) they no longer need rental assistance and successfully exit from the program retaining their permanent housing, 2.) they do not participate in the annual re-exam process, or 3.) they are evicted from their housing due to lease violations. More than 95% of clients in the exiting CoC funded program maintain their housing long term.</p>	10
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V. Equity Factors: Agency Leadership, Governance & Policies (12 Points)

Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters) Include what percentage of managerial & leadership positions are filled by staff from under-represented populations.	Points Awarded
3	Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial & leadership positions	Yes	81.5% of Housing Authority management team and Board of Directors are BIPOC.	2 (want to see breakout for BIPOC)

Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters) Include how many are on the board of directors & how many have lived experience	Points Awarded
3	Recipient's board of directors include representation from more than one person with lived experience of homelessness	Yes	<p>Members of the board of directors are appointed by the County of Kern. To date, the County has not appointed anyone with lived experience to the board of directors. However, the board of directors does appoint persons who are homeless or have been previously homeless to the Homeless Advisory Committee. The Homeless Advisory Committee meets quarterly to provide the Housing Authority with input relevant to the homeless population.</p> <p>24 CFR 576.405 states, in relevant part; (b) If the recipient is unable to meet requirement under paragraph (a), it must instead develop and implement a plan to consult with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering and making policies and decisions regarding any facilities, services, or other assistance.</p>	1

Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters) Explain the process in detail	Points Awarded
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3	Recipient has relational process for receiving and incorporating feedback from persons with lived experience	Yes/No	The Housing Authority established a Homeless Advisory Committee comprised of three to five members who are either homeless or formerly homeless. There are currently three committee members who successfully transitioned from homelessness to the Housing Choice Voucher program. The Committee meets quarterly to provide feedback to the Housing Authority on matters involving local affordable housing and related programs. The input received from the committee provides a means to ensure that the voices of people experiencing homelessness are heard and that their needs are being met in an effective and appropriate way.	2
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Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters) Explain the plan in detail	Points Awarded
3	Recipient has reviewed internal policies & procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for developing & implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers	Yes/No	Through our partnership with numerous government organizations such as HUD, State of California, USDA, County of Kern, each city in the county, and various other government entities, the Housing Authority has a long history of serving the disadvantaged members of our community. We regularly review internal policies and procedures to ensure equitable access to the programs. If a deficiency is identified within our policies or procedures, we will amend the language in our Administrative Plan to address the deficiency. The amended language and proposed changes are reviewed by our Homeless Advisory Committee and then submitted to our Board of Directors to adopt. Once adopted by the Board of Directors, the Housing Authority Assistant Executive Director issues a procedural memorandum to inform staff of the change. The Housing Administrator then issues an operations memorandum to direct staff on how to implement the	2

		change, and provide training to staff on the change.	
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I. Equity Factors: Program Participant Outcomes (9 Points)

Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters) Explain what results of the review of participant outcomes were	Points Awarded
3	Recipient has reviewed participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity and/or age	Yes/No	<p>Since all program enrollments come from CES, the Housing Authority has little control over who is offered participation in the program. When reviewing data through an equity lens, the Housing Authority looks at three program outcomes, instead of program enrollment data. The Housing Authority compares overall program demographics (race, ethnicity, and gender) to demographics (race, ethnicity, and gender) within various program outcomes.</p> <p>The outcomes we focus on are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percent who do not exit to permanent housing 2. Percent who remain in or move to permanent housing 3. Number of program stayers who increased earned income and/or non-employment income 	3

Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters) Explain what changes were identified & what plan entails	Points Awarded
3	Recipient has identified programmatic changes needed to make program participant outcomes more equitable & developed a plan to make those changes	Yes/No	<p>If we see an inequity of +/- 10% in these demographics, several steps will be taken.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first step is to identify which outcome and for whom the inequity has affected. 2. The next step is to review existing policies and procedures around this outcome. For example, are the training programs and employment opportunities being offered skewed towards a field 	3

