

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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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: Kern 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 V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	No
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	No	No
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	No	No
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	No	No
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	No
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC actively hosts an annual full membership meeting with all collaborative members and prospects to explain the process, membership and services the CoC offers. The CoC actively solicits members through outreach events and meetings and presentations to the public. The CoC’s 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 organizations 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 to anyone with a disability, services 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 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee addresses equity, disparities and provides culturally specific resources to the community. This committee is composed of representatives that serve specific populations and rural areas in our homeless system. Organizations such as All of Us or None, She Power, Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce, Delano Association for the Developmentally Disabled, The Center for Gender Diversity, The Bakersfield Indian Health Project, 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 V.B.1.a.(3)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;	
	2. communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information;	
	3. ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and	
	4. took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC host roundtables for the community, stakeholders, faith-based organizations, city and county leadership, those with lived experience, neighborhood organizations and local businesses to discuss community topics about homelessness and homeless preventions methods. Members and non-members have an opportunity to engage in a broad range of topics and potential grant opportunities to address homelessness. Attendees can network and gather feedback from multiple points of view. Organizations and individuals can provide feedback via the website, social media, and public comment during all committee meetings. BKRHC also proactively engages the community by providing presentations throughout Kern County. CoC hosts a bi-monthly training courses through the CoC University training topics covering cultural awareness, trauma informed care, domestic violence awareness, healthcare and mainstream benefits.
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 posted and housed on the CoC website 72 hours in advance and posted at the CoC physical location A distribution list is maintained, and anyone seeking regular communication can receive a monthly newsletter and notice of any committee meeting regularly. The CoC also actively uses social media as another method of communicating information about public meetings.
3. Effective communication is key for all attendees. The CoC’s website and materials are accessible to anyone with a disability, services 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.
4. The CoC encourages feedback regarding improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness. The CoC’s meetings are open to the public and stakeholder feedback is encouraged. All meetings hold space for public comments and feedback is received via the CoC email, website, telephone, meetings and mail to present at Governing Board meetings. The Governing Board Chair may respond to feedback immediately and information is added to agendas and discussed in meetings or referred for consideration by a standing committee.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;	
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;	
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and	
4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.	
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The “Notice to Potential Applicants” was approved, along with the LOI template, instructions and NOFO timeline. Multiple notices are provided via CoC website, 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 share notices through their website and social media channels.

2. A training webinar is conducted virtually on the LOI, ranking and application process for new and renewal projects. This webinar and all training and virtual meetings are conducted with closed captioning for individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing and published on the website along with NOFO frequently asked questions guide (FAQ).

3. The process is explained that the Collaborative Applicant reviews all LOIs received by the deadline to determine 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. 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. CoC ensures that new and renewing applicants can access meetings materials and processes for NOFO applications in office and virtually via CoC website. When virtual meetings are conducted, the closed captioning feature is on during the meetings and accessible electronic formats are 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 V.B.1.b.	
	In the chart below:	
	1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.	

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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 are reviewed by CoC Planning and Performance Committee and Governing Board prior to adding 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, disparities, and effectiveness. ESG recipients and subrecipients are 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 are 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 annual homeless PIT Count and HIC data for inclusion in both Annual Action Plans and Five-Year Consolidated Plans. Data was used to develop our Ten-Year Housing Plan and Strategic Action Plan. CoC provided PIT and HIC CoC-wide and city-level data to all ESG recipients in its geographical boundaries.

4. CoC reports and documents 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 for the CoC's geographic area. All CoC members participate in City/County stakeholder meetings and focus groups on homelessness. City/County import HMIS data into their annual CAPERs using SAGE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC works with youth education providers to address existing gaps in services and identify disparities, to improve homeless services amongst youth, seek funding, and co-host events and trainings. The Governing Board has a position specific to education Kern County Superintendent of Schools (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, through formal agreement. Through agreement, KCSOS and other CoC agencies are collocated at Kern County Network for Children's Dream Center (DC), 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. KCSOS manages contracts with the Department of Human Services for childcare and linkages to any social services support for the youth's family. 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 KCSOS. The HYC has assisted in improving the Point In Time Count (PIT) by creating a comprehensive services directory specifically tailored to supportive services for youth and youth volunteering to participate in counting the homeless for additional days and identifying areas on the map where homeless youth reside.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

All CoC members have signed membership agreements and release of information to collaborate with each other. All partner agencies screen families or youth for educational needs during the intake process and inform and refer them of education services and the Mc Kinney Vento Assistance Act. 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 V.B.1.d.	

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	Yes
3.	Early Childhood Providers	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–Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers.
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Victim service providers (VSPs), The Open Door Network 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. The VSP Partners attend meetings to discuss strategies, timetables, implementation of mandated services, and provide training regarding program services.

2. The Kern County Superintendent of School and the Open Door Network provide an ongoing Trauma Informed Care Training to all CoC Members in Kern County that cover metro and rural areas in Kern County. Ongoing trainings provide knowledge to service providers working with adults and children 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. Training takes place at least annually but usually much more frequently as needs are identified.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. All CoC members are trained semi-annually on the basic trauma informed care and domestic violence and sexual assault awareness trainings. In addition, The Open Door Network provides an annual victim services training at CoC University and for CES service providers. Once a survivor is identified they are immediately referred to Victim Service Providers (VSP) who has received mandated training 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. VSP is responsible for creating a safety plan with the survivor that is victim centered, referral to a therapist or group counseling and ensuring that the survivors are aware of the victim’s rights and eligibility of services.

2. Coordinated Entry staff members receive annual to semi-annual trauma informed care training through CoC University. CoC University Trainings are held bi-monthly and service providers are encouraged to request direct trainings for their organizations on any topic covered in the CoC University training. Recordings of the training are available online through the BKRHC website for refreshers. The CES Committee meets monthly and VSP members are participating committee members. Homeless service providers, as well as other human services agencies. VSP provides training for CES staff annually at the CoC University that covers safety and planning protocols. Training and technical assistance on trauma-informed approaches to become a trauma informed organization are available through SAMHSA’s National Center for Trauma-Informed Care (NCTIC) and alternatives to seclusion and restrain or through the CoC Training Committee.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC’s has provided training for CES service providers to attend trainings for domestic violence and sexual assault awareness to identify and assess survivors with a trauma informed care approach. CES staff will identify and refer survivors to a victim services provider (VSP) for a warm hand off to begin the safety planning process. 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.

2. 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. Once a survivor is identified their information is then protected and placed into the HMIS system under the de-identified number.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. CoC victim service providers collect client statistical data, such as client demographics and client services rendered, daily, for reporting purposes. Client data for internal/external reporting is collected using VS Tracking (a program designed for use by DV service providers) and HMIS for HUD and CoC reporting. 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.

2. Data is collected weekly from staff who complete stats forms for each client and service rendered. Data is input into 2 data collection systems and utilized to complete monthly, quarterly, mid-year and year-end reports. These reports are reviewed by Data, Grants, and other Management staff, prior to submission, for any discrepancies and/or extraordinary changes in data, such as number of clients served and/or types of services rendered, that show increases, decreases, gaps, met/unmet outcomes/goals, etc. Reports also serve as guides for victim service providers and CoC in identifying program success or areas of improvement, what services victims are accessing most, what services are unmet due to lack of availability, such as, shelter beds; and what services best meet the needs of homeless victims/survivors in the CoC.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC policies include, when a client or 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 (VSP).
2. If a client is housed, they are referred to the VSP provider to complete an assessment, create a safety plan. The VSP will request emergency transfer request to move units.
3. If an emergency transfer request was submitted VSP will assist participant with submitting a request and helping them move from one unit to another and link them to services. If a request cannot be fulfilled due to a unit is unavailable, then transportation will be provided via local taxi or regional transportation to one of the local domestic violence shelters. 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.

1C-5f.	Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area; and	
2.	proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC works closely with survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all the housing resources. and services available within the CoC's geographic area. Survivors are placed into the CES with de-identifier codes so survivors can access rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, Joint TH-RRH projects, rental subsidies and shelter diversion and prevention programs without the barriers of confidentiality being compromised.
2. The CoC is working with county, city, local partners and with local housing authority and services providers to ensure safety is quickly established because survivors often need longer time frames to gain stability and move to permanent housing. To ensure that survivors have access across all systems of housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area survivors have their own TH-RRH projects that match them to rapid-rehousing services. Survivors vulnerability scores lower on the VI-SPDAT survey and they often do not get matched to housing resources as rapidly as clients who are homeless. VSP work with the CoC to access removing barrier funds to proactively remove any financial barriers that will prolong survivors from accessing a housing resource in a timely manner.

1C-5g.	Ensuring Survivors With a Range of Lived Expertise Participate in Developing CoC-Wide Policy and Programs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. ensured survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your CoC-wide policy and programs; and	
	2. accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Open Door Network has hired a lived experience survivor of human trafficking to provide expertise as a subject matter expert who reviews policies and is involved in the program development. The lived experience survivor is an active advocate in the community who works closely with human trafficking survivors and has an MOU with Open Door Network to train VSP's, collaborates with Open Door Network and local law enforcement for sting operations and is compensated hourly for time worked. In addition, the lived experience expert provides feedback from all on-call encounters, programs, trainings and policy reviews.

2. All employees, volunteers and lived experts of the Open Door Network sign an acknowledgement disclosure to protect the identity and locations of all survivors who are encountered. All staff must participate in a mandated training 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. In this training guidance is given on how to ask questions e.g. (name, gender and languages with a trauma informed care approach). VSP's learn how to conduct an intake and safely communicate with survivors who are experiencing trauma. Trainings are mandated due to the trauma experienced and ensuring survivors are consenting to sign any disclosures to continue all services.

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

	1. how your CoC regularly collaborates with LGBTQ+ and other organizations to update its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary to ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and able to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families;
	2. how your CoC assisted housing and services providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy;
	3. your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and
	4. your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has collaborated with organizations and Standing Committees to update CES policies to include DEI language. All CoC members and frontline staff are required to attend the CoC University to learn about topics that cover a cultural awareness series and trauma informed care. Updates were made to the CoC Governance Charter that includes more inclusive language for LGBTQ+ and DEI language. Feedback is also received through stakeholders/ CoC meetings and committees such as the Youth Advisory Board. In addition to comprehensive CoC University training, the CoC offers resources to assist in engaging providers with access to sample documents, recommendations, and practical tips for designing and implementing environments that are non-discriminatory.

2. The Governing Board through the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee chair regularly discuss updated anti-discrimination policies and laws that pertain to all service providers. The DEI committee has offered to assist any service provider with developing their policies and the system wide anti discrimination policy has been shared across all members. Discussion at the Governing Board and committee level has occurred around client engagement from outreach to housing. Items such as gender identity, prohibitions on family separations, and rights and responsibilities of all HUD-funded projects and clear policies protecting the right to equal access for safe housing and shelter is reviewed system-wide.

3. Compliance with CoC policies is checked during program monitoring, including documents and policy review, 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.

4. Agencies found to be non-compliant with CoC policies are advised of 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 V.B.1.g.	

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Housing Authority of the County of Kern	50%	Yes-Both	Yes

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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 PHA chairs the Housing Committee in our CoC that works with our homeless service providing organization to remove housing barriers, reduce the length in time of homelessness and identify and provide housing resources. 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. The Authority is actively involved in the coordinated entry process to ensure persons are matched to available housing resources i.e., vouchers and LIPH.

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 V.B.1.g.	

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

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	Yes
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	Yes
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	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 V.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 V.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
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	If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.	
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PHA	
	Housing Authority...

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

Name of PHA: Housing Authority of the County of Kern

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	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 2023 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 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC ensures Housing First through multiple points of feedback, data monitoring and discussion with organizations.

2. 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.

3. 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 V.B.1.j.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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. The CoC has also provided guidance to all frontline line staff with bi-monthly training to all CoC members that covers street outreach through our CoC University. 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. Persons who are willing to be surveyed are placed in coordinated entry system to get matched to housing resource, regardless of them refusing shelter. 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 V.B.1.k.	

