

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: CA-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 Health Systems

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	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.	Veteran Services	Yes	Yes	Yes

1B-1a.	Experience Promoting Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section III.B.3.c.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

2018 Community Solutions-Built for Zero Initiatives highlights the goals to get the local homeless response system to a functional zero. Created subpopulation by-name lists, reassess CES policies and procedures to incorporate targeted outreach efforts with “pop up homeless resource events” around Kern County. To promote equitable, accessible and inclusive access to all homeless populations in the “hardest to serve” areas. 2019 Youth Action Board (homeless youth and former homeless youth)>targeted outreach efforts to homeless youth population via social media (i.e. podcasts, FB, Instagram, etc.). Including intentionally creating a diverse workforce personnel for local organizations and/or grantees to hire individuals with lived experience. 2020 Racial Equity Working Group, Subcommittee. 2023 DEI subcommittee. Participation in CA Racial Equity Action Lab (CA REAL) to address disproportionalities for BIPOC clients and systemic racism within the local homeless response system. These efforts include using local data applications to establish data-driven policies and procedures, and analyze data system performance reports. 2020 Lived Experience Advisory Board (peer support, formerly homeless and/or currently homeless individuals) provide input to ensure the CoC makes informed-decisions on the CoC’s strategic action plan, policies and procedures and peer to peer support. CoC Governing Board make up of board that include key community partners (i.e. geographical, minority serving organizations, subpopulations, outreach). 2021 CoC University (cultural equity and consciousness training) a working group was established to implement an annual training workshop series for administrators and direct service staff providing homeless services. The university is facilitated in phases pertaining to key topics such as: homelessness 101 (CES, HMIS, Housing First), harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma informed care, fair housing, domestic violence, mainstream benefits, and cultural equity.

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

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

(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 American 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 populations.

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 nonmembers 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 the 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.	

(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 Planning & Performance 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)	
18.		

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The 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 McKinney Vento/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 Who Have Recently Begun Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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 McKinney 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 access 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 Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking--Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Two Victim Service Providers (VSPs), The Open Door Network (TODN) and Women’s Center High Desert, hold seats on the CoC Governing Board, with TODN also holding a seat on the Executive Board, ensuring survivor needs are reflected in policy development at the highest levels. TODN plays a key role in the Planning and Performance Committee, offering expertise in trauma-informed care to evaluate and adjust policies. This collaboration led to the creation of a DV addendum for ranking policies, ensuring that CoC DV programs are evaluated based on their effectiveness in meeting the unique needs of domestic violence survivors. Through consultation with the City of Bakersfield, a percentage of ESG funds have been allocated for DV specific programs such as TODN’s confidential Emergency Shelter.2) The CoC has prioritized trauma-informed service delivery by transforming the Housing Committee into the Housing and Supportive Services Committee, ensuring a holistic approach to stabilization. The committee, co-chaired by TODN, establishes system-wide case management standards, ratios, and best practices to improve survivor outcomes. To further embed trauma-informed care across the system, the CoC offers training through CoC University, an annual event for all members. TODN’s licensed therapist, specializing in DV trauma, along with certified DV counseling staff trained in 40-hour Domestic Violence certification, lead modules focused on safety planning, the effects of trauma on survivor decision-making, and practical strategies for trauma-informed care. These efforts ensure that all CoC members are equipped to deliver services that prioritize survivor autonomy, safety, and recovery.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC has implemented procedures to prioritize trauma informed and victim centered services. Using the quick referral tool, CoC members collect information to make appropriate referrals, with DV experience being a collected field. When a person is identified or an individual disclosed that they are have experienced DV or are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, the individual is immediately linked to a victim service provider. Along with a referral to VSPs, CES staff are trained to provide TODN's 24/7 crisis hotline where individuals can access emergency shelter and safety planning. Additionally, during our CoC's annual CoC university, TODN's licensed therapist, specializing in DV trauma, along with certified DV counseling staff trained in 40-hour Domestic Violence certification, lead modules focused on safety planning, the effects of trauma on survivor decision-making, and practical strategies for trauma-informed care.2) The CoC has established strict confidentiality measures to protect survivor information. Service Providers are not allowed to enter survivor's personally identifying information into HMIS. VSP's like TODN utilize a comparable database to HMIS provided through Clarity an HMIS vendor to protect clients. This process allows only for the VSP providing services to access details regarding a client's location and those services they've received. When survivors are being matched to permanent housing through CES, their information is de identified and a unique identifier is used.

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

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

		Project Staff	Coordinated Entry Staff
1.	Training Occurs at least annually?	Yes	Yes
2.	Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices?	Yes	Yes
3.	Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices?	Yes	Yes
4.	Identifies and assesses survivors' individual safety needs?	Yes	Yes
5.	Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations?	Yes	Yes
6.	Ensures survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated?	Yes	Yes
	Other? (limit 500 characters)		
7.			

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	whether your CoC's written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer;

3.	what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and
4.	what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) 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. 4) A request for an ETP may be communicated by an individual and family by contacting their assigned case manager and/or program worker via telephone, writing and/or in-person. Participants who qualify for an emergency transfer will be given a priority referral over all other applications for the next available, safe unit through CES for which they qualify. CES will provide a direct referral that will provide a safe and discrete transfer to another housing opportunity.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Our CoC adopts a proactive, survivor-centered approach to identify and remove barriers that impact access to safe housing and services for individuals and families. Our members actively engage in listening sessions, focus groups, and outreach efforts with providers, such as domestic violence shelters and trauma-informed care agencies, to understand barriers. Identified challenges include Limited access to emergency shelters or housing programs due to capacity constraints. Fear of retaliation or exposure for survivors who share households with abusers. Limited transportation and childcare resources, preventing survivors from attending services or interviews for housing placement. Limited transportation and childcare resources, preventing survivors from attending services or interviews for housing placement.2) Our CoC collaborates with local governments and service providers, to reduce structural barriers and improve equitable service delivery: Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs prioritize survivors through our Coordinated Entry System (CES), which assigns higher vulnerability scores based on trauma history. We ensure equal access by providing culturally competent services, language interpretation, and trauma-informed care through all programs. Additionally, transportation vouchers and childcare support are integrated into service delivery.

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

	1. Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
	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 nondiscriminatory. 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 or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Housing Authority of the County of Kern	38%	Yes-Both	Yes

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. steps your CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within your CoC’s geographic area or the two PHAs your CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if your CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, you may respond for the one; or	
	2. state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) 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 Subcommittee which works with our homeless service providers to remove housing barriers, reduce the length in time of homelessness and identify and provide housing resources. 2) The CoC most recently entered into an MOU with the Authority to provide PSH to unsheltered persons living in encampments through a state program called the Encampment Resolution Fund. In addition, the CoC entered into a MOU with the Authority to secure Emergency Housing Vouchers during the COVID-19 Pandemic. To further the goals of the CoC, 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 Administrative 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. In addition, 28% of the project-based voucher contracts that the Authority has entered into are for units reserved for persons experiencing homelessness. 100% of the vouchers and/or units with a homeless preference or homeless designation that the Authority administers are filled through the Coordinated Entry system and entered into the Homeless Management Information System.

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	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

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

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

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	No
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:	
	Homekey, No Place Like Home, Home ARP, CALHFA, Project Based Vouchers	Yes

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)?	Yes
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	FUP, EHV

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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1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	10
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	10
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) 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. 4) The CoC has added a housing first element to our Strategic Action Plan and will provide training to the CoC members through our CoC University.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Data—Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC's "Street Outreach Written Standards" offers clear guidelines for agencies interacting with individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness including those least likely to request assistance and establishes professional standards for these interactions. To support these efforts, CoC provides continuous training for all CoC members via the BKRHC CoC University, focusing on street outreach skills. Additionally, the Street Outreach Committee was formed to foster communication and monthly coordination across agencies, ensuring outreach covers CoC's geographic area. Outreach teams are encouraged to include at least one bilingual member, especially in rural areas where the population is predominantly Hispanic. Street Outreach Committee encompasses all aspects of outreach, involving street medicine, Behavioral Health, mobile crisis, shelter, and community resource teams. This approach supports robust coordination, allowing agencies to communicate and case-conference effectively, ensuring no client is overlooked. CoC University and the Street Outreach Committee emphasize trauma-informed, harm-reduction approaches with cultural sensitivity. Each interaction with service-resistant individuals involves assessment, motivational interviewing, and critical-time intervention to link them with community supports as soon as possible. Individuals open to services are added to the coordinated entry system, connecting them to housing resources regardless of whether they accept shelter or other assistance. Partnering with County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, CoC enables referrals to the ROEM Team (Relational Outreach and Engagement Model), and multilingual community resource guides are readily available. Warm hand-offs are provided whenever possible, ensuring those unsheltered have access to essentials like food, hygiene supplies, and clothing. Flood Ministries uses GIS mapping technology to identify specific individuals and encampments, facilitating targeted outreach. They also collaborate with local jurisdictions to provide storage solutions for clients' belongings, as well as transportation to shelters, medical appointments, and additional services, especially for clients with disabilities or other mobility challenges. Flood and other outreach providers work closely to maintain an up-to-date by-name list of individuals who are most vulnerable or service-resistant, creating tailored strategies to help them overcome barriers to accessing assistance.