			<p>that is predominantly one gender.</p> <p>3. Finally, an action plan will be put into place with outlined steps and clear due dates to correct the inequity.</p> <p>There was not an inequity within this threshold during the last grant cycle.</p>	
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Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters) <small>Explain what schedule is & who will review data</small>	Points Awarded
3	Recipient is working with CoC HMIS lead to develop a schedule for reviewing HMIS data with disaggregation by race, ethnicity, gender identity and/or age	Yes/No	<p>The Pogram is currently enrolled in HMIS. The Housing Authority commits to complying with the HMIS policies along with the HUD data standards. In addition, the Housing Authority is a voting member of the CoC Planning and Performance committee and attends meetings regularly. This is where CoC HMIS demographic information is presented and reviewed. The Housing Authority also receives the monthly HMIS reports from the CoC and review demographic information about our program on a regular basis.</p>	1

VI. Other and Local Criteria

(10 Points)

Max Points	Measure (APR average of Q6a – Q6d & Q6f, 2021 HIC)	Factor/Goal	Outcome (HMIS APR/HIC)	Points Awarded
5	Data Quality	90%	99.95%	5
5	Utilization	90%	96%	5

Total Pts Available	Project Ranking Score	Total Pts Awarded
161		
	CoC Project Type Points	5
	Total Points	

Anna Laven

From: Anna Laven
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 12:38 PM
To: Rhonda Barnhard
Cc: Stacy Kuwahara; Arash Sidhu
Subject: FW: 2022 HUD Regular NOFO - Governing Board Ranking Results of Projects
Attachments: FINAL CoC RANKING POLICY 2022 - Gov Bd approved.docx; Final_GB approved 2022_0908_CoC Regular NOFO Ranking.xlsb

Hi Rhonda,

I know that you were at the Special Meeting for the Governing Board focused on finalizing the ranking for the 2022 regular NOFO, but HUD requires that I separately notify any projects who were either rejected or their budgets were reduced.

As you are aware, the HMIS CoC Bonus Project was originally rejected by the non-conflicted ranking panel due to low scores. During deliberation of the Governing Board, the Board voted to include the HMIS CoC Bonus Project in the amount of \$59,631 located in Tier 2 due to recognition that HMIS is underfunded and appreciating your comments regarding challenges of completing a ranking packet on behalf of a infrastructure project.

This email serves as the formal notification required by HUD regarding the HMIS CoC Bonus Project which was reduced from the original requested amount. Please let me know if you have any questions. The below email you already received also describes the appeals process should you wish to explore that option.

Thanks,
Anna

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FUNDING ANALYSIS + RANKING

CoC Bonus Funding	\$409,494	DV Bonus Funding	\$818,989	Tier 1 (ARD - YHDP)	\$6,237,059	Tier 2 (CoC Bonus)	\$1,228,483	Projects Exceeding ARD + CoC Bonus + DV Bonus	
Allocated	\$0	Allocated	\$0	Allocated to DV Bonus	\$0	Allocated to DV Bonus	\$0	Amount	\$59,631
% Allocated	0%	% Allocated	0%	Allocated from Tier 1	\$6,307,734	Allocated from Tier 2	\$1,500,951		
Remaining	\$409,494	Remaining	\$818,989	Straddle*	-\$70,675	Remaining	-\$272,468		
*If DV Bonus not selected this will be subtracted from Tier 1									