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

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

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

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	548	521

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. All homeless service provider agencies identify mainstream resources for homeless participants during the intake process and assist persons with obtaining or renewing benefits. Those with disabilities and needing further assistance obtaining social security benefits are referred to 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 partnered with Community Solutions to hire a full time homeless and healthcare provider to work with the homeless service providers and healthcare entities to link the homeless population to medical resources and healthcare organizations to homeless resources and shelter beds. 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 V.B.1.n.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:	
1.	develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and	
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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.
2. 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 V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	shared information related to public health measures and homelessness, and	
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Coordinated Entry System (CES) covers 100% of the entire CoC’s geographical area.

2. CES uses a standardized assessment process that prioritizes individuals quickly, without preconditions or service participation requirements. Prioritization is based on a specific and definable set of criteria that are documented, made publicly available, and applied consistently throughout the CoC’s geographical area for all populations. 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.

3. The Coordinated Entry System (CES) standards are updated annually through feedback from surveys from current and former participants who have accessed CES. 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 to provide service to those experiencing homelessness in the rural and BIPOC communities.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. CES reaches people who are least likely to apply for housing assistance. In coordination between 211, street outreach, street medicine, family resource centers, rural navigation centers and healthcare partners all acting as access points for sub-populations that do not normally access the homeless system. The provider listed service shelter resistant and individuals who are housed but low income. 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 Analysis analyzed the assessment tool and based upon the focus groups, surveys and staff feedback the tool scored as 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.

3. CES host weekly calls to prioritize clients based upon vulnerability and match individuals and families to available permanent housing options and resources. Any provider can make a request for an emergency match call meeting to ensure that responses to needs are as timely as possible.

4. CES continues to focus on improving access and invasive questions during the assessment process to ensure individuals are not burdened with CES as being a barrier to access permanent housing. Improvements are being made based upon the CES SWOT Analysis and feedback from client surveys.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC works collaboratively with homeless service providers in Kern County to respond to all of Kern County’s geographic areas. 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 the homeless sub-populations to market housing resources and services.
2. In addition, homeless service providers inform clients of their rights during intake process for service. Clients are also referred to CoC collaborative member Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance for additional legal services to review their rights, remedies and any fair housing and civil rights laws.
3. When CoC is made aware of any reports from clients that impede fair housing for a current or prospective participant in the jurisdiction the 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.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	06/21/2023

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

Describe in the field below:

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| 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)

1. 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 at the Planning and Performance Committee Meeting with homeless service providers, regular reports to our Executive and Governing Boards, as well as updates to City and County partners in order to develop specialized change ideas.

2. The racial disparities identified are the 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.	Implemented Strategies that Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has pulled data from our HMIS 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), Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, Cal State University of Bakersfield (CSUB), local healthcare safety net organizations, Public Housing Authority, homeless service providers, and local government agencies to take action on addressing disparities. Our homeless service providers have taken a qualitative data-driven approach along with the CoC and CSUB to research and apply for future grants specifically to improve inequity. LEAB Committee created client surveys for use at different stages through the homeless system to provide a voice for those with lived experience. Data from surveys 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. Round table discussion between homeless service organizations and the CoC has taken place to improve policies and procedures to address barriers to accessing housing and support services to clients. The CoC has also partnered with local healthcare organizations to focus on healthcare and homeless initiatives to address identified disparities in our healthcare system for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Additionally, continued partnership CSUB Social Work Department is evaluating data to identify disparities and form focus groups between currently homeless, lived experience and community members to focus on creating a new vulnerability assessment tool and improve policies and procedures within the homeless system that may cause barriers, segregate, and traumatize clients.

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 and improvements within the homeless system. 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.	Tracked Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
	2. the tools your CoC uses.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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 and the Planning and Performance 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.

2. Disaggregated HMIS data is reviewed monthly and the CoC will continue to utilize HUD's racial equity analysis tools, PIT/HIC/SPM data sets, and available census data to provide a baseline and comparative metrics to make determinations and identify any areas where there may be disparate outcomes. The CoC is working with CSUB Social Work department to recruit MSW interns to review data and interview those experiencing homeless and lived experience to gain understanding and collect feedback to improve the policies, quality care and provide a trauma informed care approach. 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 V.B.1.r.	
	Describe in the field below your CoC's outreach efforts (e.g., social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision making processes.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC takes many opportunities to engage individuals with lived experience through a variety of ways. CoC staff will collaborate with the LEAB Committee on outreach community events to gather feedback and participation at the events. The CoC is currently working towards hiring a lived experience youth as a staff member to provide their expertise and support to the work. Mentorship will be provided to the staff to as they are involved in the decision-making processes of the homeless collaborative to work toward ending homelessness. The CoC has two advisory boards focused on those with lived experience of homelessness, one is the Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) and the second is the Youth Advisory Board (YAB). Both Lived Experience Boards hold 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 recuperative care needs in the community. Our YAB and Youth Committee have created a Pod Cast to ensure their voices are heard in the journey to end youth homelessness.

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	18	2
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	18	2
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	2	2
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	2	2

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's capacity building efforts to provide professional development opportunities to individuals with lived experience varies between the CoC and service providers. The CoC is collaborating with Employment Training Resources to hire an intern with lived experience. The Executive Board approved a part-time lived experience employee as an expert to improve the work to end homelessness. Homeless service providers and partner organizations provide employment opportunities and experience for individuals with lived experience of homelessness. The Open Door Network Workforce Development Program employs 138 currently, formerly, or at-risk of being homeless individuals with 90 on a waitlist. This program is designed to remove barriers for homeless individuals seeking employment. 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 to gain 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.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Surveys are distributed to clients in the homeless system at 3 points of receiving services. The CoC's Lived Experience Advisory Board has created a set of survey tools for homeless service providers to use at various stages the beginning, mid-point, and end journey through our homeless system.
2. The survey data will be collected with our HMIS system and be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the LEAB and homeless service providers. 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. 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.
3. 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. Concerns will be documented and discussed with organizations. An action plan from the organization will be put in place with follow up and review how the challenge was resolved.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The BKRHC works closely with city and county government on land use and regulatory barriers. BKRHC attends monthly City Council meetings and Kern County Board of Supervisors meetings to participate in zoning discussions and submit comments to officials. 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 tool. In addition, BKRHC has been working in partnership with the County of Kern on reforming zoning, land use policies and the County of Kern rezoned 214 acres to support up to 14,695 units of high density housing. The City and County both participate in the Strategic Action Plan Committee meetings to prevent and end homelessness and they are working collaboratively with the CoC and homeless service providers to strategize how remove barriers and develop more affordable housing units to combat homelessness in Kern County.

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

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

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

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g. You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1.	Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	07/19/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	07/19/2023

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

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

5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes
6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes

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

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	175
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	9
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC manages six by name lists (BNL) 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.
2. The CoC analyzes the data on a quarterly basis based upon the inflow, outflow, length of time homeless to measure how long it takes to house a person. This data is collected through HMIS and analyzed in the Planning and Performance, Built for Zero 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.
3. All PSH projects focus on the hardest to serve populations. Our CoC identified that the Domestic Violence population is hardest to serve because they experience barriers that prevent rapid placement into permanent housing. 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.
4. 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.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC used the input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;	
	2. how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and	
	3. how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Planning and Performance Committee worked collaboratively with the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee and their attendees to include people of different races. In this meeting rating factors were used to review project applications. It 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. 4 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 V.B.2.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;	
2.	whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year;	
3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and	
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1.The 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 did not identify low performing or less needed renewal projects during the local competition this year and therefore did not make any reallocations.
- 4.NA.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/06/2023

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC’s website or partner’s website.	09/26/2023
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Clarity Human Services (Bitfocus, Inc.)
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

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

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

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The HMIS Data Quality committee reviews data and ensures that our CoC is compliant with all current data standards as set forth by HUD. DV providers add data for all beds into HMIS using de-identifiers. Client’s real names are not entered in HMIS, but they are identified through R-Codes, a naming convention that allows victim service providers to identify clients without disclosing any personal information. These R-codes are generated by the HMIS comparable database and utilized within HMIS to provide identity protection.

2. DV providers use a separate, HUD-compliant, HMIS-comparable database for entering DV data. which adheres to the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

3. Our CoC's HMIS also is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	889	54	949	113.65%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	267	58	233	111.48%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	521	11	663	130.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	3,100	0	2,990	96.45%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	11	0	11	100.00%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

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

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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/14/2023
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. engaged unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations in your CoC’s most recent PIT count planning process;	
	2. worked with unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified during your CoC’s most recent PIT count planning process; and	
	3. included youth experiencing homelessness as counters during your CoC’s most recent unsheltered PIT count.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC engaged youth-serving organizations, homeless adult and family service providers, 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 provided information 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 Youth Action Board (YAB) regarding participation incentives that speak to the unique needs of homeless youth. YAB representatives actively engaged in the PIT count committee to provide insight on how best to engage youth during the morning of the count.

2.The CoC engaged our diverse YAB members who all have lived experiences of homelessness and the YAB 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, 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. Youth provided valuable insight as active counters during our last PIT on how best to engage youth during the PIT count.

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

In the field below:	
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and
3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
4.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. There was no methodology change for the sheltered PIT count between 2022 and 2023.
2. For the 2023 unsheltered PIT count, there was a methodology change from 2022. An additional 2 days of the unsheltered count were included to focus on rural areas within Kern County and areas where safety was a concern for our volunteers (e.g. riverbed encampment areas). The 2 additional days were staffed by outreach teams that are familiar with these areas. Every effort was made to ensure that data de-duplication occurred; individuals encountered during the subsequent count days were asked if they were already surveyed, a specific identifier was included in each data record, comparison of personally identifiable information including name/age/date of birth was conducted, and data scrubbing provided multiple contingencies for data de-duplication.
3. The change in unsheltered PIT count methodology yielded a 22% increase in the total number of individuals counted. Our CoC was able to cover more rural areas in the 8200 square mile geographic area and get better unsheltered count data representation.

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Persons at risk of experiencing homelessness are screened with a Quick Referral Tool (QRT) and referred to the CoC CES from numerous agencies "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 PR-VI-SPDAT is an evidence-based triage tool that evaluates, prioritizes, and recommends services for at-risk persons based on several factors including household size/composition, current location safety, 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. Based on these factors, the CoC can identify those at risk of first-time homelessness and direct them to prevention services as appropriate.

2. CES places persons at risk of experiencing homelessness on a service priority list, from which they are connected to 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 and utility 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 entities are responsible for implementing the strategy for reducing the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time, working in conjunction with the Homeless Prevention and Discharge Planning Committee.

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	

Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:
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1.	natural disasters?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area?	No

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

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.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC utilizes by-name-lists (BNL) to track the length of time homeless (LOTH) 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. Paired with the BNL data, we utilize weekly case conferencing for homeless individuals with the longest LOTH. During case conferencing, we identify the barriers to housing that the individuals are experiencing, what our next steps are for the person, and identify when we think we will get them housed. This targeted effort has helped us reduce LOTH as demonstrated in our monthly BNL reports.

2. The Coordinated Entry System (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 meet weekly through case conferencing to discuss individuals and families as they are matched to an appropriate housing resource from the housing priority list. Partner agencies then organize 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 LOTH. 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 V.B.5.d.	

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. CoC strategies to increase the rate at which individuals and families exit from ES, TH, and RRH to PH destinations include the PHA leading efforts to increase the supply of affordable PH units and collaboration 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, Homekey, and 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 for damaged units. Weekly case conferencing using a priority list ensures timely PH placements targeting the most vulnerable individuals and families. Part of our CoC’s coordinated strategic planning includes creation and consistent update of our PH inventory list to ensure that agencies have access to data for determining housing placements. Coordinated funds are also used to remove barriers and provide resources to ensure move in readiness to permanent housing.

2. Our CoC has successfully assisted families in retaining their permanent housing or exiting to other permanent housing through intensive case management services tailored to each person’s unique needs. Case managers use motivational interviewing to create individualized housing stability plans to assist clients in reaching their goals. There is a focus on ensuring that the individual’s/families’ basic needs are met.