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

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate your CoC's strategies to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in your CoC's geographic area:

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

3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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.
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	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	521	451

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits–CoC Annual Training of Project Staff. NOFO Section V.B.1.m.
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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
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Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)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 MSHA 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. 2) 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.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The Coordinated Entry System (CES) serves all persons regardless of where they are located within the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative (BKRHC) CoC's geographic area. The CES utilized widely published 211 hotlines to people who experience homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Services include providing information about housing and resources available in our Coc. The CoC uses street outreach staff and street medicine teams to engage and locate people living in encampments and strategically cover the CoC's geographic area. We have incorporated several drop-in centers where people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in our CoC can walk in and connect with the CES.2) The CES uses a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services. The standardized assessment process prioritizes individuals quickly, without preconditions or service participation requirements. Prioritization is based on a specific set of criteria that is documented, publicly available, and applied consistently throughout the CoC. Case conferences for individuals coming up on 60 days are held during weekly referral match call. Individual cases are reviewed and referred to resources. By-Name List monthly meetings are held virtually. During these meetings, the Built for Zero lead will have the BNL to review with all members on the call/meeting they also assess the policies and procedures.3) Personal information is collected in a trauma-informed way and assessment questions are worded and asked in a manner sensitive to individual experiences to minimize risk and harm. Individuals are provided with an option to refuse to answer any question. There is not retribution or limited assistance if individuals refuse to answer questions.4) Evaluation and updating of the CES takes place annually. Information from providers and individuals is taken into consideration when conducting the evaluation. Provider feedback is garnered during the CES committee meeting, along with a review of the SPM. Feedback from individuals who are experiencing homelessness or who are connected to housing are asked to give feedback through surveys or focus groups. Once an individual is housed through the CES process, the agency will ask the individual to complete an anonymous survey. These surveys will be provided to the CES committee chair and reviewed at monthly meetings. The surveys are utilized for reviewing CES Policies and Procedures.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) 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-9.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

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

1D-9a.	Using Data to Determine if Racial Disparities Exist in Your CoC’s Provision or Outcomes of CoC Program-Funded Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	the data your CoC used to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC’s provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance; and
2.	how your CoC analyzed the data to determine whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC’s provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.) Our CoC regularly reviews all available data to ensure that we analyze 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-9b.	Implemented Strategies to Prevent or Eliminate Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p	

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has established an ongoing process to evaluate system level processes, polies and procedures to ensure racial equity as a result of the CoC conducting a Coordinated Entry System (CES) SWOT analysis. The analysis noted that specific topics needed to be addressed and/or revised in the CES policies and procedures. The topics were: case conferencing, racial equity, housing prioritization for returning clients, and the community assessment tool. The CoC Ranking Panel recruits panel members from various and diverse backgrounds to review grant submission to ensure racial equity.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC takes proactive steps to identify, prevent and eliminate racial disparities that track progress to help improve equity in the provision of services and achieve better homeless assistance outcomes. The CoC measures local HMIS data and hold sincere conversations at the Planning & Performance, CES, Youth Action Board (YAB), Lived Experience Advisory Board and DEI committees. City and County officials are actively involved at the committee level to obtain feedback from homeless providers. The committees and jurisdictions are committed to engaging in partnerships with BIPOC communities and people with lived experience to develop a more inclusive decision-making to prevent and eliminate racial disparities. 2) The CoC continuously uses HMIS to track progress on prevention and eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance. The HMIS Lead also develops project-specific reports to assist the CoC in evaluating racial disparities in program outcomes. The CoC also analyzes data from the Point in Time counts, Coordinated Entry System, as well as looking at System Performance Measures and Longitudinal Systems Analysis, that provides CoC-wide data that highlights racial disparity trends across the jurisdiction.

1D-10.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC’s Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below your CoC’s outreach efforts (e.g., social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decisionmaking processes.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	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-10b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC'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-10c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;	
2.	how often your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;	
3.	how your CoC gathers feedback from people who received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program;	
4.	how often your CoC gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program; and	
5.	steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Surveys are distributed to clients in the homeless system at 3 points while 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 is collected with our HMIS system and reviewed on a quarterly basis by the LEAB and homeless service providers. An update on the quarterly data is provided to the CoC Governing Board during reports of committees. 3) 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 is 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. 4) 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. This includes people who have received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program. They are included in the development, or revision, of the CoC's local competition rating factors and the development of their CoC's coordinated entry process. 5) Upon review of the data, information is 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 are documented and discussed with organizations. An action plan from the organization has been implemented with follow up and review how the challenges are resolved.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The COC Governing and Executive Boards includes members from both city and county governments which form a committed partnership to housing develop and housing first policies. Housing First is a priority in the State of California where we ensure all housing and homeless related funding are required to address the housing first model. The COC is working with the County as it reviews and streamlines its permitting process in an effort to expedite the housing development. In addition, the newly adopted Strategic Action Plan for the COC was implemented with the assistance of city and county officials with a vested interested in the development of affordable housing. 2) The COC works with the City of Bakersfield in attending its Homeless & Housing Ad-Hoc Meetings where each month the pipeline for new housing is reviewed so all the review any barriers and ensure development is not halted by governments. As the County and City continues to amend and adopt its Housing Element, the COC will remain a partner and a voice in promoting housing development.

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	09/20/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	09/20/2024

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

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

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

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

6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes
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1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
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You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
 Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	8
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	the severe barriers your CoC considered.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The 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. Projects serving or proposing to serve a higher number of persons coming directly from the street were also prioritized.4) The severe barriers the CoC considered included: mental illness, substance abuse, low or no income, criminal histories, youth, and abuse/victimization. We also 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 input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;
2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and
3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree that proposed projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and steps the projects took or will take to eliminate the identified barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The 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. 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) Not applicable.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	09/19/2024

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/11/2024
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	<p>Does your attachment include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status—Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-. 	Yes
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	<p>Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings. 	10/28/2024
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC’s website or partner’s website.	10/28/2024
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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 2024 HIC data into HDX.	05/10/2024
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2A-4.	Comparable Databases for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The HMIS Data Quality committee reviews data and ensures that our CoC is using HUD compliant comparable data base 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 2024 HMIS Data Standards. Our CoC's HMIS also is compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	916	32	948	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	167	40	207	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	451	0	451	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	1,335	0	1,335	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	186	0	186	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:

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| 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)

Not applicable

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?		Yes

2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/24/2024
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	05/10/2024
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable

2C. System Performance

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC assesses risk factors contributing to homelessness by actively engaging individuals with lived experience, those currently experiencing homelessness and analyzing common contributing factors. The CoC determined the following risk factors pose the highest risk of becoming homeless for the first-time: loss of income, history of residential instability, utility shutoffs, disabilities or severe health conditions, COVID-19 impacts, increased rent costs and those fleeing DV. This determining process includes collaboration with the Lived Experience Advisor Board and Governing members who have firsthand experience. Additionally, we assess perceptions of the cause through the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count questionnaire. Data analysis is conducted regularly using reports from our HMIS system. The information is initially collected through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) where a SWOT analysis helps identify whether individuals or families are experiencing first time homelessness. 2) The CoC collaborates with all CoC services providers who administer various programs offering wraparound services aimed at preventing and diverting individuals and families at risk of experiencing homelessness. If a CES assessment indicates the household is at risk of homelessness, the household is matched with an agency that provides homeless prevention services. The goal is to stabilize the household and prepare a plan in case another housing crisis occurs. On-going services include case management, mainstream services, and on-the-job training.3) The Executive Director of BKRHC CoC604, in collaboration with the Governing Board Chair and Planning and Performance Committee is responsible for overseeing all strategies aimed reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time.

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

Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) 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 two. 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.

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?	Yes
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
This list contains no items			

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not applicable

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not applicable

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

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

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

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

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2024 Priority Listing.

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

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

4A-3.	Data Assessing Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c) and I.B.3.j.(3)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	1,066
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	521
3.	Unmet Need:	545

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c)	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 and element 2; and	
	2. the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or	
	3. if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC determined element 1 by running a system-wide Annual Performance Report to determine the number of individuals seeking housing and/or services who also reported that they were victims of domestic violence during the funding period. Element 2 was determined by gathering the total number of DV survivors receiving housing or services through The Open-Door Network, the only DV-specific agency serving all of Kern County in the CoC the agency facilities include 3 DV shelters and 3 walk-in locations. 2) Data sources used were Victim Service Tracking (a VOCA-specific software for DV clients) and the HMIS Annual Performance Report reports through Clarity’s VOWA approved database. (10/1/22 – 9/30/23). 3) A major barrier to meeting the needs of DV survivors is the lack of available emergency shelters and transitional housing beds, as there are very few confidential, DV-specific shelter facilities in Kern County. Clients requesting shelter services when shelters are at capacity are provided short-term motel/hotel stays until space becomes available; if hotel/motel stays are not a viable option for the client, referrals to out-of-area safe shelter sites (as well as transportation) are provided. As the only DV-specific agency within the CoC, The Open-Door Network is uniquely positioned to provide trauma-informed care and comprehensive services tailored to the unique needs of DV survivors. While other agencies in the CoC serve vital roles, many do not have the same specialized expertise or resources required to fully address the complexities that come with supporting survivors of domestic violence. This can lead to gaps in services, making it challenging for our CoC to meet all the needs of this vulnerable population, despite our collective efforts.

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	
	Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects—only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.	