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			Ranking	Priority Level	Weighted Rating Score	Renewal, New, Expansion, Reallocate		Grant Number	Project Type	General/DV	Organization Name	Project Name	CoC Funding Requested	CoC Amount Expended Last Operating Year	CoC Funding Recommendation (manual entry)	All Fam Beds	DV Fam Beds	CH Fam Beds	Vet Fam Beds	Par Youth Beds	All Ind Beds	DV Ind Beds	Total CH Ind Beds	Vet Ind Beds	Single Youth Beds	Is 100% Dedicated + or CH Fam (Yes/No)	Is 100% Dedicated + or CH Ind (Yes/No)	Is 100% DV (Yes/No)	Met All HUD Threshold Requirements	Met All CoC Threshold Requirements	Project ID					
TIER (ARD - YHDP)	↓	↑	1	Unspecified	NOT RATED	Renewal	CA0606L9D042114	HMIS	0	Kern Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	HMIS	\$ 80,409	\$ -	\$ 80,409	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No			1					
	↓	↑	2	Unspecified	NOT RATED	Renewal	CA1799L9D042103)- coordinated en	0	Community Action Partnership of Kern	Coordinated Entry Systems	\$ 236,838	\$ -	\$ 236,838	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No			2					
	↓	↑	3	High	99	Renewal	CA1197L9D042108	PSH	General	Housing Authority of the County of Kern	El Programa Dulce Hogar	\$ 4,778,834	\$ 3,915,770	\$ 4,778,834	0	0	0	0	0	386	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	7					
	↓	↑	4	High	95	Renewal	CA1198L9D042108	PSH	General	Clinica Sierra Vista	Homeless Most Vulnerable Project	\$ 139,468	\$ 80,085	\$ 139,468	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	8					
	↓	↑	5	Medium	95	Renewal	CA2041D9D042100	TH+RRH	DV	Alliance Against Family Violence	Alliance TH and PH-RRH Project	\$ 490,725	\$ -	\$ 490,725	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	11						
	↓	↑	6	High	94	Renewal	CA0609L9D042114	PSH	HIV	Clinica Sierra Vista	Sebastian House HIV/AIDS	\$ 104,620	\$ 51,669	\$ 104,620	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	4					
	↓	↑	7	High	92	Renewal	CA1012L9D042110	PSH	General	Flood Bakersfied Ministries	Project Home	\$ 94,263	\$ 94,263	\$ 94,263	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	3					
	↓	↑	8	High	88	Renewal	CA1126L9D042108	PSH	General	Bethany Services	Casa Nueva II Placement	\$ 94,358	\$ 48,500	\$ 94,358	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	6					
	↓	↑	9	High	87	Renewal	CA1517L9D042106	PSH	General	Bethany Services	Casa Nueva III Placement	\$ 288,219	\$ 66,463	\$ 288,219	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	10					
TIER 2 (COC BONUS)	↓	↑	11	Low	87	Renewal	CA0869L9D042109	TH	DV	Alliance Against Family Violence & Sexual Assault		Alliance Transitional Housing	\$ 133,139	\$ 133,139	\$ 133,139	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	5					
	↓	↑	12	Medium	70	Renewal	CA1200L9D042108	RRH	General	Bethany Services		Rapid Rehousing Project 1	\$ 128,285	no answer	\$ 128,285	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	9					
	↓	↑	Ineligible		100	New		PSH	General	Housing Authority of the County of Kern		Fresh Start Bonus	\$ 349,863	\$ -	\$ 349,863	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	12					
	↓	↑	Ineligible		91	New		TH+RRH	DV	Alliance Against Family Violence		Delano Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing Project	\$ 818,989	\$ -	\$ 818,989	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	13					
PROJECTS EXCEEDING	↓	↑	Exceeds ARD	Unspecified	NOT RATED	New		HMIS	0	Kern Behavioral Health & Recovery Services		FY2022 CoC Bonus Project for HMIS	\$ 59,631	\$ -	\$ 59,631	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No			14					
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HOUSING AUTHORITY

OF THE COUNTY OF KERN

Creating brighter futures...one home, one family at a time

September 20, 2022

Re: Housing Commitment Letter for the 2022 Fresh Start Bonus PSH Project

Housing Authority of the County of Kern is pleased to leverage eight (8) units of tenant based rental assistance to this project. In the grant application, we have requested rental assistance funding to support twenty nine units. We are committing funding from our Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant to support the eight (8) addition units. This brings the total assisted units under this project to thirty seven.

These units will become available on 6/1/2023. The Value of the commitment is equal to \$83,424.