Then, through critical time intervention methods, case management assists 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 goals are achieved and stability is created, the intensity of services declines. If at any time 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 CoC’s 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 conjunction with the Housing Committee, Governing Board, and Executive Board.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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, names pulled from HMIS and the CoC's At-Risk prioritization list from the Coordinated Entry System are cross-referenced. The data is analyzed to understand common factors and determinants of recidivism. The CoC's Planning and Performance Committee reviews quarterly system performance measure reports to determine overall recidivism rates using data from SPM Measure 2.

2. Strategy and action steps include providing aftercare case management, data monitoring, education on how to access the CES, and a focus on increased self-sufficiency through money management education, job readiness training, and renters rights workshops. Similarly, to actions for identifying individuals returning to homelessness, data review will be completed on available HMIS and CES data for individuals and families to determine underlying root causes of their recidivism. As much as possible, all information prior to exit to a permanent housing destination through return into the homeless system will be reviewed to ascertain possible paths to recidivism and determine measures to limit these causing factors. Causes of recidivism will be discussed at regular Planning and Performance Committee meetings.

3. The CoC's Planning and Performance Committee is directly responsible for overseeing strategies to reduce recidivism rates. The chair and co-chair seats are represented by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools and the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;	
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC continues to cultivate partnerships with job placement, job training, and employment opportunity programs to afford individuals experiencing homelessness the ability to access employment cash sources. These partnerships include resources to help individuals and families prepare to enter the workforce by providing information about job opportunities, computer/printer use, job search assistance, a mailing address/phone number, clothes for interviews, bus passes, and payment of fees for certifications required. Through its job placement program, the Open Door Network advocates for homeless, formerly homeless and those at risk of homelessness in obtaining 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 building, and contacts for long-term employment. Job placement outreach is conducted through the Kern County Network for Children Dream Center (resource center for homeless youth), Garden Pathways (formerly incarcerated), and individual CoC members. 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 along with Bakersfield College’s Project HireUp help individuals experiencing homelessness prepare for the workforce through training and access employment. Job fairs are held and local employers notify agencies of job opportunities. CoC provides linkages for individuals within the homeless system to employment organizations to increase client cash income. Clients are referred to the Open Door Network for part time employment for highway maintenance, material sorter/landscaping, litter removal, and animal care technician jobs. 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 provides paid work experience programs and ETR provides free apprenticeship programs. Free vocational training is available through WESTEC, 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 through our Planning and Performance Committee.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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 Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Committee meets monthly to help increase access to SSI/SSDI benefits. Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance 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 Kern County Network for Children Dream Center.
2. BKRHC oversees the CoC’s strategy to increase non-employment cash income through our Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Committee.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
Bakersfield PSH -...	PH-PSH	11	Healthcare

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. **What is the name of the new project?** Bakersfield PSH - Scattered Sites

2. **Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):** DVJ5XQ7BMQ88

3. **Select the new project type:** PH-PSH

4. **Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing:** 11

5. **Select the type of leverage:** Healthcare

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)
 N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	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 I.B.3.I.(1)(c)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Open Door Network 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 2021-22; element 2 was determined by total number of DV survivors who are currently receiving housing or services at all Open Door facilities which include 2 Shelters and 2 walk-in sites.

2. Data source used by The Open Door was R-client, a software designed specifically for use by DV/SA services agencies and HMIS APR (10/1/21 – 9/30/22).

3. 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 I.B.3.I.(1)	

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

Applicant Name
The Open Door Net...

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

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

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

1.	Applicant Name	The Open Door Network
2.	Project Name	Arvin TH and PH-RRH Project
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	10
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	C1TSYKEMS6M8
5.	Amount Requested	\$885,067
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 I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

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

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

(limit 1,500 characters)

1. 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).

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

3. Data sources used were R-client, a data software designed specifically for use by DV/SA service provider and HMIS APR (10/1/21 thru 9/30/22).

4A-3c.	Applicant Experience in Providing Housing to DV Survivor for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)		
Describe in the field below how the project applicant:		
1.	ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;	
2.	prioritized survivors—you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC’s emergency transfer plan, etc.;	
3.	determined which supportive services survivors needed;	
4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and	
5.	moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Survivors entering TODN TH and PH-RRH 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. Housing specialist will complete VI-SPDAT in prioritizing clients for placement on the prioritization match list and for housing vouchers and other housing resources.

2. The housing specialist enrolls client into the Coordinated Entry System and client is placed on the prioritization match list and for housing vouchers and other housing resources.

3. During the TH and PH-RRH Program entry process, Shelter Case Managers meets with the client to 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.

4. Case Managers connect clients to other TODN services: therapy/group counseling, TRO workshops, Court Accompaniment, develop resumes, employment search and placement. Transportation is available via agency vehicle, bus passes and taxi fares if the client does not have own transportation. Provide referrals to other community resources as needed.

5. After a client has been matched to permanent housing, client is provided financial assistance to move into unit. Housing items are provided such as, furnishings, bedding, kitchenware, small appliances and food baskets. Client is provided up-to 6-months of aftercare services through monthly visits in person and 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 I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:	
1.	taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;	
2.	making determinations and placements into safe housing;	
3.	keeping information and locations confidential;	
4.	training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and	
5.	taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Crisis Hotline staff conversations with survivor callers are conducted in a private area. Case Managers conduct intakes and walk-ins in a private interview room. Any accompanying family member, partner or friend is required to remain in the client waiting room. All staff are trained on state and federal confidentiality laws.

2. TODN Housing Specialist assists a survivor in the housing search process. This includes advocating with landlords, inspecting the housing facility for habitability, meeting safety needs. Survivors are also educated on how to assess housing/location for personal safety.

3. TODN operates secured, confidential locations TH 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 and common areas of the facilities and client/staff parking lot. Security gates and walls surround the facilities. All client information and files are maintained in locked file cabinets in a locked office. Only designated staff are permitted access to the client files.

4. Upon employment staff are required to complete the certified 40-hour Domestic Violence training and 40-hour Sexual Assault training before they are permitted to engage with survivors. Confidentiality and federal and state laws are part of the training requirements. Staff are also provided information and procedures regarding survivor confidentiality and are required to maintain confidentiality during work hours and non-work hours.

5. The TODN's Bakersfield TH facility maintains codes for entry into the facility. Survivors and staff are given codes to access grounds and buildings on the facility. Breakaway bars on windows for family units, staff offices, common areas. Inside living/workspaces are well lighted to provide maximum safety for survivors and staff. Outside common areas contain flood lights and cameras covering all four perimeters for nighttime viewing by staff on security monitors. Each year TODN successfully passes its local City and County site visits which include facility and program inspections for resident safety. The Delano TH facility also provides camera's on-site with 24-hour monitoring, a retaining wall, inside parking and security gate. At entry survivors are informed not to disclose the location of the facility; and doing so could lead to removal and/or transfer to another facility for their safety and other residing in the shelter.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

TODN has been operating DV Shelters since 1980 providing over 43 years' safe, secure, confidentially located temporary housing for survivors of domestic and sexual abuse. All resident's personal identifying information is confidential and maintained under a double lock system. Staff and Management continually monitor operational and safety procedures at the facilities; and take measures to remedy any violations that may jeopardize staff and resident's safety and wellbeing. This includes providing additional security equipment and/or making upgrades to existing equipment, when needed. TODN contracts with a security company that provides 24/7 on-site camera monitoring of shelter perimeter and common areas; and utilizes a security code gate entry onto the property. Shelter staff monitor daily, evening and weekend activities to ensure all residents and their children remain safe. All shelters are handicap accessible and include brail signage for individuals who are visually impaired. TODN evaluates its ability to maintain the safety of its DV survivors based on its lack of client injuries sustained while housed in its TH facilities, implementation of its Safety Policies and Procedures, ongoing 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 I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

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

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| 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)

TODN has been operating DV Shelters since 1980 providing over 43 years' safe, secure, confidentially located temporary housing for survivors of domestic and sexual abuse; and operating TH Shelter Programs since 2010. All staff are trained in trauma-informed care prior to providing direct-client services. All services are conducted through a trauma-informed lens.

1. Service goals and plans are client-driven. Participation in shelter services or compliance with service plans are not conditions of housing assistance. TODN follows a Housing First approach to quickly and successfully connect individuals/families to permanent housing without preconditions and barriers to entry. Upon shelter exit into permanent housing clients receive up-to 6-months Aftercare Services and/or emergency financial support, as needed, to maintain housing stability.
2. TODN staff use a 'survivor-centered' approach when engaging clients to encourage mutual respect and equality between staff and clients. TODN program policies prohibit the use of punitive interventions and/or terminations based on failure to participate in supportive services; failure to make progress on a service plan; loss of income or failure to improve income, etc. Client participation in services are not preconditions to housing and are strictly voluntary.
3. Classes are offered in the Cycle of Violence and Healthy vs. Unhealthy relationships. Clients may also attend TODN Learning to Protect and Domestic Violence Awareness Groups using evidence-based curriculums geared towards trauma and the effects of it on adults and children. Classes and groups are available to resident and non-resident clients; and are conducted by shelter and non-shelter staff and therapists. Referrals to other community resources are available upon client request.
4. All clients who enter TODN meet with a Case Manager who will assist survivors to complete an Intake, Needs Assessment, Risk Assessment, develop their own goals and a Safety Plan. Employment and educational levels are measured to determine strengths, weaknesses, goals and services needed to achieve self-sufficiency and obtain permanent housing. If therapy is requested, the initial appointment will consist of a psycho-social assessment to determine mental health needs and acuity.
5. Staff are trained in trauma-informed care and culturally sensitive service provision before engaging clients; and, are culturally reflective of the largely Hispanic population TODN serves. TODN employs bi-lingual (English/Spanish) speaking staff and contracts with Certified Languages International with certified interpreters in 200 languages; and LifeSigns (American Sign Language) services for survivors who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. TODN practices a 'Low Barrier' approach to client entry into Shelter programs. 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." The Shelter programs do not discriminate based on age, race/ethnicity, gender, marital status, familial status, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity.

6. TODN offers Life Skills Training, Parenting Classes, Peer-to-peer Support Groups, Adult and Child Group therapy Art Therapy, and employs/partners w/individuals with lived-experience who provide support, guidance and mentoring to victims/survivors. Individuals with spiritual needs are referred to faith-based groups/communities for support. TODN also maintains an up-to-date list of all community service providers, agencies, organizations, partners, etc. for use in providing survivors information and/or referrals to other local and rural community-based services.

7. TODN operates a licensed childcare program for shelter resident's w/children ages 0-5 years. The program offers high quality early childhood development and pre-school education in a secured, confidentially located facility. Child therapy is provided by TODN credentialed/licensed child therapists using evidence-based curriculum. Children's Groups are available for children ages 6-8 and 9-12 years; and Parenting Classes are available for shelter and non-shelter clients with children.

TODN Legal Specialist assists clients w/Temporary Restraining Orders, Child Protective and Custody Orders, court accompaniments. Clients are also referred to Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance who assist clients with landlord/tenant issues, remove legal barriers to housing, U-visas, immigration, legal documents and court accompaniments.

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

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

A victim service provider will complete an intake, needs assessment, risk assessment, develop a safety plan, housing needs and assist with housing searches/placement. Housing Specialist will do a VI-SPDAT assessment, client is enrolled into Coordinated Entry System (CES) and placed on the prioritized match list to quickly move clients into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs. Clients are encouraged to establish their own work plan and goals towards successfully obtaining their own safe home. Housing Specialists will maintain a survivor-centered approach towards service provision to ensure client choices and priorities are supported. Housing Specialist will support client participation and choice of housing preferences; accompany client on housing searches; advocate on behalf of client with landlords for housing placement and financial assistance will be provided based upon the program that client is enrolled in. Clients have an option to receive services such as childcare, legal support and court accompaniment, referrals for employment, counseling and life skills.