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 Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	

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

1.	Applicant Name	The Open Door Network
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	72%
3.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	93%

4A-3b.1.	Applicant's Housing Placement and Retention Data Explanation.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

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

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

(limit 1,500 characters)

1) Applicant calculated the rate of housing placement using the Program Outcomes report through HMIS; by running this report for the HUD TH PH RRH project and the Bakersfield and Delano DV Transitional Housing projects (which are the "TH" portion of the Joint project), the Program Outcomes report reported that 80 out of 111 exits (72%) from all 3 projects were to permanent housing destinations. 2) The rate for housing placements accounts for exits to permanent housing only. 3) Housing retention rates were calculated by determining rates of recidivism for the programs using the Program Recidivism report through HMIS. Using this report for the TH and RRH projects that constitute the Joint project as a whole, Applicant added the number of exits to permanent destinations (79 TH + 67 RRH = 146 total) then subtracted the number of returns to homelessness within the same funding period (5 TH + 5 RRH = 10 returns to homelessness; 146 total – 10 returns = 136 total retention). The total retention across all project components was then divided by the total number of exits to permanent housing to determine the retention rate for the project (136 total retention / 146 total exits to permanent housing = 93%). 4) Data sources used were Victim Service Tracking (a VOCA-specific software for DV clients) and the HMIS Program Outcomes and Program Recidivism reports through Clarity's VOWA approved database. (10/1/22 – 09/30/23).

4A-3c.	Applicant's Experience Housing DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below how the project applicant:	
1.	ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;	
2.	prioritized survivors—you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC's emergency transfer plan;	
3.	determined survivors' supportive services needs;	
4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and	
5.	moved survivors from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) TODN follows a trauma informed approach. To recognize the unique needs, experiences, and challenges faced by survivors; while providing them with support and housing, all TODN's project staff are certified as Domestic Violence Counselors in California via completion of 40 Hour Domestic Violence Training. After completion of Domestic Violence Counselor training, staff undergo Trauma Informed Care and Motivational Interviewing Training. Recognizing survivor's immediate need for safe housing, TODN's project follows a housing first model, providing housing support without preconditions such as sobriety, employment or service participation. 2) To prioritize survivors, TODN uses a structured process through the Coordinated Entry System (CES). Survivors are assessed using tools like the Quick Referral Tool (QRT) and VI-SPDAT to determine their needs and prioritize them based on vulnerability. 3) TODN determines which supportive services survivors need by conducting individualized assessments through trauma-informed case management evaluating each survivor's unique circumstances, goals, and challenges. Survivors are encouraged to share their preferences and needs during this process, allowing for a personalized service plan that reflects their own priorities. Regular check-ins and feedback from survivors ensure that services are adjusted as their needs evolve. 4) Survivors are connected to TODN's in house supportive services such as: therapy, group counseling, Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) workshops, court accompaniment, as well as resume development, employment search, and placement support. TODN also collaborates with community partners to expand access to specialized services and provides closed loop referrals to ensure survivors receive support. 5) TODN ensures survivors transition from assisted housing to sustainable, independent housing by providing comprehensive support throughout the housing process, including financial literacy training, employment assistance, and personalized case management. Survivors work with case managers to develop long-term housing plans that include strategies for budgeting, saving, and increasing income through stable employment. Regular follow-up and aftercare services help address any challenges that arise, maintaining housing security after program completion.

4A-3d.	Applicant's Experience in Ensuring DV Survivors' Safety.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) During the intake and interview process, TODN prioritizes survivor privacy by conducting interviews in private, secure settings where survivors can speak freely without fear of coercion. Case managers are trained to handle intakes with care, ensuring survivors are not forced to disclose more than they are comfortable with and minimizing potential re-traumatization. Additionally, TODN staff are trained on state and federal confidentiality laws.

2) TODN prioritizes the survivor's safety and autonomy when making housing placements, ensuring that all decisions are based on detailed safety assessments that consider survivor's personal preferences and risks. Survivors are placed in secure housing that meets their specific needs, with options for rapid re-housing or transitional housing depending on their situation, always focusing on maintaining confidential locations.

3) All survivor records, including identifying information and housing locations, are maintained under strict confidentiality protocols, including a double-lock system. TODN enforces compliance with California Penal Code 273, which criminalizes the disclosure of DV shelter locations. Survivors are informed of these protections and are encouraged to keep their location private to ensure their safety.

4) All TODN staff complete certified 40 Hour Domestic Violence and 40 Hour Sexual Assault training extensively covering confidentiality. Additionally, TODN's compliance team provides annual refreshers on confidentiality policies and practices.

5) TODN implements extensive security measures across its housing sites. These include 24/7 camera monitoring of common areas and the shelter perimeter by an independent security company, secure gate entry systems, and regular security audits. All units are kept confidential, and staff routinely evaluate the safety of both congregate and scattered-site housing to ensure survivors' physical safety and the ongoing confidentiality of their locations. Outside common areas contain flood lights and cameras covering perimeters for nighttime viewing by staff on security monitors.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant's Experience in Evaluating Its Ability to Ensure DV Survivors' Safety.
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Open Door Network (TODN) has ensured the safety of domestic violence survivors for over 44 years through secure, confidentially located shelters. Each year, TODN successfully passes City and County site inspections focused on facility safety and compliance. Safety is evaluated through a multi-phase process that integrates feedback from survivors, staff, and external experts. Key areas of evaluation include physical security, staff preparedness, confidentiality, and survivor well-being. Shelter safety audits are conducted regularly to assess the effectiveness of security measures, such as surveillance cameras, locked entry points, alarm systems, and emergency preparedness protocols. Recent audits revealed the need for increased exterior lighting and additional cameras in certain blind spots, which TODN promptly addressed. Staff preparedness is evaluated through regular performance reviews, with a focus on trauma-informed care, de-escalation techniques, and crisis management. Feedback identified the need for additional training in managing crises. In response, TODN utilized its LCSW to provide comprehensive trauma informed training and partnered with the American Heart Association to certify key staff in CPR and now offers periodic mental health refresher courses. Confidentiality policies are reviewed annually to ensure survivor identities and shelter locations remain protected. Anonymous survivor surveys and interviews are conducted quarterly to gather perceptions of safety and identify areas for improvement. While most survivors report feeling physically safe, some requested more emotional support. TODN addressed this by adding telehealth psychiatric services and hiring an on-site therapist for immediate support. Additionally, TODN maintains a grievance and incident monitoring system to track and analyze trends. For example, when conflicts over laundry schedules were identified, TODN adjusted the schedule to minimize tension. This continuous feedback loop ensures that TODN proactively identifies and resolves issues, enhancing the safety and well-being of survivors.

4A-3e.	Applicant's Experience in Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below the project applicant's experience in:	
	1. prioritizing placement and stabilization of survivors;	
	2. placing survivors in permanent housing;	
	3. placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their preferences; and	
	4. placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their stated needs.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) In its existing TH-PH RRH project, TODN prioritizes rapid placement and long-term stabilization using a Housing First model, providing immediate access to housing without requiring sobriety, employment, or mandatory service participation. Staff, certified through California’s 40-hour Domestic Violence Training and trained in Trauma-Informed Care and Motivational Interviewing, engage survivors empathetically to develop housing plans aligned with their needs. Using the Coordinated Entry System (CES), TODN streamlines placements by assessing survivor needs quickly and connecting them. Survivors receive wraparound services, including therapy, employment support, financial literacy training, and legal aid, to foster long-term stability. Regular follow-ups during the first six months ensure survivors remain stable, with services adjusted as needed. 2) TODN’s housing navigators have built relationships with landlords for over 10 years, expanding housing opportunities and reducing wait times for survivors. This strategy has resulted in a 72.07% permanent housing placement rate. Housing navigators work directly with survivors to secure safe, affordable units aligned with their needs. TODN maintains a 93.15% retention rate, reflecting its success in stabilizing survivors and preventing returns to homelessness. 3) Case managers engage survivors in collaborative conversations to develop individualized housing plans, giving them control over their housing choices and services. By using a trauma-informed approach and Motivational Interviewing techniques, staff encourage survivors to express their preferences regarding housing location, type of housing, and safety and security. Housing navigators utilize their relationships with landlords to find the most accommodating options for survivors’ preferences. 4) TODN takes a structured and individualized approach to meet survivors’ stated needs for safety, housing, and supportive services. Survivors are assessed through tools such as the VI-SPDAT and Quick Referral Tool (QRT), which help identify their level of vulnerability and specific needs. TODN’s trauma-informed case management process allows survivors to openly share their challenges and priorities, such as the need for secure housing away from an abuser.

4A-3f.	Applicant’s Experience in Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches. NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant’s experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:		
1.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures survivors and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;	
2.	providing survivors access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing survivors with information on the effects of trauma;	
3.	emphasizing survivors’ strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;	
4.	centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;	
5.	providing a variety of opportunities for survivors’ connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and	
6.	offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.	