Bedroom Size	FMR	# of Units	# of Months	Total
1	\$869	8	12	\$83,424

Sincerely,

Heather Kimmel
Assistant Executive Director





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September 20, 2022

Re: In Kind Match Letter from Health Care for the 2022 Fresh Start Bonus PSH Project

Housing Authority of the County of Kern is pleased to leverage funding from their CalAIM funded project as an in-kind contribution. Homeless and at-risk clients who are enrolled in Medi-Cal plans are referred to the Housing Authority for housing navigation, security deposit, and sustaining services. These clients are actively engaged with healthcare and are under the treatment of physicians for physical and/or mental health conditions. Project eligibility for program participants in the new PH-PSH project will be based on CoC program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the healthcare service provider.

The proposed in-kind match is calculated for a one-year term. The value of services we will provide in match equals \$87,466. This is calculated based on our reimbursement rate of \$85 per billable service plus the actual cost of the security deposit. We anticipate security deposit assistance to equal \$55,000 and navigation services to cost \$31,966.

Sincerely,

Heather Kimmel
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Before Starting the Project Listings for the CoC Priority Listing

The CoC Consolidated Application requires TWO submissions. Both this Project Priority Listing AND the CoC Application MUST be completed and submitted prior to the CoC Program Competition submission deadline stated in the NOFO.

The CoC Priority Listing includes:

- Reallocation forms – must be completed if the CoC is reallocating eligible renewal projects to create new projects or if a project applicant will transition from an existing component to an eligible new component.
- Project Listings:

- New;
- Renewal;
- UFA Costs;
- CoC Planning;
- YHPD Renewal; and
- YHDP Replacement.
- Attachment Requirement

- HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan – Collaborative Applicants must attach an accurately completed, signed, and dated HUD-2991.

Things to Remember:

- New and Renewal Project Listings – all project applications must be reviewed, approved and ranked, or rejected based on the local CoC competition process.
- Project applications on the following Project Listings must be approved, they are not ranked per the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition NOFO:

- UFA Costs Project Listing;
- CoC planning Project Listing;
- YHPD Renewal Project Listing; and
- YHDP Replacement Project Listing.
- Collaborative Applicants are responsible for ensuring all project applications accurately appear on the Project Listings and there are no project applications missing from one or more Project Listings.
- For each project application rejected by the CoC the Collaborative Applicant must select the reason for the rejection from the dropdown provided.
- If the Collaborative Applicant needs to amend a project application for any reason, the Collaborative Applicant MUST ensure the amended project is returned to the applicable Project Listing AND ranked BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing to HUD in e-snaps.

Additional training resources are available online on HUD's website.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2022 CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and FY 2022 CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide on HUD's website.
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Collaborative Applicant Name: Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative

2. Reallocation

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2-1 Is the CoC reallocating funds from one or more eligible renewal grant(s) that will expire in Calendar Year 2023 into one or more new projects? No

Continuum of Care (CoC) New Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the New Project Listing, review the CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide available on HUD's website.

To upload all new project applications submitted to this Project Listing, click the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes based upon the number of new projects submitted by project applicant(s) to your CoC in the e-snaps system. You may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. To review a project on the New Project Listing, click on the magnifying glass next to each project to view project details. To view the actual project application, click on the orange folder. If you identify errors in the project application(s), you can send the application back to the project applicant to make the necessary changes by clicking the amend icon. It is your sole responsibility for ensuring all amended projects are resubmitted, approved and ranked or rejected on this project listing BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing in e-snaps.
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EX1_Project_List_Status_field List Updated Successfully

Project Name	Date Submitted	Comp Type	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Grant Term	Rank	PH/Reallocation	PSH/RRH	Expansion
Delano TH and PH-RRH	2022-09-16 18:33:...	Joint TH & PH-RRH	Alliance Against ...	\$818,989	1 Year	D13	DV Bonus		
CoC Bonus Project...	2022-09-16 16:13:...	HMIS	Kern Behavioral H...	\$59,000	1 Year	14	PH Bonus		
Fresh Start Bonus	2022-09-21 17:33:...	PH	Housing Authority. ..	\$349,863	1 Year	12	PH Bonus	PSH	

Continuum of Care (CoC) Renewal Project Listing

Instructions:

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The Collaborative Applicant certifies that there is a demonstrated need for all renewal permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing projects listed on the Renewal Project Listing.