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

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

1. Housing/RRH Specialist will assess client’s housing needs and assist with housing searches/placement. Clients are encouraged to establish their own work plan and goals towards successfully obtaining their own safe home. Specialists will maintain a survivor-centered approach towards service provision to ensure client choices and priorities are supported. Specialist will support client participation and choice of housing preferences; accompany client on housing searches; advocate on behalf of client with landlords for housing placement; provide housing financial assistance; and conduct up-to 6-months Aftercare services including emergency assistance to maintain housing stability.

2. New Project staff will use a ‘survivor-centered’ approach when engaging clients and housing and service goals/plans will be client-driven. New Project staff will be 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. Program policies will prohibit the use of punitive interventions and/or terminations, such as, failure to participate in supportive services; failure to make progress on a service plan; loss of income or failure to improve income, etc.

3. 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. New Project direct-client services staff will be trained in the effects of trauma and how to recognize the signs and symptoms of it. Staff will attend TIC trainings and be able to offer TH client’s information on trauma and refer them to other on-site services or provide information about other community resources, as needed.

4. Upon entry into the Arvin TH and PH-RRH shelter, clients will meet with a bi-lingual Case Manager to complete an Intake, Needs Assessment, Risk Assessment, develop goals and establish a Safety Plan. Employment and educational levels will be measured to identify strengths, weaknesses, goals and services needed to achieve self-sufficiency and obtain permanent housing. If therapy is requested, the initial appointment will consist of a psycho-social assessment to determine mental health needs and acuity. The new project will use a variety of interventions and tools to focus on client strengths, motivation, protective factors and coping strategies designed to return clients to pre-crisis functioning. 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 assisting clients attain success and achieve their goals.

5. 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, 8-hr. human relations trainings focusing on services and needs of the underserved, LGBTQ and disabled populations. The new Project will not discriminate based on age, race/ethnicity, gender, marital status, familial status, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity. The Project will employ bi-lingual (English/Spanish) speaking staff. In addition, TODN contracts with Certified Languages International, Inc. who provides certified interpreters in 200 languages; and contracts with LifeSigns who provides ASL (American Sign Language) services for survivors who are deaf or

hard-of-hearing. All language services are provided cost-free for survivors.

6. New Project clients will have access to Life Skills and Job Readiness training, Nurturing Parents Classes, Peer-to-peer Support Groups, Adult and Child Groups, Art Therapy, staff/partners with lived-experience for support, guidance and mentoring. Individuals with spiritual needs will be referred to faith-based groups/communities for support.

7. The new TH program will provide mothers with preschool children financial assistance to cover costs for community childcare services while they search for housing, employment, attend school/GED classes, job interviews, counseling and court hearings without the interruption of small children. Transportation will be provided for those who do not have their own vehicle. TODN Legal Specialist will conduct weekly, on-site, client workshops for Temporary Restraining Orders, Child Protective/Custody Orders; and court accompaniments, as needed. TODN also partners with Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc., who will assist clients with landlord/tenant issues, removal of legal barriers to housing, U-visas, immigration, obtain legal documents and court accompaniments.

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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.

2. The steps and actions we will take to include survivors in the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies and procedures is to provide pre satisfaction surveys that include questions of their current challenges and barriers victims they are facing. Upon exit of the TH PH RRH program, a satisfaction survey will be provided. The questions for feedback will target the challenges and barriers survivors faced while in our TH PH RRH program. The Open Door Network will seek 3 lived experience survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or human trafficking. All participants must be free from domestic violence, sexual assault and/or human trafficking for at least 2 years to avoid reoccurring trauma/triggers. The board will also include professionals who work with survivors or oversee survivor-led programs. All members of the Survivor Advisory Board will be included in the development and implementation of policies and procedures. The pre and post surveys will give the Survivor Advisory Board the opportunity to evaluate client services and develop effective client care based off the feedback provided by the participants in the TH PH RRH program. Professionals, Lived Experienced, and client feedback are crucial to the development of solutions in order to ensure trauma-informed care services and client care services maintain a survivor-centered approach.

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.
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1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	PHA Homeless Pref...	09/15/2023
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	PHA Moving On Pre...	09/15/2023
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Letter Signed by ...	09/21/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/21/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Web Posting of Lo...	09/15/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/15/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	09/15/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/15/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/15/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	09/16/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Web Posting-CoC-A...	09/26/2023

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Notification of C...	09/26/2023
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2023 HDX Competit...	09/05/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Healthcare Formal...	09/15/2023
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Submission Summary

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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

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

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.

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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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.

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

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.

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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

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.

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



September 18, 2023

Dear Rick Ramos,

Re: Letter of Support for the Kern County Continuum of Care (CoC) to Address Notice of Funding Opportunity Application

The Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) is pleased to support the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative's application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Notice of Funding Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2023 Continuum of Care Competition.

The LEAB is a standing committee that is facilitated by members of the Brundage Lane Navigation Center and The Open Door Network. Both organizations have an active presence in the CoC and provide direct services to the regional homeless community. This committee is comprised primarily of those who are currently experiencing or have formerly experienced homelessness. Other members of the committee include service providers from various other agencies.

The purpose of the LEAB is to provide a forum for individuals with lived experience to have a voice in the CoC, help shape policy, provide decision-making, and determine program development. The current work of the LEAB includes a weekly podcast that tells the story of the homeless through their own voices, and a survey that measures the successes and struggles of people throughout their experience with homelessness.

In addition to the standing LEAB, several other committees within the CoC include people with lived experience of homelessness. Our Youth Action Board is comprised entirely of youth with lived experience of homelessness. Furthermore, our CoC Governing Board includes two seats that are reserved for voting members with lived experience of homelessness.

On behalf of the CoC's Lived Experience Advisory Board, and as the authorized representative, we stand by the CoC's effort to include people with lived experience of homelessness in decision-making, policy, program development, and all of the CoC's work to improve the lives of those we serve in Kern County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Miskiewicz".

Andy Miskiewicz

BKRHC Lived Experience Advisory Board Representative



Provider Information

Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

Provider Information	
Provider's Legal Name	Housing Authority of the County of Kern
Acronym (If Applicable)	
Year Incorporated	
EIN	95-6001629
Street Address	601 24th Street, Bakersfield, CA
Zip Code	93301

Project Information	
Project Name	El Programa Dulce Hogar Consolidated
Project Budget	
Grant Number	CA1197L9D042108
Name of Project Director	Heather Kimmel
Project Director Email Address	hkimmel@kernha.org
Project Director Phone Number	661-631-8500 ext 2505
Which best describes the project *	Permanent Supportive Housing
<i>If project is a Safe Haven, please choose project type that it most operates like, e.g. shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing</i>	
Are your services targeted to any of the following populations specifically? Please select one if so, as this impacts your assessment questions.	None of the above

*Please note that when you select a project type, particular standards may not be relevant.

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Assessor Email Address	
Assessor Phone Number	
Date of Assessment	Sep 18 2023



Housing First Standards

For each standard, please use the drop down boxes in the three columns to the right to select "Not at all" or "Sometimes" or "Always". Marking "Always" signifies full compliance for the standard.

No.	Standard	Access Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Access 1	Projects are low-barrier	<p>Admission to projects is not contingent on pre-requisites such as abstinence of substances, minimum income requirements, health or mental health history, medication adherence, age, criminal justice history, financial history, completion of treatment, participation in services, "housing readiness," history or occurrence of victimization, survivor of sexual assault or an affiliated person of such a survivor or other unnecessary conditions unless required by law or funding source.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Access 2	Projects do not deny assistance for unnecessary reasons	<p>Procedures and oversight demonstrate that staff do everything possible to avoid denying assistance or rejecting an individual or family for the reasons listed in Access Standard #1.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Access 3	Access regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status	<p>Equal access is provided in accordance with the 2012 and 2016 Equal Access Rules, meaning that any project funded by HUD must ensure equal access for persons regardless of one's sexual orientation or marital status, and in accordance with one's gender identity. Adult only households, regardless of marital status, should have equal access to projects (if these project types are not available within a CoC, the CoC should conduct an assessment to determine if these project types are needed and work with providers to accommodate the need). Please see Equal Access Rules here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1991/equal-access-to-housing-final-rule/</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Access 4	Admission process is expedited with speed and efficiency	<p>Projects have expedited admission processes, to the greatest extent possible, including helping participants obtain documentation required by funding sources, as well as processes to admit participants regardless of the status of their eligibility documentation whenever applicable.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Somewhat

Access 5	Intake processes are person-centered and flexible	Intake and assessment procedures are focused on the individual's or family's strengths, needs, and preferences. Projects do not require specific appointment times, but have flexible intake schedules that ensure access to all households. Assessments are focused on identifying household strengths, resources, as well as identifying barriers to housing that can inform the basis of a housing plan as soon as a person is enrolled in the project. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Access 6	The provider/project accepts and makes referrals directly through Coordinated Entry	Projects actively participate in the CoC-designated Coordinated Entry processes as part of streamlined community-wide system access and triage. If these processes are not yet implemented, projects follow communities' existing referral processes. Referrals from Coordinated Entry are rarely rejected, and only if there is a history of violence, the participant does not want to be in the project, there are legally valid grounds (such as restrictions regarding sex offenders) or some other exceptional circumstance that is well documented. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Access 7	Exits to homelessness are avoided	Projects that can no longer serve particular households utilize the coordinated entry process, or the communities' existing referral processes if coordinated entry processes are not yet implemented, to ensure that those individuals and families have access to other housing and services as desired, and do not become disconnected from services and housing. Households encounter these exits under certain circumstances, such as if they demonstrate violent or harassing behaviors, which are described within agencies' regulation-adherent policies. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Name		Participant Input Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Participant Input 1	Participant education is ongoing	Project participants receive ongoing education on Housing First principles as well as other service models employed in the project. In the beginning of and throughout tenancy, participants are informed about their full rights and responsibilities as lease holders, including the potential causes for eviction. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Participant Input 2	Projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to offer input	Input is welcomed regarding the project's policies, processes, procedures, and practices. Opportunities include involvement in: quality assurance and evaluation processes, a participant leadership/advisory board, processes to formally communicate with landlords, the design of and participation in surveys and focus groups, planning social gatherings, integrating peer specialists and peer-facilitated support groups to compliment professional services. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always



Housing First Standards

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	Standard	Lease and Occupancy Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Leases 1	Housing is considered permanent (not applicable for Transitional Housing)	Housing is not time-limited (though rent assistance may be) and leases are automatically renewable upon expiration, except with prior notice by either party. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 2	Participant choice is fundamental	A participant has, at minimum, choices in deciding the location and type of housing based on preferences from a range of housing types and among multiple units, as available and as practical. In project-based settings, participants should be offered choice of units within a particular building, or within the portfolio of single site properties. In projects that use shared housing, i.e. housing with unrelated roommates, participants should be offered choice of roommates, as available and as practical. Additionally, as applicable, participants are able to choose their roommates when sharing a room or unit. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 3	Leases are the same for participants as for other tenants	Leases do not have any provisions that would not be found in leases held by any other tenant in the property or building and is renewable per the participants’ and owner’s choice. People experiencing homelessness who receive help moving into permanent housing should have leases that confer the full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections under Federal, state, and local housing laws. For transitional housing, there may be limitations on length of stay, but a lease/occupancy agreement should look like a lease that a person would have in the normal rental market. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 4	Participants receive education about their lease or occupancy agreement terms	Participants are also given access to legal assistance and encouraged to exercise their full legal rights and responsibilities. Landlords and providers abide by their legally-defined roles and responsibilities. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always

Leases 5	Measures are used to prevent eviction	Property or building management, with services support, incorporates a culture of eviction avoidance, reinforced through practices and policies that prevent lease violations and evictions among participants, and evict participants only when they are a threat to self or others. Clear eviction appeal processes and due process is provided for all participants. Lease bifurcation is allowed so that a tenant or lawful occupant who is a victim of a criminal act of physical violence committed against them by another tenant or lawful occupant is not evicted, removed or penalized if the other is evicted. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 6	Providing stable housing is a priority	Providers engage in a continued effort to hold housing for participants, even if they leave their housing for short periods due to treatment, illness, or any other temporary stay outside of the unit. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Somewhat
Leases 7	Rent payment policies respond to tenants' needs (as applicable)	While tenants are accountable to the rental agreement, adjustments may be needed on a case by case basis. As necessary, participants are given special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements. <i>Arrangements for rental arrears are up to the landlord in the private rental market.</i>	Always	Always	Somewhat



Housing First Standards

For each standard, please use the drop down boxes in the three columns to the right to select "Not at all" or "Sometimes" or "Always". Marking "Always" signifies full compliance for the standard.