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1) TODN ensures that all interactions between staff and survivors are rooted in mutual respect and equality. Services are provided without punitive interventions, and participation in supportive services is entirely voluntary, never a precondition for housing. Program participants are not penalized for failure to participate, loss of income, or lack of progress on service plans. Survivors take the lead in developing their housing plans and service goals through collaborative decision-making, minimizing power differentials between staff and participants. Staff are trained to adhere to a strict code of ethics to foster an environment of integrity and respect.2) TODN offers survivors evidence-based educational programs, including Cycle of Violence and Healthy vs. Unhealthy Relationships, to help participants understand the impact of trauma on their lives and relationships. Programs like Learning to Protect and Domestic Violence Awareness Groups address trauma's effects on both adults and children. These services are available to all participants, including non-residents, and are facilitated by shelter and non-shelter staff as well as therapists. Ongoing trauma-informed care training ensures that staff are equipped to guide survivors through coping strategies and the psychological effects of trauma.3) Upon program entry, survivors complete an intake, needs assessment, and risk assessment with a case manager. Case plans are developed collaboratively, focusing on survivor-defined goals and aspirations. Case managers use strength-based coaching to identify opportunities for growth, such as employment or education. Follow-ups ensure that survivors' evolving strengths and goals continue to shape their recovery path toward self-sufficiency and permanent housing.4) TODN is committed to culturally responsive service delivery. Staff are trained annually in cultural competence, nondiscrimination, and equal access, with two hours specifically dedicated to cultural awareness. Bilingual staff (English/Spanish) are available, and interpretation services through Certified Languages International and Life Signs (ASL) ensure access for all participants. TODN's services reflect the cultural diversity of its community, especially its largely Hispanic client base, and aim to create an inclusive, trauma-informed environment.5) Survivors have access to various opportunities for community and peer connections. TODN offers licensed therapist-led support groups, alongside survivor-led peer support groups held twice a month at the outreach center. The program accommodates survivors' spiritual needs by connecting them to community resources, such as Flood Ministries, upon request. These opportunities reduce isolation and foster healing through shared experiences and supportive relationships. Weekly/Monthly yoga, meditation, self-defense, and art workshops are also provided.6) TODN provides trauma-informed parenting classes led by Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs) to help survivors understand how trauma affects their children and develop positive parenting strategies. Licensed childcare is available, allowing parents to attend critical appointments like court hearings, therapy sessions, and job training without added stress. Transportation to childcare is provided for children staying at TODN's transitional housing shelters. TODN's Licensed Childcare sites have onsite therapist to assist children work through complex trauma. TODN also offers in-house legal assistance for custody and restraining orders, with referrals to Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance for more complex legal needs.

4A-3g.	Applicant's Experience Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

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

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1) **Advocacy:** In TODN's TH-PH RRR project, case Managers offer direct advocacy with medical providers, law enforcement, courts, landlords, childcare, and victim services to help survivors navigate complex systems. This advocacy ensures that survivors receive the resources and representation they need to stabilize and rebuild their lives. 2) **24/7 DV Crisis Assistance:** TODN operates a 24/7 crisis hotline staffed by trauma-informed advocates. Survivors can access support at any time for safety planning, emotional assistance, or emergency shelter placement. Advocates also help survivors obtain legal services such as restraining orders when needed.

3. **Education and Employment Services:** In partnership with the Kern Community College District, TODN offers on-site English as a Second Language (ESL) and basic office skills classes at its domestic violence shelters. Housing and Employment Specialists provide resume assistance, job search support, application help, and life skills training, ensuring survivors are prepared for employment and long-term stability.

4. **Therapy and Counseling Services:** Survivors and their children can access individual and family therapy, including innovative methods such as EMDR, Sand play therapy, and Windows Between Worlds art therapy, which provide creative avenues for healing. Family counseling sessions help survivors, and their children rebuild relationships in a supportive environment.

5. **Parenting Groups and Licensed Child Care:** TODN offers trauma-informed parenting groups that provide survivors with guidance and positive parenting strategies. Licensed childcare is available, enabling survivors to attend appointments or job training without worry. Transportation to childcare services is also provided for children staying in TODN's transitional housing shelters.

6. **Legal Assistance:** Survivors receive legal support, including help with restraining orders, child custody orders, and name changes for those fleeing unsafe situations. TODN also offers mediation preparation, empowering survivors to navigate legal proceedings confidently. Complex cases receive closed-loop referrals to Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance for specialized services.

7. **Long-Term Housing and Safety Planning:** TODN's case managers collaborate with participants to develop long-term housing safety plans that include self-advocacy, systems advocacy, legal support, social support, and community accompaniment. These plans help ensure that survivors remain safe and stable beyond the program's duration.

8. **Housing Search and Counseling:** A Housing Navigator identifies local landlords and available housing units, streamlining the process of securing permanent housing for survivors. This support significantly reduces the time survivors spend searching for safe and affordable housing.

9. **Enhanced Care Management (ECM):** TODN's Enhanced Care Management program provides coordinated care for survivors with complex needs. Lead Care Managers connect survivors to healthcare providers, mental health services, and long-term support, ensuring holistic care that fosters recovery and stability.

10. **Benefits Assistance through SOAR-Certified Staff:** Housing and Employment

Specialists certified through the SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) program help survivors apply for SSI or SSDI benefits.

11. Transportation Services: TODN TH PH RRH project offers transportation services to ensure that survivors can access essential resources and services, even without reliable transportation. This includes providing rides to court appointments, medical visits, job interviews, and housing searches, as well as offering bus passes.

12. Safe at Home Program: Case Managers assist survivors with enrollment in California’s Safe at Home program, an address confidentiality service that protects survivors from abusers by providing a substitute mailing address. This program ensures survivors’ safety by keeping their physical address confidential.

13. Wellness Activities: Weekly yoga, meditation, knitting, and paint workshops to support survivors’ mental health and well-being.

14. Aftercare- 6 months aftercare services through monthly visits in person and by phone, to ensure survivors sustain housing and safety.

4A-3h.	Applicant’s Plan for Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	

Describe in the field below how the project(s) will:	
1.	prioritize placement and stabilization of program participants;
2.	place program participants in permanent housing;
3.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their preferences; and
4.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their stated needs.

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1. In the new DV Bonus Housing Project, TODN will implement a Housing First model, prioritizing immediate placement and stabilization without preconditions such as sobriety, employment, or mandatory service participation. Using the Coordinated Entry System (CES), participants will be assessed promptly and connected to available permanent housing options. Case managers will offer wraparound services, including therapy, financial literacy training, employment assistance, and legal aid, ensuring stabilization from day one. Ongoing follow-ups will occur during the first six months to track progress and adjust services as needed, fostering long-term stability.

2. TODN will deploy housing navigators to expand housing options by building relationships with local landlords and property owners. These navigators will reduce placement wait times by securing safe, affordable units that meet survivors’ needs. The project will offer rental support and mediation services, ensuring smooth transitions into permanent housing. Survivors will also receive assistance with essential move-in needs, such as furniture and utility setup, to facilitate a seamless transition.

3. Case managers will engage participants in collaborative conversations to create personalized housing plans using Motivational Interviewing techniques. Participants will guide their housing choices based on location, housing type, safety considerations, and proximity to family, schools, or workplaces. Housing navigators will work with landlords to identify the most suitable units, ensuring survivors feel safe and connected to their support networks. Flexibility in housing plans will allow participants to relocate if their needs evolve.

4. Each participant’s needs will be assessed through tools such as the VI-SPDAT and Quick Referral Tool (QRT) to determine vulnerability levels and prioritize services. Housing plans will address critical needs such as childcare, access to legal services (e.g., restraining orders or custody assistance), and proximity to healthcare or mental health providers. Case managers will ensure participants receive tailored support throughout their housing journey, with periodic check-ins to reassess needs and prevent re-entry into homelessness.

4A-3i.	Applicant’s Plan for Administering Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Practices in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	

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

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1. TODN will ensure all participant-staff interactions are based on mutual respect and equality. Services will remain voluntary, with no punitive interventions or terminations for non-participation or lack of progress. Participants will lead their own housing and service plans, with staff acting as facilitators rather than directors. To minimize power differentials, staff will adhere to a strict code of ethics that promotes integrity and respect in all interactions.
2. Program participants will have access to evidence-based classes such as Cycle of Violence and Healthy vs. Unhealthy Relationships to understand how trauma impacts their lives. Additional programs like Learning to Protect and Domestic Violence Awareness will focus on the psychological and emotional effects of trauma on both adults and children. Staff will receive regular trauma-informed care training to provide participants with guidance on coping strategies and the long-term effects of trauma.
3. Upon entry, participants will complete intake, needs, and risk assessments with case managers using a strength-based approach. These assessments will identify personal strengths such as educational background and work experience to guide individualized service plans. Case managers will collaborate with participants to set survivor-defined goals and aspirations, ensuring services align with participants' long-term objectives. Ongoing follow-ups will ensure that participants' evolving strengths are incorporated into their path toward stability and permanent housing.
4. All services will be culturally responsive and inclusive, with staff trained in cultural competence, nondiscrimination, and equal access. Bilingual staff (English/Spanish) and interpretation services through Certified Languages International and Life Signs (ASL) will ensure effective communication. Staff will receive annual training, including two hours focused on cultural competence, to continually improve the accessibility and inclusiveness of services, reflecting the diversity of the largely Hispanic community served by TODN.
5. TODN will foster meaningful connections for participants by offering licensed therapist-led support groups and peer-led groups that meet bi-monthly. Spiritual needs will be accommodated by connecting participants with community resources, such as Flood Ministries, upon request. These connections will reduce isolation and create a community of support that strengthens participants' recovery and well-being. Survivors will have the opportunity to participate in weekly yoga and art groups to build connections.
6. Trauma-informed parenting classes, led by Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs), will equip survivors with strategies to support their children's emotional well-being and growth. Licensed childcare services will be provided, allowing parents to focus on attending court hearings, therapy, or job training without childcare concerns. For legal matters related to custody or protection, TODN will offer in-house assistance with restraining and custody orders, along with referrals to Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance.