X

The Collaborative Applicant certifies all renewal permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing projects listed on the Renewal Project Listing comply with program requirements and appropriate standards of quality and habitability.

X

The Collaborative Applicant does not have any renewal permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing renewal projects.

EX1_Project_List_Status_field

Project Name	Date Submitted	Grant Term	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Rank	PSH/RRH	Comp Type	Consolidation Type	Expansion Type
Rapid Rehousing P...	2022-08-29 15:06:...	1 Year	Bethany Services ...	\$128,285	11	RRH	PH		
Project Home 2022...	2022-08-29 16:09:...	1 Year	Flood Bakersfield...	\$94,263	7	PSH	PH		
Community Action ...	2022-08-25 17:56:...	1 Year	CAPK	\$236,838	2		SSO		

Casa Nueva II Pla...	2022-08-29 17:03:...	1 Year	Bethany Services ...	\$94,358	8	PSH	PH		
KCMH-HMIS	2022-08-26 14:14:...	1 Year	Kern Behavioral H...	\$80,409	1		HMIS		
Casa Nueva III Pl...	2022-08-29 15:39:...	1 Year	Bethany Services ...	\$288,219	9	PSH	PH		
Alliance TH and P...	2022-09-16 15:28:...	1 Year	Alliance Against ...	\$490,725	5		Joint TH & PH-RRH		
Alliance Transiti...	2022-09-16 15:30:...	1 Year	Alliance Against ...	\$133,139	10		TH		
EI Program a Dulce...	2022-09-20 20:01:...	1 Year	Housing Authority ...	\$4,778,834	3	PSH	PH		
Homeless Most Vul...	2022-09-23 18:16:...	1 Year	Clinica Sierra Vi...	\$136,468	4	PSH	PH		
Sebastian House H...	2022-09-23 18:24:...	1 Year	Clinica Sierra Vi...	\$103,787	6	PSH	PH		

Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the CoC Planning Project Listing, review the CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide available on HUD's website.

To upload the CoC planning project application submitted to this Project Listing, click the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes while the project is located in the e-snaps system. You may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. To review the CoC Planning Project Listing, click on the magnifying glass next to view the project details. To view the actual project application, click on the orange folder. If you identify errors in the project application, you can send the application back to the project applicant to make necessary changes by clicking the amend icon. It is your sole responsibility for ensuring all amended projects are resubmitted, approved and ranked or rejected on this project listing BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing in e-snaps.

Only one CoC planning project application can be submitted and only by the Collaborative Applicant designated by the CoC which must match the Collaborative Applicant information on the CoC Applicant Profile.

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

EX1_Project_List_Status_field List Updated Successfully

Project Name	Date Submitted	Grant Term	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Accepted?
CoC Planning Proj...	2022-09-23 14:27:...	1 Year	Bakersfield Kern ...	\$245,697	Yes

Continuum of Care (CoC) YHDP Renewal Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the YHDP Renewal Project Listing, review the CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide available on HUD's website.

To upload all YHDP renewal project applications submitted to this Project Listing, click the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes based upon the number of YHDP renewal and replacement projects submitted by project applicant(s) to your CoC in the e-snaps system. You may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. To review a project on the YHDP Renewal Project Listing, click on the magnifying glass next to each project to view project details. To view the actual project application, click on the orange folder. If you identify errors in the project application(s), you can send the application back to the project applicant to make necessary changes by clicking the amend icon. It is your sole responsibility for ensuring all amended projects are resubmitted, approved and ranked or rejected on this project listing BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing in e-snaps.
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The Collaborative Applicant certifies that there is a demonstrated need for all renewal permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing projects listed on the Renewal Project Listing.

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The Collaborative Applicant certifies all renewal permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing projects listed on the Renewal Project Listing comply with program requirements and appropriate standards of quality and habitability.

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The Collaborative Applicant does not have any renewal permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing renewal projects.

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Project Name	Date Submitted	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Comp Type	Grant Term	Accepted?	PSH/RRH	Consolidation Type
This list contains no items								

Continuum of Care (CoC) YHDP Replacement Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the YHDP Replacement Project Listing, review the CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide available on HUD's website.