Standard	Services Definition / Evidence	Say it	Document it	Do it
Services 1 Projects promote participant choice in services	Participants are able to choose from an array of services. Services offered are housing focused and include the following areas of support: employment and income, childhood and education, community connection, and stabilization to maintain housing. These should be provided by linking to community-based services. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 2 Person Centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process	Person-centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 3 Service support is as permanent as the housing	Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 4 Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement	Wherever possible, participants continue to be offered services even if they lose their housing unit or bed (for congregate projects), or if they are placed in a short-term inpatient treatment. Ideally, the service relationship should continue, despite a service hiatus during some institutional stays. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always

Services 5	Participant engagement is a core component of service delivery	Staff provide effective services by developing relationships with participants that provide immediate needs and safety, develop trust and common ground, making warm hand-offs to other mainstream service providers, and clearly explain staff roles. Engagement is regular and relationships are developed over time. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 6	Services are culturally appropriate with translation services available, as needed	Project staff are sensitive to and support the cultural aspects of diverse households. Wherever possible, staff demographics reflect the participant population they serve in order to provide appropriate, culturally-specific services. Translation services are provided when needed to ensure full comprehension of the project. Projects that serve families with children should have family-friendly rules that allow for different schedules based on work and school hours and have services that allow parents to participate in activities without having to constantly supervise their children themselves (i.e. can use the bathroom or take a shower without their children being in the bathroom with them). <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Somewhat
Services 7	Staff are trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies (including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed approaches, strength-based)	Services support a participant's ability to obtain and retain housing regardless of changes in behavior. Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy, such as recognizing that substance use and addiction are a part of some participants' lives. Participants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding their behavior and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Standard		Housing Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Housing 1	Housing is not dependent on participation in services	Participation in permanent and temporary housing settings, as well as crisis settings such as emergency shelter, is not contingent on participating in supportive services or demonstration of progress made on a service plan. Services must be offered by staff, but are voluntary for participants. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Housing 2	Substance use is not a reason for termination	Participants are only terminated from the project for violations in the lease or occupancy agreements, as applicable. Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or participation in services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from drugs or alcohol (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer of treatment may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing brief here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/	Always	Always	Always

Optional notes here

Housing 3	The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights	Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe and stable communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the project at all hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets.	Always	Always	Always
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Optional notes here

Housing 4	Participants have the option to transfer to another project	Transfers should be accommodated for tenants who reasonably believe that they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains in the same unit. Whenever possible, transfers occur before a participant experiences homelessness.	Always	Always	Always
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Optional notes here



Housing First Standards

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Standard	Project -Specific Standards	Say It	Document it	Do it
Project 1 Quick access to RRH assistance	A permanent supportive housing project ensures quick linkage to a unit and wrap around services, based on participant needs, preferences, and resource availability. <i>The standard states RRH, however response is for PSH</i>	Always	Always	Always
Project 2 PSH is focused on ending homelessness for those with the most severe barriers to maintaining housing	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of permanent supportive housing is to end homelessness for people with the most severe service needs and help participants stay housed, regardless of other perceived barriers. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Project 3 Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management	In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communications and meetings regarding Participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
	No additional standards <i>Optional notes here</i>			

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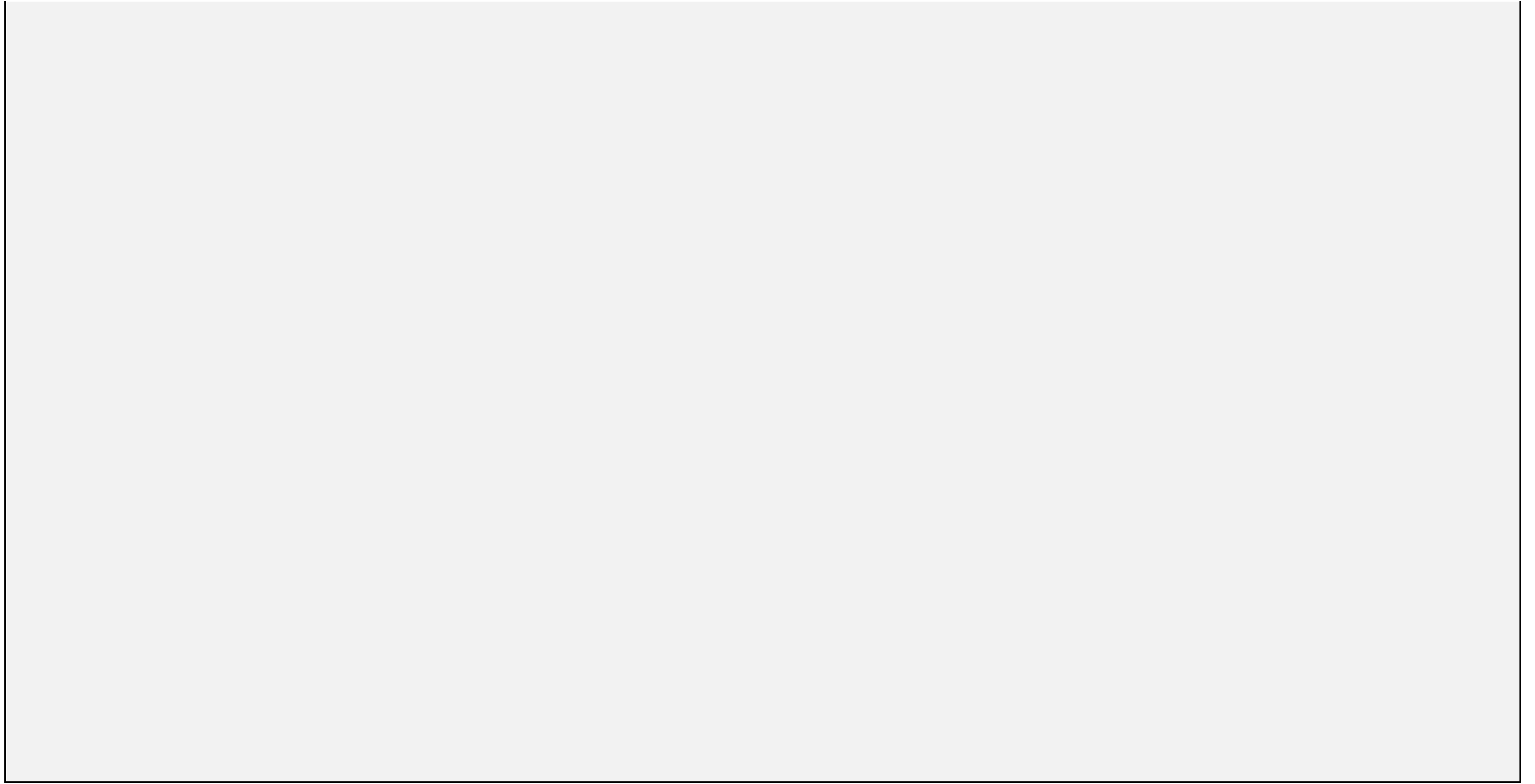
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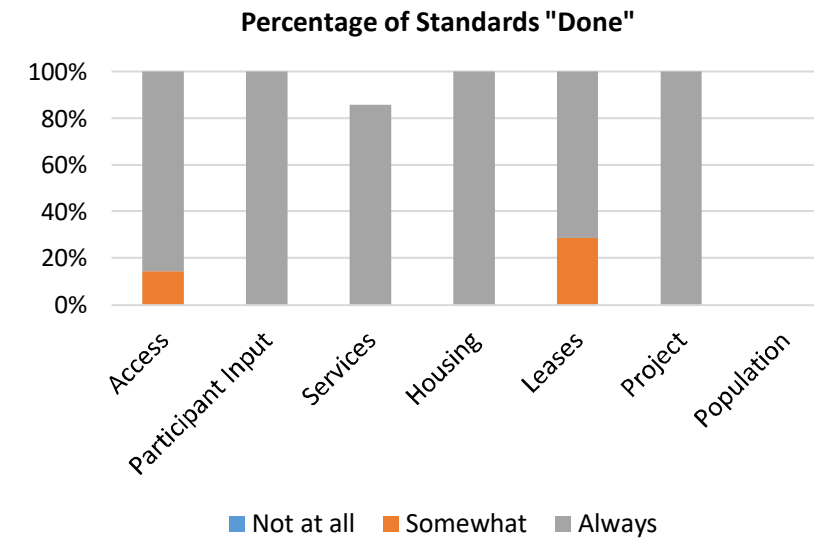
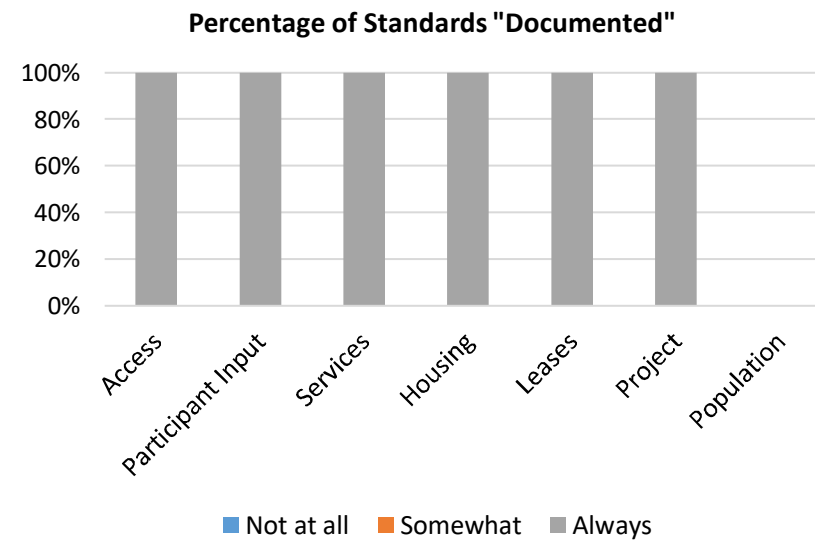
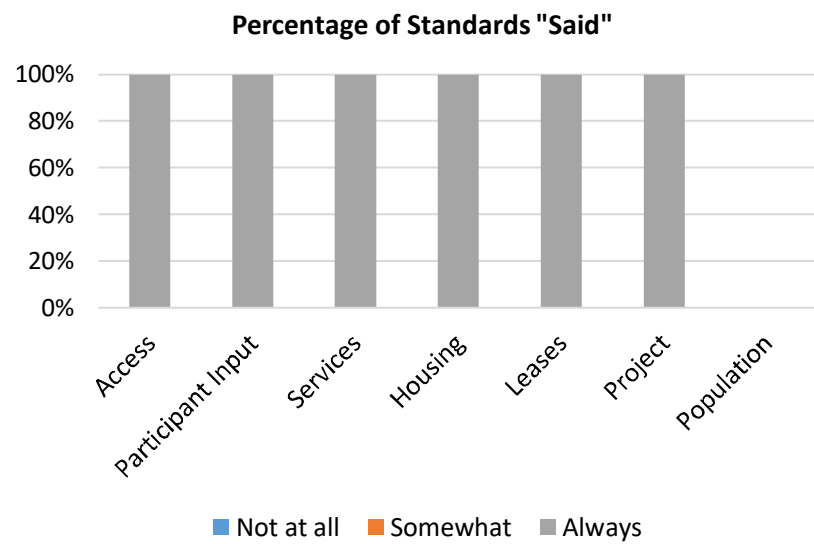
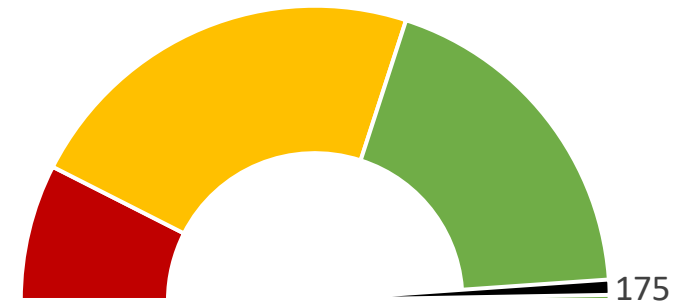
Housing First Standards: Assessment Summary

Housing Authority of the County of Kern
18-Sep-23

Some standards have not been evaluated. Please return and complete all standards before finalizing report.