4A-3j.	Applicant's Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(f)	
	Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:	
1.	with a range of lived expertise; and	
2.	in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.	
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1. TODN will involve survivors through a Survivor Advisory Board, satisfaction surveys, and client focus groups led in partnership with Cal State Bakerfield's Public Policy Institute. A Survivor Advisory Board will guide the development, implementation, and evaluation of project policies. This board will include three survivors with lived experience in domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking, as well as professionals who support survivors. Monthly meetings will provide feedback on barriers faced by survivors, improving service delivery and aftercare. Pre-satisfaction and exit surveys will gather feedback from participants to inform policy development. Insights will guide staff in identifying barriers and improving services.

2. TODN will integrate policy and program development through continuous evaluation of outcomes and client feedback. In partnership with the Public Policy Institute at California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB), TODN will host quarterly feedback sessions and client focus groups to analyze program performance and participant experiences. Data from satisfaction surveys, focus groups, and community input will guide policy updates, ensuring services remain effective, trauma-informed, and responsive to evolving survivor needs.

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...	10/24/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	PHA Moving On Pre...	10/24/2024
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	Live Experience S...	10/17/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	10/28/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	10/24/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Form for O...	10/24/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	10/24/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	10/24/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	10/25/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HUD's Homeless Da...	10/24/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	Housing Leveragin...	10/25/2024
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Heathcare Formal ...	10/25/2024
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Submission Summary

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

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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.

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.

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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



October 16, 2024

Dear Destiny Reveles,

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 2024 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Theo Dues", is written over a horizontal line.

Theo Dues
Chair, BKRHC Lived Experience Advisory Board
Kern County Regional Manager, Brundage Lane Navigation Center – Mercy House



Housing First Standards Assessment Tool

Overview: This tool aims to assess and document how closely a housing and service provider adheres to the recommended best practice standards of the Housing First model, in the context of the broader work to implement a Housing First orientation at the system-level. This tool specifically evaluates project-level fidelity to Housing First, which directly impacts a system’s fidelity to Housing First. In addition to the universal best practice standards identified in this tool, Continuums should also take into account their local community context and local written standards pertaining to Housing First when assessing projects. A Continuum of Care can use this tool to prompt discussion and to

Provider Info tab: The Provider Information tab should be completed *prior* to beginning the assessment. Specifically, the **Project Name, Project Type, Target Sub-Population served, and Date of Assessment** fields need to be completed in order to populate the assessment standards and report summary with questions that are specific to the project type and population. Please complete this section prior to printing any standards for assessment.

Standards: The standards have been arranged into the following categories: *Access, Evaluation, Services, Housing, Leases, and Project-Specific*. The “Tab” chart at the bottom of this page describes each of the categories in more detail. Some of the categories are not applicable for all project types, and those standards do not need to be completed,

Project Type	Applicable Standards
Coordinated Entry	Access & Evaluation; Project-specific
Street Outreach	Access & Evaluation; Project-specific
Emergency Shelter	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Project-specific
Transitional Housing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific
Rapid Rehousing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific
Permanent Supportive Housing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific

Safeguarding: Please keep in mind safeguarding concerns when assessing projects. In particular, we advise Continuums of Care to work with projects with victims of domestic violence to make sure that adequate safety and confidentiality policies and practices are in place before beginning assessments.

Scoring: For each standard, there are three scoring criteria: “Say It”, “Document It”, and “Do It” (as explained further below). To show that a project is in full compliance with each standard, the assessor should mark “Always” for each scoring criteria. Use the drop down in the three columns to the right to select “Always” or “Somewhat” or “Not at

- “*Say It*” means that project and agency staff can describe verbally what they do concerning each standard. The assessor should be able to identify that the organizational culture supports the standard by how staff talks about what is done.
- “*Document It*” means that there is written documentation that supports the project’s compliance with each standard. Written documentation could include Policies and Procedures, Personnel Handbooks, Professional Development Plans, Project Rules, etc.
- “*Do It*” means that the assessor was able to find evidence that supports the project’s compliance with each standard. Evidence could include information contained in client or other administrative files, client acknowledgement that something is being done, staff can point to documentation that supports implementation of the standard, etc.

Assessor Notes: A cell below each individual standard allows the assessor to add optional notes about the information collected for that particular standard. The notes can include where information was found, what questions were asked, who answered the questions, what additional information is needed to be able to mark that standard as

Tab	Description	Purpose
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Instructions	Tool overview and aim	Offers instruction to users on the assessment tool
Provider Info	Input provider, project and general assessment information	Determines project-specific standards for consideration
Standards - Access & Evaluation	Input compliance with standards concerning participant access to the project and input, project evaluation and performance management	Assesses whether access and evaluation are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards - Leases	Input compliance with standards concerning the lease and occupancy agreements, where applicable	Assesses whether leases and occupancy agreements are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards - Services & Housing	Input compliance with standards concerning the service and housing models and structure, where applicable	Assesses whether services and housing are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards – Project-Specific	Prompts assessment standards based on project type and targeted sub-populations served by the project, where applicable	Assesses whether specific project standards are compliant with Housing First principles
Report Summary	Displays assessment scores and conclusions, and highlights non-compliant standards	Printable summary of the assessment



Provider Information

Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

Provider Information	
Provider's Legal Name	Flood Bakersfield Ministries, Inc.
Acronym (If Applicable)	Flood
Year Incorporated	2008
EIN	26-2780103
Street Address	1830 Truxtun Ave. Suite 210
Zip Code	93301

Project Information	
Project Name	Project Home
Project Budget	\$94,263
Grant Number	CA1012L9D042312
Name of Project Director	Denise Brock
Project Director Email Address	denise@floodbako.com
Project Director Phone Number	661-323-5663 Ext. 1007
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.

Management Information	
Name of CEO	Jim Wheeler
CEO Email Address	jim@floodbako.com
CEO Phone Number	661-323-5663 Ext. 1002
Name of Staff Member Guiding Assessment	2
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Staff Phone Number	661-323-5663 Ext. 1007

Assessment Information	
Name of Assessor	Jim Wheeler
Organizational Affiliation of Assessor	Flood Ministries
Assessor Email Address	jim@floodbako.com
Assessor Phone Number	661-323-5663 Ext. 1002
Date of Assessment	Oct 25 2024



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	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. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Access 2	Projects do not deny assistance for unnecessary reasons	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. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Access 3	Access regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status	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/ <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Access 4	Admission process is expedited with speed and efficiency	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. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always

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.	Always	Always	Always
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
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.	Always	Always	Always
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
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.	Always	Always	Always
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
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.	Always	Always	Always
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
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.	Always	Always	Always
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			



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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	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 6	Providing stable housing is a priority	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 7	Rent payment policies respond to tenants' needs (as applicable)	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always



Housing First Standards

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Standard	Services Definition / Evidence	Say it	Document it	Do it
Services 1	<p>Projects promote participant choice in services</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Services 2	<p>Person Centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process</p> <p>Person-centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Services 3	<p>Service support is as permanent as the housing</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer
Services 4	<p>Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	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	Always
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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"Whenever possible" is key.



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>Optional notes here</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
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Housing First Standards: Assessment Summary