To upload all YHDP replacement project applications submitted to this Project Listing, click the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes based upon the number of YHDP replacement projects submitted by project applicant(s) to your CoC in the e-snaps system. You may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. To review a project on the YHDP Replacement Project Listing, click on the magnifying glass next to each project to view project details. To view the actual project application, click on the orange folder. If you identify errors in the project application(s), you can send the application back to the project applicant to make necessary changes by clicking the amend icon. It is your sole responsibility for ensuring all amended projects are resubmitted, approved and ranked or rejected on this project listing BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing in e-snaps.

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

Project Name	Date Submitted	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Comp Type	Grant Term	Accepted?
This list contains no items						

Funding Summary

Instructions

This page provides the total budget summaries for each of the project listings after the you approved, ranked (New and Renewal Project Listings only), or rejected project applications. You must review this page to ensure the totals for each of the categories is accurate. The "Total CoC Request" indicates the total funding request amount your CoC's Collaborative Applicant will submit to HUD for funding consideration. As stated previously, only 1 UFA Cost project application (for UFA designated Collaborative Applicants only) and only 1 CoC Planning project application can be submitted and only the Collaborative Applicant designated by the CoC is eligible to request these funds.

Title	Total Amount
Renewal Amount	\$6,565,325
New Amount	\$1,227,852
CoC Planning Amount	\$245,697
YHDP Amount	\$0
Rejected Amount	\$0
TOTAL CoC REQUEST	\$8,038,874

Attachments

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (HUD-2991)	Yes	Certificate of Co...	09/23/2022
FY 2021 Rank Tool (optional)	No	FY 2022 Final Ran...	09/23/2022
Other	No		
Other	No		

Attachment Details

Document Description: Certificate of Consistency with Consolidated
Plan- City and County

Attachment Details

Document Description: FY 2022 Final Ranking

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Submission Summary

**WARNING: The FY2021 CoC Consolidated Application requires 2 submissions.
Both this Project Priority Listing AND the CoC Consolidated Application MUST
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Page	Last Updated
Before Starting	No Input Required
1A. Identification	08/30/2022
2. Reallocation	09/19/2022
5A. CoC New Project Listing	09/23/2022
5B. CoC Renewal Project Listing	09/26/2022
5D. CoC Planning Project Listing	09/23/2022
5E. YHDP Renewal	No Input Required
5F. YHDP Replace	No Input Required
Funding Summary	No Input Required
Attachments	09/23/2022
Submission Summary	No Input Required

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

**Certification of Consistency Plan
with the Consolidated Plan
for the Continuum of Care
Program Competition**

I certify the proposed activities included in the Continuum of Care (CoC) project application(s) is consistent with the jurisdiction's currently approved Consolidated Plan.

Applicant Name: Bakersfield/Kern County Continuum of Care (CoC-604)

Project Name: Various (See Attached List)

Location of the Project: Kern County

Name of
Certifying Jurisdiction: County Of Kern

Certifying Official
of the Jurisdiction Name: Loreiei H. Oviatt

Title: Director, Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department

Signature: 

Date: 9/19/22

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.0 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, completing the form, attaching a list of projects if submitting one form per jurisdiction, obtaining local jurisdiction's signature, and uploading to the electronic e-snaps CoC Consolidated Application. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

Privacy Act Statement. This form does not collect SSN information. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect all the information required by this form under 24 CFR part 91, 24 CFR Part 578, and is authorized by the McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by S. 896 The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.).

HUD considers the completion of this form, including the local jurisdiction(s) authorizing official's signature, as confirmation the project application(s) proposed activities submitted to HUD in the CoC Program Competition are consistent with the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan and, if the project applicant is a state or unit of local government, that the jurisdiction is following its Consolidated Plan per the requirement of 24 CFR part 91. Failure to either submit one form per project or one form with a listing of project information for each field (i.e., name of applicant, name of project, location of project) will result in a technical deficiency notification that must be corrected within the number of days designated by HUD, and further failure to provide missing or incomplete information will result in project application removal from the review process and rejection in the competitive process.