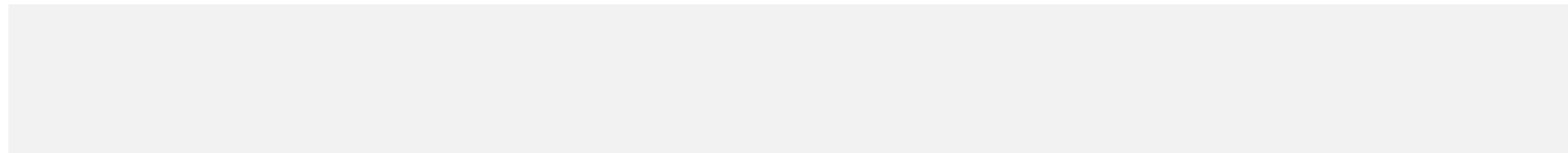
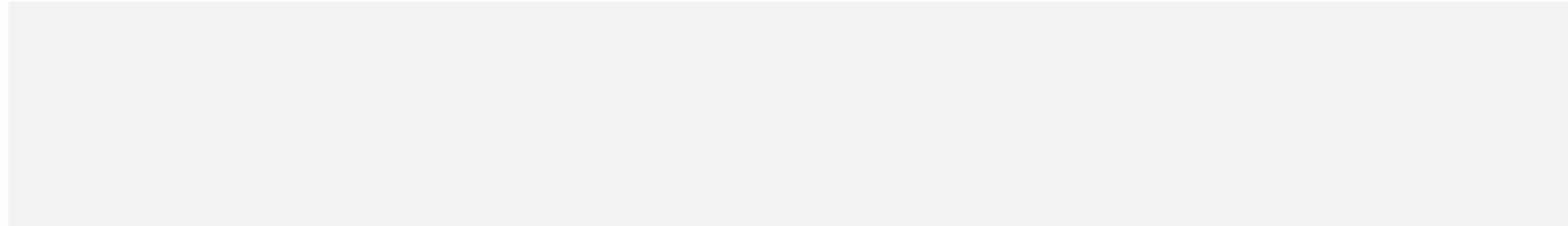
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Max potential score: 180

Score is calculated by awarding 1 point for standards answered 'sometimes' and 2 points for standards answered 'always'. Categories that are not applicable for your project are not included in the maximum potential score.



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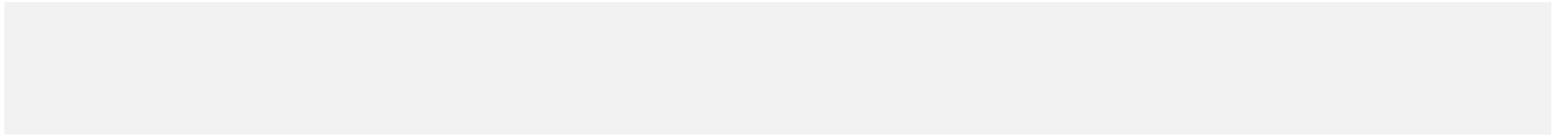
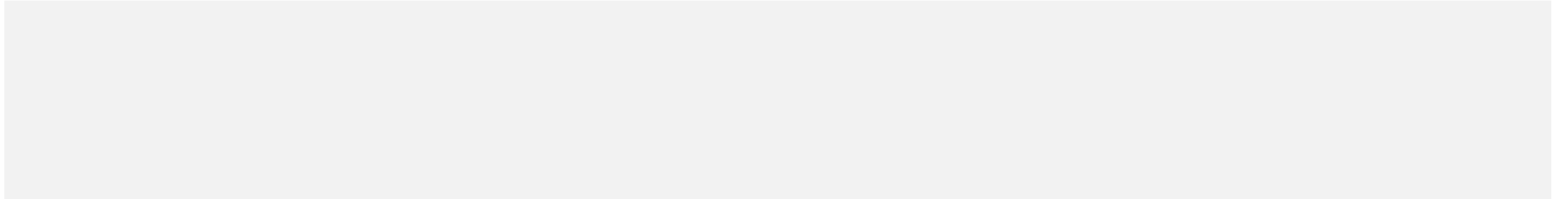
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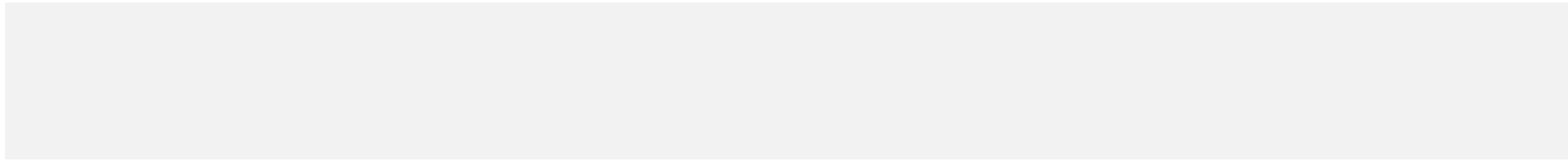
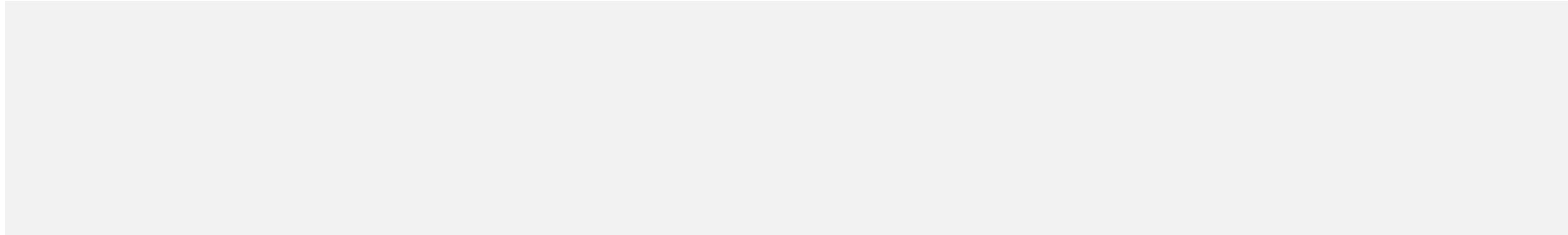
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Renewals			Performance Measures							Serve High Needs Pop			DV Addendum Packet				Project Effectiveness			Equity Factors							Other and Local Criteria		Other	Total				
Agency	Project Name	Type	LOS 20 pts	Exits to PH 25 pts	Return to Home 20 pts	New 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	Mgt & Ldrship 5 pts	BODs 5 pts	Feedback 5 pts	P&Ps 5 pts	Equity lens 5 pts	program changes 5 pts	data review 5 pts	Data Qty 5 pts	Bed Util 5 pts	Proj Type 1-5 pts	Pts rec	Pts Avail	%		
CAPK	CES (Tier 1)	SSO - CES																														175.00	175	100%
KBHRS	HMIS (Tier 1)	HMIS																														175.00	175	100%
HACK	Dulce Consol.	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	1.50	2.50	1.50	2.50	4.00	3.00	5.00					20.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	2.50	3.30	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		165.80	175	94.74%	
Flood	Project Home	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	0.50	2.50	2.00	2.50	5.00	5.00	5.00					20.00	10.00	5.80	5.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	0.00	5.00		163.30	175	93.31%	
TODN	Casa Nueva II	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	1.00	2.50	2.00	2.50	3.00	4.00	0.00					19.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	3.00	4.50	5.00	5.00	4.60	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00		161.10	175	92.06%	
CSV	HMV	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	2.00	2.50	0.00	2.50	4.00	5.00	5.00					16.20	10.00	6.20	0.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.60	5.00	5.00	5.00		160.00	175	91.43%	
TODN-DV	THP	TH	16.00	25.00	20.00	2.50	0.00	2.50	2.00				5.00	2.50	5.00	0.00	16.00	10.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	4.50	5.00	5.00	4.60	5.00	5.00	0.00	2.00		151.60	175	86.63%	
TODN	Casa Nueva III	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	2.50	2.50	0.00	2.50	3.00	3.00	1.00					5.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	3.00	4.50	5.00	5.00	4.60	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00		146.60	175	83.77%	
TODN-DV	TH & PH-RRH	TH	20.00	25.00	20.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50				5.00	2.50	5.00	2.50	0.00	10.00	6.20	5.00	3.00	4.50	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00		140.70	175	80.40%	
CSV	Sebastian	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	0.00	5.00	2.00	5.00					0.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.00		134.50	175	76.86%	
TODN	RRP I	RRH	0.00	15.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00	0.00					20.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	3.00	4.50	5.00	5.00	4.60	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.00		132.10	175	75.49%	

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

Does not get scored; no packet; required renewal

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 5 pts	BODs 5 pts	Feedback 5 pts	P&Ps 5 pts	Equity lens 5 pts	program changes 5 pts	data review 5 pts	1-5 Avail	Pts recd	Pts Avail	%
TODN- DV	Arvin TH & PH-RRH Project	TH & PH-RRH	15.00	10.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	10	5.00	15.00	20.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	147.00	145	101.38%
Mercy H	Bakersfield PSH- Scattered Sites	PSH	15.00	10.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	9.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	1.10	4.40	0.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	111.50	145	76.90%
HACK	Fresh Start Bonus	PSH	11.00	9.00	3.00	9.40	2.50	2.30	7	2.80	5.00	13.00	4.60	5.00	1.20	3.40	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	99.20	145	68.41%

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

Instructions: Please complete one packet for each renewal application.

Lead Agency Information

CCR #: 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

Grant/Application Contact Person:

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Phone: 661-631-8500

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Agency Director:

Name: Stephen M. Pelz

Phone: 661-631-8500

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HMIS Contact Person:

Name: Cristina Provencio

Phone: 661-631-8500

Email: cprovencio@kernha.org

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 a stable home. 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: **498 Units**

Last Grant Cycle Funding:

Note – please provide information on last completed grant cycle (if applicable; the only time this may not be applicable is if this project was funded via a new project application last year & a full grant cycle has not completed yet.)

Amount Awarded: **\$4,778,834** Amount Expended: **\$4,778,834**

Dates of grant cycle: **(6/1/22-5/31/23)**

Narrative (1,000 characters): **El Programa Dulce Hogar Consolidated utilized 100% of the grant funding this program year to support 498 households. Due to increases in the rental market the Housing Authority contributed an additional \$135,620.27 through an in-kind cash contribution to the program.**


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:

Heather Kimmel, hkimmel@kernha.org, 661-631-8500 ext. 2505 

Name, signature, email and phone number of person authorized to sign the HUD application:

Stephen M. Pelz, spelz@kernha.org, 661-631-8500 ext. 2005 

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

8/7/23
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 Uniform Guidance 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 0 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 0 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 Cal SAWS meet this requirement.**

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

Yes 0 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 0 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 0 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 to the first decimal (e.g. 80.95% = 80.9%).

NOTE: If this project was funded via a new project application last year, and there are no outcome measures, the project automatically receives full points for questions missing outcome measures in this category.

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	1592 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%	93.0%	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%	0.0%	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 SPM)	Points Awarded
2.5	New or increased earned income for project stayers	8%	0.0% 5.1	1.5
2.5	New or increased non-employment income for project stayers	10%	0.0% 58.0	2.5
2.5	New or increased earned income for project leavers	8%	0.0% 5.2	1.5
2.5	New or increased non-employment income for project leavers	10%	0.0% 37.5	2.5

Values are corrected to indicate data source change. Data source comes from HMIS APR Q19a1 (income for project stayers) and Q19a2 (income for project leavers).