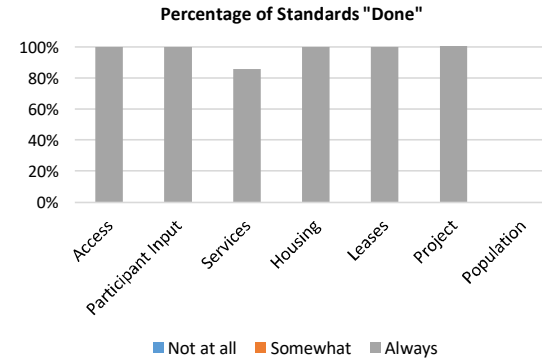
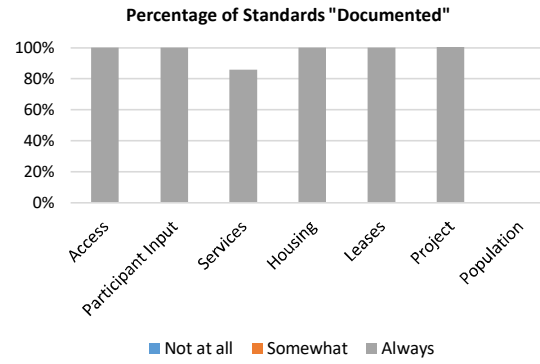
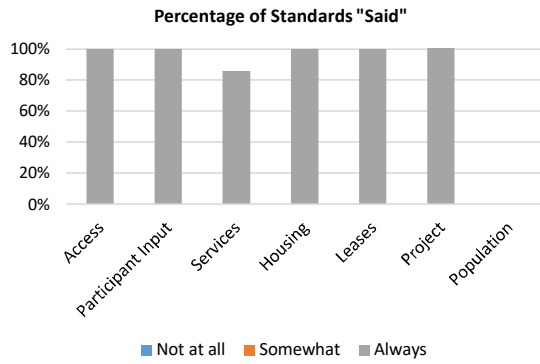
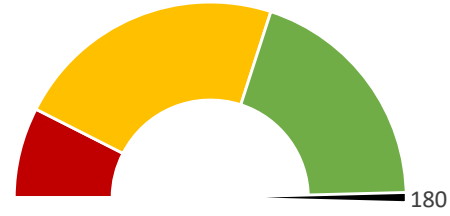
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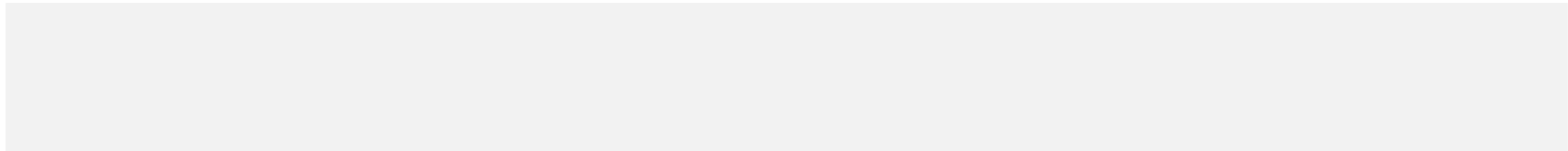
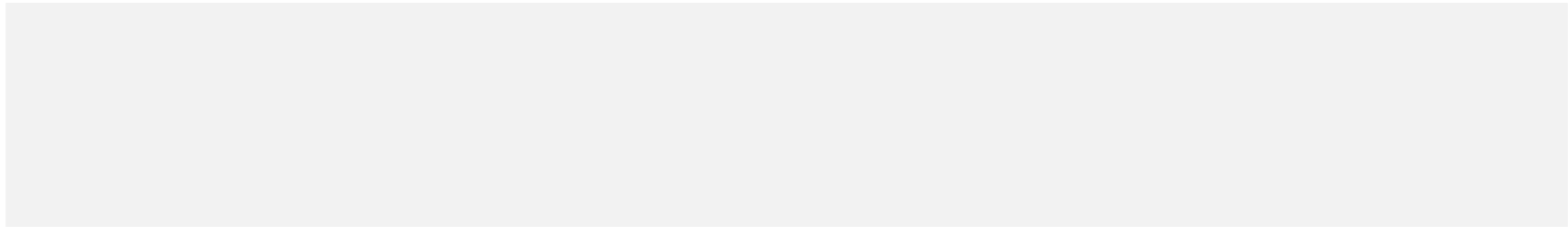
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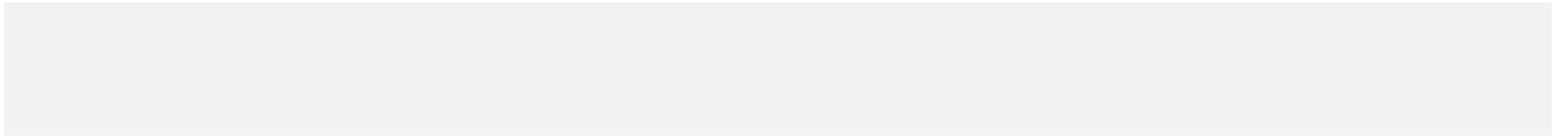
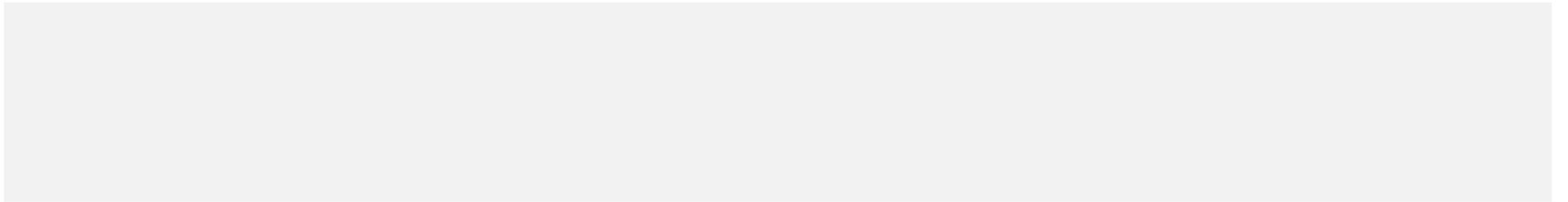
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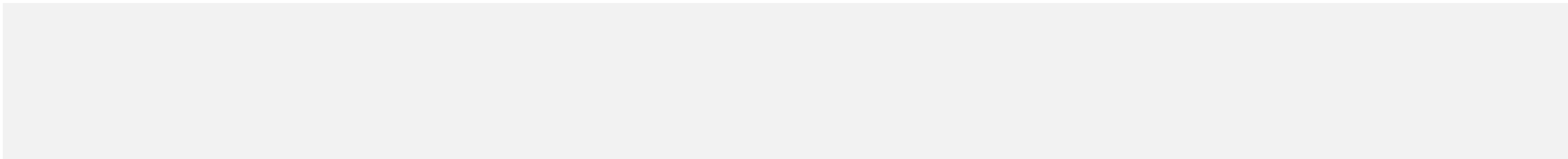
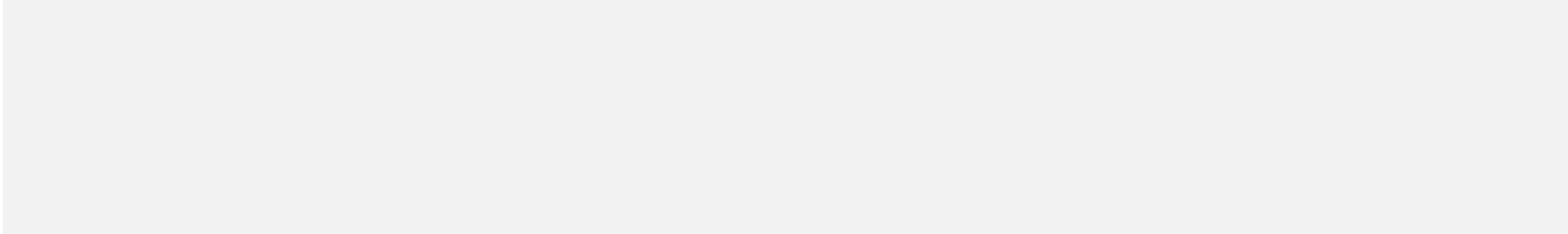
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Comply	Document	Evidence	N/Name	Standard	Category	Notes	Not at all	Not at all	Not at all
Always	Always	Always	1	Projects are low-barrier	Admission to projects is not contingent on pre-requisites such as abstinence of substances, minimum income requirements, health or mental health history, medication adherence, age, criminal justice history	Access	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	2	Projects do not deny assistance for unnecessary reasons	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.	Access	Optional notes here		
Always	0	0	0	0	Optional notes here	Access	0		
Always	Always	Always	3	Access regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status	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	Access	Optional notes here		
Always	0	0	0	0	Optional notes here	Access	0		
Always	Always	Always	4	Admission process is expedited with speed and efficiency	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 regarding	Access	Optional notes here		
Always	0	0	0	0	Optional notes here	Access	0		
Always	Always	Always	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 ens	Access	Optional notes here		
Always	0	0	0	0	Optional notes here	Access	0		
Always	Always	Always	6	The provider/project accepts and makes referrals directly through	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	Access	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	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	Access	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	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	Participant Inp	Optional notes here		
Always	0	0	0	0	Optional notes here	Participant Inp	0		
Always	Always	Always	2	Projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to 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	Participant Inp	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	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 cons	Services	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	2	Person Centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service plan	Person-centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process	Services	Optional notes here		
Always	0	0	0	0	Optional notes here	Services	0		
Please select answer	Please select answer	Please select answer	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	Services	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	4	Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement	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 services	Services	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	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 services	Services	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	6	Services are culturally appropriate with translation services available	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, cultur	Services	Optional notes here		
Always	0	0	0	0	Optional notes here	Services	0		
Always	Always	Always	7	Staff are trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies (including harm reduction)	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 addictive	Services	Optional notes here		
Always	0	0	0	0	Optional notes here	Services	0		
Always	Always	Always	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 or	Housing	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	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 su	Housing	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	3	The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participant safety	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	Housing	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	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	Housing	"Whenever possible" is		
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Always	Always	Always	1	Housing is considered permanent (not applicable for Transitional Housing is not time-limited (though rent assistance may be) and leases are automatically renewable upon expiration, except with prior notice by other party.		Leases	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	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	Leases	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	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 homele	Leases	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	4	Participants receive education about their lease or occupancy	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.	Leases	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	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.	Project-specific	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	2	PSH is focused on ending homelessness for those with the most severe	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	Project-specific	Optional notes here		
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Always	Always	Always	1	Property Management duties are separate and distinct from other	Project staff have 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,	Project-specific	Optional notes here		
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Numbers	Access			Participant Input			Services			Housing			Leases			Project-specific			Population		
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'Say It'

	Access	Participant Input	Services	Housing	Leases	Project	Population
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Somewhat	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Always	100%	100%	86%	100%	100%	133%	0%

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'Document It'