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Applicant Name: Bakersfield/Kern County Continuum of Care (CoC-604)

Project Name: Various (See Attached List)

Location of the Project: City of Bakersfield

Name of
Certifying Jurisdiction: City Of Bakersfield

Certifying Official
of the Jurisdiction Name: Christian Clegg

Title: City Manager

Signature: CJ Clegg

Date: 9/21/22

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.0 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, completing the form, attaching a list of projects if submitting one form per jurisdiction, obtaining local jurisdiction's signature, and uploading to the electronic e-snaps CoC Consolidated Application. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

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Agency	Project	Type	Status	Location	Description
Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault	Transitional Housing Project	TH	Renewal	1921 19th st. Bakersfield CA 93301	Transitional housing program designed to meet the needs of domestic violence and/or sexual assault victims and their children
	TH & RRH Project	TH & PH-RRH	Renewal	1921 19th st. Bakersfield CA 93301	Provides transitional housing for domestic violence victims and their children leading to permanent housing
	Delano TH & RRH Project	TH&RRH	New	1922 19th st. Bakersfield CA 93301	Provides rapid rehousing with transitional housing to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and their children
Bethany Services, Inc. dba Bakersfield Homeless Center	Casa Nueva II	PSH	Renewal	1600 E.Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield CA 93305	Assists people who are homeless with disabilities in accessing Housing Choice Vouchers and housing programs; and provides after care services.
	Casa Nueva III	PSH	Renewal	1600 E.Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield CA 93305	Assists people who are homeless with disabilities in accessing Housing Choice Vouchers and housing programs; and provides after care services.
	Rapid Rehousing Project I	RRH	Renewal	1600 E.Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield CA 93305	Provides rapid rehousing and serves people who are homeless with focus on families and children
Clinca Sierra Vista, Inc.	Sebastian House HIV/AIDS	PSH	Renewal	P.O. Box 1559, Bakersfield CA 93302	Provides permanent supportive housing to chronically homeless persons & families with HIV/AIDS.
	Homeless Most vulnerable Project	PSH	Renewal	P.O. Box 1559, Bakersfield CA 93302	Permanent supportive housing for some of the most vulnerable, chronically homeless persons
Flood Ministries	Project Home	PSH	Renewal	1830 Truxtun Ave., Ste.210, Bakersfield CA 93301	Provides housing placement, case management, and supportive services to individuals and families transitioning out of homelessness
Housing Authority of the County of Kern	PSH- Fresh Start	PSH	New	601 24th st, Bakersfield, CA 93301	Permanent supportive housing that assists individuals who are homeless with a disabling condition, with preference given to the chronically homeless.
	El Programa Dulce Hogar Expansion	PSH	Renewal	601 24th st, Bakersfield, CA 93301	Expansion to augment the exsisting Dulce project providing permanent supportive housing.
Community Action Pack of Kern	CES	SSO - CES	Renewal	5005 Business Park North, Bakersfield CA 93309	Provide a single point of entry for homeless individuals and families to quickly and efficiently link them to appropriate housing services, based on vulnerability
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services	HMIS	HMIS	Renewal	2001 28th st., Bakersfield, CA 93302	HMIS is a core function required by HUD to track, report, & evaluate homeless client services
	HMIS	HMIS	New	2001 28th st., Bakersfield, CA 93302	HMIS is a core function required by HUD to track, report, & evaluate homeless client services

FUNDING ANALYSIS + RANKING

CoC Bonus Funding	\$409,494	DV Bonus Funding	\$818,989	Tier 1 (ARD - YHDP)	\$6,237,059	Tier 2 (CoC Bonus)	\$1,228,483	Projects Exceeding ARD + CoC Bonus + DV Bonus	
Allocated	\$0	Allocated	\$0	Allocated to DV Bonus	\$0	Allocated to DV Bonus	\$0	Amount	\$59,631
% Allocated	0%	% Allocated	0%	Allocated from Tier 1	\$6,307,734	Allocated from Tier 2	\$1,500,951		
Remaining	\$409,494	Remaining	\$818,989	Straddle*	-\$70,675	Remaining	-\$272,468		
*If DV Bonus not selected this will be subtracted from Tier 1									