III. Serve High Needs Population

(15 Points)

NOTE: If this project was funded via a new project application last year, and there are no outcome measures, the project automatically receives full points for questions missing outcome measures in this category.

The source data for performance measures include the APR and HMIS to the first decimal (e.g. 80.95% = 80.9%).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECTS: Do not fill out this section. Instead, fill out the “Domestic Violence Ranking Packet Addendum.”

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%	43.5%	4
5	Percent of participants with more than one disability	50%	33.3%	3
5	Percent of participants entering project from place not meant for human habitation	50%	50.5%	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 community 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 indicating that PSH is significantly more cost effective. According to the National CPI index, Kern County has seen inflation totaling 20.2% since the study was conducted. If we apply this inflation rate to the 2018 study, today's cost to maintain someone in homelessness would be \$57,197 and \$11,987 to provide PSH.</p> <p>The total cost per unit, including intensive supportive services for this project is \$9,596/Unit (\$4,778,834/498 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</p>	10

			without immediate housing interventions.	
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Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters)	Points Awarded
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 are 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 when; 1.) they no longer need rental assistance and successfully exit from the program, 2.) they do not participate in the annual re-exam process, or 3.) they are evicted from their housing due to lease violations.</p>	10

V. Equity Factors: Agency Leadership, Governance & Policies (20 Points)

Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters)	Points Awarded
			Include what percentage of managerial & leadership positions are filled by staff from under-represented populations.	

5	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.	5
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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
5	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>	2.5

Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters) Explain the process in detail	Points Awarded
5	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	3.3

			<p>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.</p>	
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Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters) Explain the plan in detail	Points Awarded
5	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	<p>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 change, and provide training to staff on the change.</p>	5

**I. Equity Factors: Program Participant Outcomes
(2023: 15 pts; 2024: 18 pts; 2025+: 20 pts)**

Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative	Points
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			(1,000 Characters) Explain what results of the review of participant outcomes were	Awarded
5 (2023) 8 (2024) 10 (2025 & all years after)	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>This year's outcomes revealed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 100% client level of data was collected A disproportionate number of non-Hispanic persons exited without permanent housing when compared to total program data (32% of program enrollees are non-Hispanic while 70% of exits identified as this ethnicity) A disproportionate number of persons who identified as multiple races exited without permanent housing when compared to total program data (2% of total program enrollments identified as multiple races while 3% of exits identified as this race) 	5

Max Points	Measure	Factor/Goal	Narrative (1,000 Characters) Explain what changes were identified & what plan entails	Points Awarded
5	Recipient has identified programmatic changes needed to make program participant	Yes/No	During this grant cycle we identified two inequities among those who negatively exited our program. Persons who are non-Hispanic and those who identify as multiple races were over represented in the program exit data. According to our	5

	<p>outcomes more equitable & developed a plan to make those changes</p>		<p>corrective action plan we are to take the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review existing policies and procedures around this outcome. For example, are the training programs and employment opportunities being offered skewed towards a field that is predominantly one gender. 2. Create outlined steps and clear due dates to correct the inequity. <p>Since our grant cycle ended 60 days ago, we are still in the process of analyzing our data to develop our action plan. A full plan will be in place within 90 days of the close of the 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
5	<p>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</p>	Yes/No	<p>The Program 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.</p>	0

VI. Other and Local Criteria

(10 Points)

NOTE: If this project was funded via a new project application last year, and there are no outcome measures, the project automatically receives full points for questions missing outcome measures in this category.

The source data for performance measures include the APR, HMIS & HIC to the first decimal (e.g. 80.95% = 80.9%).

Max Points	Measure (APR average of Q6a – Q6d & Q6f, 2021 HIC)	Factor/Goal	Outcome (HMIS APR/HIC)	Points Awarded
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5	Data Quality	90%	98.1%	5
5	Utilization (bed/unit or person)	90%	100.0%	5

Total Pts Available	Project Ranking Score	Total Pts Awarded
2023: 175 2024: 178 2025 & later: 180		160.8
	CoC Project Type Points	5
	Total Points	165.8

Rick Ramos

From: Rick Ramos
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 2:24 PM
To: hkimmel@kernha.org; spelz@kernha.org
Cc: Destiny Reveles; Mary Scott; Bakersfield-Kern Regional Collaborative; Jenny Chavez; cuwilliams@kern.org; speterson@themissionkc.org; albaptiste@kern.org
Subject: HUD FY 2023 CoC Competition NOFO - Rejected Project Ranking Results
Attachments: FINAL CoC RANKING POLICY 2022 - Gov Bd approved.docx

Hi Stephen and Heather,

On behalf of the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative, we thank you for applying for the HUD FY 2023 COC Competition NOFO.

Per HUD's requirement that a separate notice be sent to project applicants, I regret to inform you that the Fresh Start Bonus project, with a funding request amount of \$619,547, was not selected for funding and not included in the final ranking list as approved by the Governing Board during their regular meeting on August 30, 2023. The overall project rank was 14 with a weighted rating score of 68, which did not meet threshold requirements for inclusion on the ranking list.

If you would like to appeal the decision, please follow the steps indicated in the attached Ranking Policy. Appeals must be made in writing and are due to BKRHC by COB Friday, September 9, 2023.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your collaboration and support.

Sincerely,
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Subject: HUD FY 2023 CoC Competition NOFO - Accepted Project Ranking Results
Attachments: 2023.08.16 HUD FY 2023 NOFO project-rating-and-ranking-tool_CA-604 GB approved 2023.08.30.xlsb; FINAL CoC RANKING POLICY 2022 - Gov Bd approved.docx

Dear project applicants,

On behalf of the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative, we thank you for applying for the HUD FY 2023 COC Competition NOFO.

All project applications went through a ranking and review process by a non-conflicted panel. The subsequent ranking list, as recommended by the ranking panel, was reviewed, finalized, and approved by the BKRHC Governing Board during their regular meeting on August 30, 2023. The attachment provides the final ranking of projects determined to be in the best interest of the CoC as a whole. Projects were split between Tiers 1 and 2 and ranked based on individual scores and recommendations as made by the ranking panel and approved by the Governing Board.

Upon review, if you would like to appeal the decision made by the Governing Board based on the score not being reflective of the provided application information or if you feel there was bias or unfairness in the process, please follow the steps indicated in the attached Ranking Policy. Appeals must be made in writing and are due to BKRHC by COB Friday, September 9, 2023.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your continued service in assisting individuals experiencing homelessness in Kern County.

Sincerely,
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FUNDING ANALYSIS + RANKING

CoC Bonus Funding	\$619,547	Tier 1 (Adj ARD * 93%)	\$6,105,752	Tier 2 (Adj ARD * 7% + CoC Bonus) + DV Bonus	\$1,964,187	DV Bonus Funding	\$885,067
Allocated	\$619,547	Allocated from Tier 1	\$6,333,253	Allocated from Tier 2	\$1,964,187	Allocated to Tier 1	\$0
% Allocated	100%	Straddle	-\$227,501	Remaining	\$0	Allocated to Tier 2	\$885,067
Remaining	\$0					% Allocated	100%
						Remaining	\$0

FUNDING ANALYSIS TABLE

	PSH		RRH		TH		TH+RRH	
	Allocated	% of Ceiling	Allocated	% of Ceiling	Allocated	% of Ceiling	Allocated	% of Ceiling
All Families	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-
DV Families	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-
Chronically Homeless Families	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-
Veteran Families	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-
Parenting Youth	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-
All Individuals	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-
DV Individuals	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-
Chronically Homeless Individuals	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-
Veteran Individuals	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-
Single Youth	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-	0 Beds \$0	-

	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	MANUALLY EDIT!
												CoC Funding Recommendation (manual entry)
TIER 1 (ADJ ARD * 93%)	1	High	100	Renewal	CA1799L9D042204	SSO-CE	General	CapK	CES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 236,838
	2	High	100	Renewal	CA0606L9D042215	HMIS	General	KBRHS	HMIS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,409
	3	High	95	Renewal	CA1197L9D042209	PSH	General	HACK	Dulce Consol.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,778,834
	4	High	93	Renewal	CA1012L9D042211	PSH	General	Flood	Project Home	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,263
	5	High	92	Renewal	CA1126L9D042209	PSH	General	TODN (Bethany)	Casa Nueva II	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,358
	6	High	91	Renewal	CA1198L9D042209	PSH	General	Clinica SV	Homeless Most Vulnerable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 136,468
	7	Low	87	Renewal	CA0869L9D042210	TH	DV	TODN (Alliance)	Transitional Housing Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133,139
	8	High	84	Renewal	CA1517L9D042207	PSH	General	TODN (Bethany)	Casa Nueva III	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 288,219
	9	Low	80	Renewal	CA2041D9D042201	TH	DV	TODN (Alliance)	TH & PH-RRH Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 490,725
TIER 2 (ADJ ARD * 7% +)	10	Low	101	New		TH	DV	TODN (Alliance)	Arvin TH & PH-RRH Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 885,067
	11	High	77	New		PSH	General	Mercy House	Bakersfield PSH- Scattered Sites	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 619,547
	12	High	77	Renewal		PSH	General	Clinica SV	Sebastian House	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103,787
	13	Medium	75	Renewal		RRH	General	TODN (Bethany)	RRH Project 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 128,285

Projects Not Selected For Funding

	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)
	14	High	68	New		PSH	General	HACK	Fresh Start Bonus	\$ 619,547	\$ -	\$ 619,547

Rick Ramos

From: Rick Ramos
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 5:31 PM
Cc: Bakersfield-Kern Regional Collaborative
Subject: Final Version - HUD FY 2023 Consolidated Application and Priority Listing for Public Posting
Attachments: CA-604 HUD FY 2023 Consolidated Application GB Approved and Priority Listing.pdf

Dear Executive Board, Governing Board, and Distribution Lists,

Please find attached the CoC-approved Consolidated Application and Priority Listing for the HUD FY 2023 CoC Competition NOFO. The full application is submitted by the BKRHC on behalf of the Bakersfield/Kern Continuum of Care (CA-604). The Governing Board met during their September 20th, 2023, meeting and approved, with minor revisions as needed, all parts of the consolidated application.

This email serves as the formal notification of final CoC-Approved Consolidated Application to community members and key stakeholders. The attachment includes the Consolidated Application (pages 1 – 174) as well as the Priority Listing (pages 175 – 194) combined into one PDF file. These two documents are publicly available and posted to the BKRHC website at <https://bkrhc.org/ca-604-hud-fy-2023-consolidated-application-as-approved-by-the-bkrhc-governing-board/> and will be available for two days before the application is submitted.

Thank you to all the collaborative members and governing bodies who provided insight, assistance, and effort in this process. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at rick.ramos@bkrhc.org.

Sincerely,
Rick Ramos
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PIT Count Data for CA-604 - Bakersfield/Kern County CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	1580	2150	1603	1948
Emergency Shelter Total	378	439	644	729
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	198	130	231	202
Total Sheltered Count	576	569	875	931
Total Unsheltered Count	1004	1581	728	1017

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	4	1	345	505
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	0	0	201	254
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	4	1	144	251

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PIT Count Data for CA-604 - Bakersfield/Kern County CoC

Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	73	159	74	71
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	67	42	72	65
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	6	117	2	6

Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011 PIT	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	173	108	40	94	92
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	79	55	30	55	59
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	94	53	10	39	33

*For CoCs that did not conduct an unsheltered count in 2021, 2020 data were used.

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HIC Data for CA-604 - Bakersfield/Kern County CoC

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	889	835	835	100.00%	54	54	100.00%	889	100.00%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	267	209	209	100.00%	58	58	100.00%	267	100.00%
RRH Beds	521	510	510	100.00%	11	11	100.00%	521	100.00%
PSH Beds	3,100	3,100	3,100	100.00%	0	0	NA	3,100	100.00%
OPH Beds	11	11	11	100.00%	0	0	NA	11	100.00%
Total Beds	4,788	4,665	4,665	100.00%	123	123	100.00%	4,788	100.00%

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Notes

*For OPH Beds, this does NOT include any beds that are Current, Non-VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

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In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").