	Access	Participant Input	Services	Housing	Leases	Project	Population
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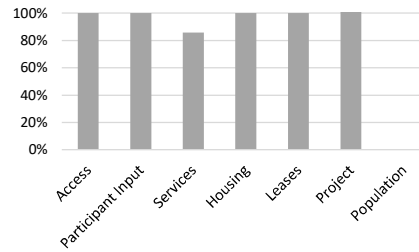
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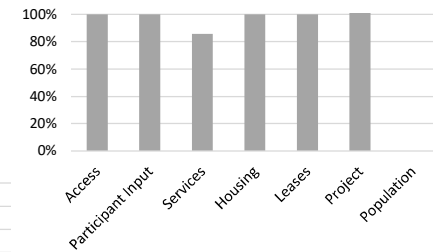
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"Say It" Standards, by Category and Response



"Do It" Standards, by Category and Response



"Document It" Standards, by Category and Response



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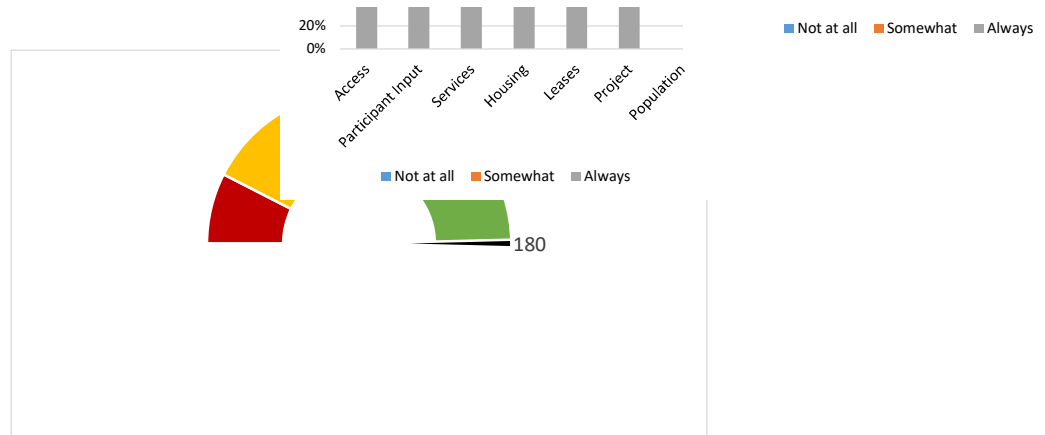
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Coordinated entry	16	12
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Emergency shelter	27	23
Transitional housing	34	30
Rapid rehousing	34	30
Permanent supportive housing	34	30

Max answer score (for 'always') 6 3 categories (say, document, do) x 2 max points for 'always'

Answer Numbers	With special pop	Without special pop	
Coordinated entry	96	72	1
Street outreach	96	72	1
Emergency shelter	162	138	2
Transitional housing	204	180	3
Rapid rehousing	204	180	3
Permanent supportive housing	204	180	3

Project type Permanent Supportive Housing 3
 Special population None of the above 0

Evaluation max score 180





Assumptions for the standards

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Project standards

Standards	Coordinated Entry	Street Outreach	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Rapid Rehousing	Permanent Supportive Housing	Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Rehousing
Title	Coordinated Entry does not screen people out for perceived barriers	Projects screen for health and safety needs	Focus of emergency shelter is on safe and responsive temporary shelter	Quick access to TH assistance	Quick access to RRH assistance	Quick access to PSH assistance	Quick access to RRH assistance
Project 1	Coordinated Entry does not screen people out for assistance due to perceived barriers related to housing or services, including, but not limited to, too little or no income, active or a history of substance use, domestic violence history, minimal linkages to other services, the type or extent of disability-related services or supports that are needed, or criminal justice history.	Outreach projects screen people contacted through outreach as soon as possible for critical health and safety needs, providing immediate response to people with the most severe needs.	Participants and staff understand that the primary goals of the emergency shelter are to provide temporary accommodation that is safe, respectful, and responsive to individual needs and that participants are offered permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.	A transitional housing project ensures quick linkage to a unit and services based on participant choice.	A Rapid Re-housing project ensures quick linkage to rapid re-housing assistance, based on participant choice.	A permanent supportive housing project ensures quick linkage to a unit and wrap around services, based on participant needs, preferences, and resource availability.	A Rapid Re-housing project ensures quick linkage to rapid re-housing assistance, based on participant choice.
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Title	Process to assess project-level policies and alert CoC	Street outreach projects are focused on providing access to housing and services	Housing comes first	Transitional housing is focused on safe and quick transitions to permanent housing	RRH services support people in maintaining their housing	PSH is focused on ending homelessness for those with the most severe barriers to maintaining housing	RRH services support people in maintaining their housing
Project 2	Written policies and procedures exist to determine which projects have project-level policies that screen out "high barrier" households, and the steps that the coordinated entry provider will take to alert the CoC of these projects, thereby enabling the CoC to take steps to assist these projects in adopting Housing First principles.	Participants and staff understand that the primary goals of street outreach are to provide access to temporary housing and services and/or re-housing participants in permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers. Street outreach projects reflect the low-barrier orientation of the Coordinated Entry process.	If a temporary shelter placement is made, assessment and planning for permanent housing placement begins as quickly as possible. People who are unsheltered are not required to first enter an emergency shelter in order to access permanent housing placement assistance and enter permanent housing.	Participants and staff understand that the primary goals of transitional housing are to provide temporary accommodations that are safe, respectful, and responsive to individual needs, address the service needs of participants, and re-house participants in permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of other personal issues or concerns, and as desired by the participant. Participation in transitional housing services does not inhibit participants from moving to permanent housing when they choose to. Assessment and planning for permanent housing placement begins as soon as the individual or family expresses a desire to transition to permanent housing.	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of rapid rehousing is to end homelessness and move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.	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.	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of rapid rehousing is to end homelessness and move participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of perceived barriers.

Project standards

	Youth and Young Adults	People in Recovery	Domestic Violence Survivors	None of the above
Title	Services are offered	Recovery housing is offered as one choice among other housing opportunities	Participant safety is a priority at all points of engagement and in all planning processes	
Population 1	Services are focused on ensuring that youth transition to independence.	Connection to recovery housing reflects individual choice for this path toward recovery. Abstinence-only spaces are incorporated into a Housing First model wherever possible, thus providing this type of recovery option to those who choose it. Recovery supports are offered, particularly connections to community-based treatment options.	Led by the survivor, a safety plan is developed that includes an assessment of danger, particular points of vulnerability, and best approaches to increasing safety.	
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Title	Projects include positive youth development principles	Services include relapse support	Survivor-driven advocacy is available	
Population 2	Youth projects should include positive youth development orientation. Positive youth development builds on strengths and resiliency. By focusing on strengths and assets, rather than what might be "wrong," youth are empowered and are equipped to make positive decisions.	Housing and services include relapse support that does not automatically evict or discharge a participant from the project for temporary relapse. Relapse support might include referrals to outpatient treatment or direct provision of outpatient services or the ability to hold a unit for a certain period of time (30-90 days) while the participant undergoes residential treatment.	The unique needs and strengths of each individual survivor and their children are taken into account with regard to the types of services that are available and offered. Project uses flexible and survivor-focused approaches to overcome barriers survivors may face in accessing services through traditional models.	

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Title	RRH as a bridge to permanent supportive housing	Street outreach is linked to Coordinated Entry		TH projects provide appropriate services	Providers continuously assess a participant's need for assistance	Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management	Providers continuously assess a participant's need for assistance
Project 3	Rapid Re-Housing is made available to serve as a bridge to other permanent housing options so that persons with high service needs or vulnerabilities can be housed more quickly. (See HUD's Rapid Re-Housing Brief here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Rapid-Re-Housing-Brief.pdf)	Written policy and procedures detail a process by which street outreach staff ensures that persons encountered on the streets are offered the same standardized processes as persons assessed through site-based access points. Outreach teams are coordinated, trained, and have the ability to engage and quickly connect people experiencing homelessness to the local coordinated entry process in order to apply for and obtain permanent housing. Based on the CoC's decision about how street outreach is incorporated into the assessment process, street outreach projects must comply with the CoC's decision.	No additional standards	TH projects provide appropriate services to meet the participants health and safety needs (e.g., persons in early recovery; domestic violence survivors; those who need special accommodations) when there are no permanent housing solutions available (with or without supportive services) or when the participant chooses transitional housing. Services are not required in order to participate in housing.	On an ongoing basis, providers assess a participant's needs for continued assistance and provide tailored assistance based on those assessments.	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.	On an ongoing basis, providers assess a participant's needs for continued assistance and provide tailored assistance based on those assessments.
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Title		Street outreach continuously engages those experiencing homelessness and on the street		Housing comes first		Transitional housing is focused on safe and quick transitions to permanent housing	

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Title	Staff use harm reduction practices and approaches	Services support sustained recovery	Housing stability is a priority
Population 3	Youth models employ a harm reduction and recovery orientation, including those developed for youth and young adults with substance use and addictions. Projects may make abstinence-based models available for youth and young adults; however, the choice should lie with the participant, not with the project.	Recovery housing projects provide services that align with participants' choice and prioritization of recovery, including but not limited to abstinence from substances (if that is a personal goal), long-term permanent housing stability, and stable income through employment or benefits. Support is offered through connections to community-based treatment options.	Providers support survivors and their children to retain or obtain safe, stable housing. Survivors choose the type of housing and location of housing. Housing is located in an area that is considered safe from the abusive relationship.
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Title	Project design accounts for the age of youth and young adults to be served		