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			Ranking	Priority Level	Weighted Rating Score	Renewal, New, Expansion, Reallocate	Grant Number	Project Type	General/DV	Organization Name	Project Name	CoC Funding Requested	CoC Amount Expended Last Operating Year	CoC Funding Recommendation (manual entry)	All Fam Beds	DV Fam Beds	CH Fam Beds	Vet Fam Beds	Par Youth Beds	All Ind Beds	DV Ind Beds	Total CH Ind Beds	Vet Ind Beds	Single Youth Beds	Is 100% Dedicated + or CH Fam (Yes/No)	Is 100% Dedicated + or CH Ind (Yes/No)	Is 100% DV (Yes/No)	Met All HUD Threshold Requirements	Met All CoC Threshold Requirements	Project ID						
TIER (ARD - YHDP)	↓	↑	1	Unspecified	NOT RATED	Renewal	CA0606L9D042114	HMIS	0	Kern Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	HMIS	\$ 80,409	\$ -	\$ 80,409	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No			1						
	↓	↑	2	Unspecified	NOT RATED	Renewal	CA1799L9D042103)- coordinated en	0	Community Action Partnership of Kern	Coordinated Entry Systems	\$ 236,838	\$ -	\$ 236,838	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No			2						
	↓	↑	3	High	99	Renewal	CA1197L9D042108	PSH	General	Housing Authority of the County of Kern	El Programa Dulce Hogar	\$ 4,778,834	\$ 3,915,770	\$ 4,778,834	0	0	0	0	0	386	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	7						
	↓	↑	4	High	95	Renewal	CA1198L9D042108	PSH	General	Clinica Sierra Vista	Homeless Most Vulnerable Project	\$ 139,468	\$ 80,085	\$ 139,468	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	8						
	↓	↑	5	Medium	95	Renewal	CA2041D9D042100	TH+RRH	DV	Alliance Against Family Violence	Alliance TH and PH-RRH Project	\$ 490,725	\$ -	\$ 490,725	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	11						
	↓	↑	6	High	94	Renewal	CA0609L9D042114	PSH	HIV	Clinica Sierra Vista	Sebastian House HIV/AIDS	\$ 104,620	\$ 51,669	\$ 104,620	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	4						
	↓	↑	7	High	92	Renewal	CA1012L9D042110	PSH	General	Flood Bakersfied Ministries	Project Home	\$ 94,263	\$ 94,263	\$ 94,263	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	3						
	↓	↑	8	High	88	Renewal	CA1126L9D042108	PSH	General	Bethany Services	Casa Nueva II Placement	\$ 94,358	\$ 48,500	\$ 94,358	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	6						
	↓	↑	9	High	87	Renewal	CA1517L9D042106	PSH	General	Bethany Services	Casa Nueva III Placement	\$ 288,219	\$ 66,463	\$ 288,219	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	10						
TIER 2 (COC BONUS)	↓	↑	11	Low	87	Renewal	CA0869L9D042109	TH	DV	Alliance Against Family Violence & Sexual Assault	Alliance Transitional Housing	\$ 133,139	\$ 133,139	\$ 133,139	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	5						
	↓	↑	12	Medium	70	Renewal	CA1200L9D042108	RRH	General	Bethany Services	Rapid Rehousing Project 1	\$ 128,285	no answer	\$ 128,285	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	No	No	No		Yes	9						
	↓	↑	Ineligible		100	New		PSH	General	Housing Authority of the County of Kern	Fresh Start Bonus	\$ 349,863	\$ -	\$ 349,863	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	12						
	↓	↑	Ineligible		91	New		TH+RRH	DV	Alliance Against Family Violence	Delano Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing Project	\$ 818,989	\$ -	\$ 818,989	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	13						
PROJECTS EXCEEDING	↓	↑	Exceeds ARD	Unspecified	NOT RATED	New		HMIS	0	Kern Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	FY2022 CoC Bonus Project for HMIS	\$ 59,631	\$ -	\$ 59,631	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No	No	No			14						
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