In the HIC, Current beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	450	456	379	362

Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Units Dedicated to Persons in Household with Children

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	58	121	114	117

Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	602	489	548	521

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HIC Data for CA-604 - Bakersfield/Kern County CoC

2023 HDX Competition Report

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Summary Report for CA-604 - Bakersfield/Kern County CoC

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than October, 1, 2012.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.
Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

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

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	2776	3469	75	86	11	32	40	8
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	3084	3762	97	106	9	41	48	7

b. Due to changes in DS Element 3.17, metrics for measure (b) will not be reported in 2016.

This measure includes data from each client's "Length of Time on Street, in an Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven" (Data Standards element 3.17) response and prepends this answer to the client's entry date effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

NOTE: Due to the data collection period for this year's submission, the calculations for this metric are based on the data element 3.17 that was active in HMIS from 10/1/2015 to 9/30/2016. This measure and the calculation in the SPM specifications will be updated to reflect data element 3.917 in time for next year's submission.

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FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	2995	3853	551	748	197	168	270	102
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	3358	4181	563	761	198	190	281	91

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FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness

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

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
		FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	91	12	13%	4	4%	5	5%	21	23%
Exit was from ES	663	94	14%	30	5%	35	5%	159	24%
Exit was from TH	198	12	6%	18	9%	14	7%	44	22%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	1207	30	2%	38	3%	53	4%	121	10%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	2159	148	7%	90	4%	107	5%	345	16%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

This measures the change in PIT counts of sheltered and unsheltered homeless person as reported on the PIT (not from HMIS).

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	2150	1603	-547
Emergency Shelter Total	439	644	205
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	130	231	101
Total Sheltered Count	569	875	306
Unsheltered Count	1581	728	-853

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	3184	3886	702
Emergency Shelter Total	2845	3545	700
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	545	493	-52

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	562	266	-296
Number of adults with increased earned income	23	9	-14
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	4%	3%	-1%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	562	266	-296
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	231	60	-171
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	41%	23%	-18%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	562	266	-296
Number of adults with increased total income	248	66	-182
Percentage of adults who increased total income	44%	25%	-19%

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Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	438	278	-160
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	41	17	-24
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	9%	6%	-3%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	438	278	-160
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	150	65	-85
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	34%	23%	-11%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	438	278	-160
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	166	78	-88
Percentage of adults who increased total income	38%	28%	-10%

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Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	2874	3313	439
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	713	939	226
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	2161	2374	213

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	3908	4866	958
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	886	1384	498
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	3022	3482	460

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

This Measure is not applicable to CoCs in FY2022 (Oct 1, 2021 - Sept 30, 2022) reporting period.

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

Metric 7a.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	759	1659	900
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	310	114	-196
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	153	292	139
% Successful exits	61%	24%	-37%

Metric 7b.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

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	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	2631	3479	848
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	966	1061	95
% Successful exits	37%	30%	-7%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in exit to or retention of permanent housing

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	2453	2722	269
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	2349	2603	254
% Successful exits/retention	96%	96%	0%

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CA-604 - Bakersfield/Kern County CoC

	All ES, SH			All TH			All PSH, OPH			All RRH			All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	376	610	756	203	150	237	2317	2593	3068	593	485	519			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	181	604	756	203	150	237	2275	2593	3068	593	485	519			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	48.14	99.02	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	98.19	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	2123	2845	3545	544	545	493	2553	2503	2830	1727	1734	2317	961	1332	2141
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	1776	2201	2833	386	336	306	331	327	355	1042	816	1348	627	780	1680
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	583	1140	1322	57	36	39	16	13	43	65	24	71	4	3	984
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	32.83	51.79	46.66	14.77	10.71	12.75	4.83	3.98	12.11	6.24	2.94	5.27	0.64	0.38	58.57

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Submission and Count Dates for CA-604 - Bakersfield/Kern County CoC

Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/24/2023	

Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/14/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/27/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/28/2023	Yes



August 15, 2023

Mr. Larry Haynes, Chief Executive Officer
Mercy House Living Centers
PO Box 1905
Santa Ana, CA 92702

Dear Larry,

The purpose of this letter is to demonstrate our support and commitment to Mercy House's PSH project and Special NOFO grant application to the Kern County CoC. Under the proposed project, we will assist Mercy House in providing medical support to unsheltered homeless individuals with severe service needs by committing to the following services:

Clinic-based behavioral health care through a team comprised of a 1FTE therapist and .2 FTE psychiatrist and clinic-based, full scope primary care including preventative health care, urgent medical care, chronic disease management, women's health services, and substance abuse disorders. The estimated annual value of these services is \$235,000.

We have had the opportunity to work with Mercy House through programs providing health assessment, diagnosis and treatment for homeless persons receiving emergency shelter within their Brundage Lane Navigation Center in the City of Bakersfield.

We fully endorse Mercy House's application and look forward to building upon our existing partnership to facilitate access to responsive, personalized, and culturally appropriate services for unsheltered individuals entering permanent, supportive housing throughout our shared service area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Natalee Garrett".

Natalee Garrett
Vice President of Strategic Development

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 2023 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 2023 CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and FY 2023 CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide on HUD's website. https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

Collaborative Applicant Name: Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative

2. Reallocation

Instructions:

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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 2024 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. https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

WARNING: If you amend project applications back to project applicants to make changes or corrections in e-snaps, you must approve the resubmitted project applications. If you do not approve the resubmitted project applications, they will not be included on your CoC’s Priority Listings, which could result in your CoC losing funding. HUD lacks the authority to fund projects unless they are included on the Priority Listings, which tell us which projects your CoC is prioritizing.

Project Name	Date Submitted	Comp Type	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Grant Term	Rank	PH/Reallocation	PSH/RRH	Expansion
Fresh Start Bonus...	2023-08-21 12:22:...	PH	Housing Authority.	\$619,547	1 Year	X	PH Bonus	PSH	
Bakersfield PSH	2023-08-25 18:38:...	PH	Mercy House Livin...	\$619,547	1 Year	11	PH Bonus	PSH	
Arvin Transition a...	2023-09-26 18:19:...	Joint TH & PH-RRH	The Open Door Net...	\$885,067	1 Year	D10	DV Bonus		

Continuum of Care (CoC) Renewal Project Listing

Instructions:

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

To upload all 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 renewal 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 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.

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

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.	

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Project Name	Date Submitted	Grant Term	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Rank	PSH/RRH	Comp Type	Consolidation Type	Expansion Type
Casa Nueva II Pla...	2023-08-18 14:30:...	1 Year	The Open Door Net...	\$94,358	5	PSH	PH		
Rapid Rehousing P...	2023-08-18 17:44:...	1 Year	The Open Door Net...	\$128,285	13	RRH	PH		
Casa Nueva III Pl...	2023-08-18 14:11:...	1 Year	The Open Door Net...	\$288,219	8	PSH	PH		
El Programa Dulce...	2023-08-21 12:15:...	1 Year	Housing Authority ...	\$4,778,834	3	PSH	PH		
Alliance Transiti...	2023-08-21 13:22:...	1 Year	The Open Door Net...	\$133,139	7		TH		
Project Home Rene...	2023-08-21 17:33:...	1 Year	Flood Bakersfie Id...	\$94,263	4	PSH	PH		
KCMH-HMIS	2023-08-21 17:54:...	1 Year	Kern Behavioral H...	\$80,409	2		HMIS		
Alliance TH and P...	2023-08-22 16:37:...	1 Year	The Open Door Net...	\$490,725	9		Joint TH & PH-RRH		
HMVP Renewal Appl...	2023-08-25 19:54:...	1 Year	Clinica Sierra Vi...	\$136,468	6	PSH	PH		
Sebastian House R...	2023-08-25 19:52:...	1 Year	Clinica Sierra Vi...	\$103,787	12	PSH	PH		
CAPK Coordinated ...	2023-08-28 11:27:...	1 Year	CAPK	\$236,838	1		SSO		

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.

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Project Name	Date Submitted	Grant Term	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Accepted?
CoC Planning Proj...	2023-08-21 13:55:...	1 Year	Bakersfield Kern ...	\$442,534	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 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 (if applicable) or rejected on this project listing BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing in e-snaps. .

As stated in the FY 2023 NOFO, CoCs must rank all YHDP Renewal projects that HUD initially funded in the FY 2016 (Round 1) YHDP Competition.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

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

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

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

WARNING: If you amend project applications back to project applicants to make changes or corrections in e-snaps, you must approve the resubmitted project applications. If you do not approve the resubmitted project applications, they will not be included on your CoC's Priority Listings, which could result in your CoC losing funding. HUD lacks the authority to fund projects unless they are included on the Priority Listings, which tell us which projects your CoC is prioritizing.

Project Name	Date Submitted	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Comp Type	Grant Term	Accepted ?	Rank	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 renewal 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 (if applicable) or rejected on this project listing BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing in e-snaps.

As stated in the FY 2023 NOFO, CoCs must rank all YHDP Replacement applications for projects replacing YHDP Renewal projects that HUD initially funded in the FY 2016 (Round 1) YHDP Competition.

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

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

Funding Summary

Instructions

This page provides the total budget summaries for each of the project listings after you approved and ranked the New, Renewal, Round 1 YHDP Renewal and Round 1 YHDP Replacement projects, 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	\$1,504,614
CoC Planning Amount	\$442,534
YHDP Amount - Competitive	\$0
YHDP Amount - Non-Competitive	\$0
Rejected Amount	\$619,547
TOTAL CoC REQUEST	\$8,512,473

Attachments

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (HUD-2991)	Yes	Certification of ...	09/26/2023
Other	No		
Other	No		
Project Rating and Ranking Tool (optional)	No		

Attachment Details

Document Description: Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

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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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5E. YHDP Renewal Project Listing	No Input Required
5F. YHDP Replacement Project Listing	No Input Required
Funding 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 (CA-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: *C. Clegg*

Date: 9/25/23

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.

Instructions for completing the HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

The following information must be completed by the Continuum of Care's designated Collaborative Applicant. If the CoC has multiple projects, it may complete a single HUD-2991 for the jurisdiction provided the Collaborative Applicant includes a list of all projects with applicant names, project names, and locations that will be submitted to HUD with the form when forwarding to the jurisdiction for signature. If there are multiple jurisdictions located within a CoC's geographic area, it must obtain a signed HUD-2991 for each jurisdiction where projects are located.

Completed by the CoC's Collaborative Applicant:

Applicant Name. Enter the name of the project applicant's organization.

Project Name. Enter the name of the project application that will be submitted to HUD in the Continuum of Care Program Competition.

Location of the Project. Enter the physical address of the project; however, if the project is designated as a domestic violence project, enter a P.O. Box or address of the main administrative office provided it is not the same address as the project.

Name of Certifying Jurisdiction. Enter the name of jurisdiction that will review the project information and certify consistency with the Consolidated Plan (e.g., City of..., County, State).

Must be completed by the certifying jurisdiction.

Certifying Official of the Jurisdiction. Enter the name of the official who will sign the form.

Title. Enter the official title of the certifying official (e.g., mayor, county judge, state official).

Signature. The certifying official is to sign the form.

Date. Enter the date the certifying official signs the form.

Agency	Project	Type	Status	Location	Description
The Open Door Network (Alliance)	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
	Arvin TH & RRH Project	TH&RRH	Renewal	1922 19th st. Bakersfield CA 93301	Provides rapid rehousing with transitional housing to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and their children
The Open Door Network (Bethany Services)	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.
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**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 (CA-604)

Project Name: Various (See Attached List)

Location of the Project: County of Kern

Name of
Certifying Jurisdiction: County of Kern

Certifying Official
of the Jurisdiction Name: Catherine Vasquez, Housing Programs Manager

Title: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department- Community Development Division

Signature: Catherine Vasquez

Date: September 22, 2023

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