Project 4	No additional standards	Through continuous engagement strategies, a street outreach project provides quick linkage to housing and services when a person is ready to engage.	No additional standards	No individuals or families, including those who are unsheltered, are required to enter a transitional housing project in order to access permanent housing placement assistance and enter permanent housing.	No additional standards	No additional standards	Participants and staff understand that the primary goals of transitional housing are to provide temporary accommodations that are safe, respectful, and responsive to individual needs, address the services needs of participants, and re-house participants in permanent housing as quickly as possible, regardless of other personal issues or concerns, and as desired by the participant. Participation in transitional housing services does not inhibit participants from moving to permanent housing when they choose to. Assessment and planning for permanent housing placement begins as soon as the individual or family expresses a desire to transition to permanent housing.
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Title		Street Outreach engagements inform the community's efforts to improve their crisis response system					TH projects provide appropriate services
Project 5	No additional standards	Communities use street outreach engagements with those on the street and in encampments to understand and remove barriers to those accessing the crisis response system.	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	TH projects provide appropriate services to meet the participants health and safety needs (e.g., persons in early recovery; domestic violence survivors; those who need special accommodations) when there are no permanent housing solutions available (with or without supportive services) or when the participant chooses transitional housing. Services are not required in order to participate in housing.
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Project 6	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards	No additional standards

Population 4	Developmentally-appropriate project design ensures that project entry and on-going participation is not predicated on behaviors or experiences that youth and young adults may not currently have or if they were older would not result in consequences. For example, projects should accept and allow continued participation for youth who do not have income or immediate prospects of income because their age has not allowed them the opportunity to gain employment.	No additional standards	No additional standards
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Renewals			Performance Measures							Serve High Needs Pop				DV Addendum Packet				Project Effectiveness				Equity Factors						Other and		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	Trans p 2.5	Reas Cost 20 pts	Coord Entry 10 pts	Hous First 10 pts	Mgt & Ldrshi p 5 pts	BOD s 5 pts	Feedba ck 5 pts	P&P s 5 pts	Equit y lens 8 pts	progra m change s 5 pts	data revie w 5 pts	Data Qty 5 pts	Bed Util 5 pts	Proj Type 1-5 pts	Pts rec	Pts Avai l	%			
CAPK	CES (Tier 1)	SSO - CES																															178.00	178	100%
KBHRS	HMIS (Tier 1)	HMIS																															178.00	178	100%
HACK	El Programa Dulce Hogar	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	2.00	2.50	1.00	2.50	3.00	3.00	4.00					20.00	10.00	10.00	4.60	2.30	4.30	4.00	6.20	4.20	1.20	5.00	5.00	5.00	164.80	178	92.58%			
Flood	Project Home	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	0.50	2.50	0.50	2.50	5.00	5.00	5.00					20.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	4.60	5.00	8.00	4.80	4.80	5.00	5.00	5.00	178.20	178	100.11%			
TODN	Casa Nueva II	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	2.00	2.50	1.50	2.50	2.00	3.00	0.00					17.20	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	3.80	5.00	8.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	162.50	178	91.29%			
TODN-DV	TH Project	TH	0.00	25.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	2.50	2.50				4.00	1.00	5.00	0.50	20.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	3.80	5.00	8.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	149.30	178	83.88%			
TODN	Casa Nueva III	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	2.50	2.50	2.00	2.50	3.00	5.00	0.00					20.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	3.80	5.00	8.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	169.30	178	95.11%			
TODN-DV	TH & PH-RRH	TH	16.00	10.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	2.50	1.00				4.00	2.50	5.00	0.50	19.80	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	3.80	5.00	8.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	150.10	178	84.33%				

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	4.40	13.00	5.00	5.00	6.80	5.00	11.40	20.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	8.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	140.60	148	95.00%
HACK	Fresh Start Bonus	PSH	13.80	10.00	5.00	13.00	4.50	4.80	10.00	5.00	8.80	4.60	5.00	4.60	2.30	5.00	4.80	8.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	124.20	148	83.92%

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HACK	El Programa Dulce Hogar	PSH	20.00	25.00	20.00	2.00	2.50	1.00	2.50	3.00	3.00	4.00					20.00	10.00	10.00	4.60	2.30	4.30	4.00	6.20	4.20	1.20	5.00	5.00	5.00	164.80	178	92.58%	

Congratulations on the Ranking of Your Project - CAPK Coordinated Entry System



Destiny Reveles

To Rebecca Moreno

Cc Louis Gill; Bakersfield-Kern Regional Collaborative; pram



Fri 10/11/2024 2:42 PM

Dear Project Applicant,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am delighted to inform you that the Governing Board for the 2024 HUD Regular NOFO Competition convened on September 25, 2024, and proceeded to approve the final project ranking.

Your project *CAPK Coordinated Entry System* has been evaluated and ranked as per the best interests of the entire CoC. I have attached the final priority list with this email for your review. Rest assured, all projects have been appropriately ranked, and the division between Tier 1 and Tier 2 is accurately made.

Congratulations on the recognition of your project and thank you for your dedication to making a positive impact on our community and the lives of those experiencing homelessness.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you for your continued commitment and contributions.

Kindly,

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Approval of Project "HMIS" in the 2024 HUD Regular NOFO Competition



Destiny Reveles

To Amisha Pannu, MSA

Cc Marcia Chacon; Bakersfield-Kern Regional Collaborative



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Dear Project Applicant,

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Your project *HMIS* has been evaluated and ranked as per the best interests of the entire CoC. I have attached the final priority list with this email for your review. Rest assured, all projects have been appropriately ranked, and the division between Tier 1 and Tier 2 is accurately made.

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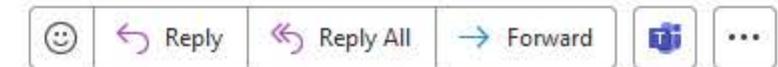
Congratulations on the Approval of Projects



Destiny Reveles

To [Lauren Skidmore](#); [Marvin Luna](#); [Barbara Vadnais](#); [Ilene Parra](#); [Ariel Hogan](#)

Cc [Bakersfield-Kern Regional Collaborative](#)



Fri 10/11/2024 2:40 PM



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I am delighted to inform you that the Governing Board for the 2024 HUD Regular NOFO Competition convened on September 25, 2024, and proceeded to approve the final project ranking.

Your projects *Casa Nueva II Placement and Supportive Services Project*, *Casa Nueva III Placement and Supportive Services*, *Alliance TH and PH-RRH Project*, and *Alliance Transitional Housing Project and Arvin TH & PH-RRH Project* has been evaluated and ranked as per the best interests of the entire CoC. I have attached the final priority list with this email for your review. Rest assured, all projects have been appropriately ranked, and the division between Tier 1 and Tier 2 is accurately made.

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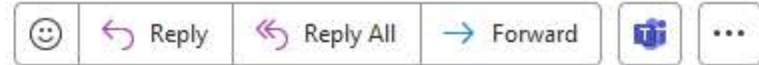
Congratulations on Your Project Ranking in the 2024 HUD Regular NOFO Competition



Destiny Reveles

To Stephen Pelz

Cc Heather Kimmel; Bakersfield-Kern Regional Collaborative



Fri 10/11/2024 2:45 PM



Dear Project Applicant,

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I am delighted to inform you that the Governing Board for the 2024 HUD Regular NOFO Competition convened on September 25, 2024, and proceeded to approve the final project ranking.

Your projects, *El Programa Dulce Hogar Consolidated Expansion* and *El Programa Dulce Hogar Consolidated & Fresh Start Bonus*, have been evaluated and ranked as per the best interests of the entire CoC. I have attached the final priority list with this email for your review. Rest assured, all projects have been appropriately ranked, and the division between Tier 1 and Tier 2 is accurately made.

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Congratulations on the Approval of Project Home Renewal 2023



Destiny Reveles

To: Jim Wheeler

Cc: Bakersfield-Kern Regional Collaborative; Kari Disque Tiger



Fri 10/11/2024 2:43 PM



Dear Project Applicant,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am delighted to inform you that the Governing Board for the 2024 HUD Regular NOFO Competition convened on September 25, 2024, and proceeded to approve the final project ranking.

Your project, *Project Home Renewal 2023*, has been evaluated and ranked as per the best interests of the entire CoC. I have attached the final priority list with this email for your review. Rest assured, all projects have been appropriately ranked, and the division between Tier 1 and Tier 2 is accurately made.

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TIER 1

Ranking #	Agency Name	Project Name	Grant #	Project Type	Ranking Score	Grant Amount Requested	Project Status	Amount in Tier 1
1	Kern Health Systems	HMIS	CA0606L9D042316	HMIS	100%	\$80,409	Accepted	\$80,409
2	Community Action Partnership of Kern	CAPK Coordinated Entry System	CA1799L9D042305	SSO	100%	\$236,838	Accepted	\$236,838
3	Flood Bakersfield Ministries, Inc.	Project Home Renewal 2023	CA1012L9D042312	PH	100.11%	\$94,263	Accepted	\$94,263
4	The Open Door Network	Casa Nueva III Placement and Supportive Services Project	CA1517L9D042308	PH	95.11%	\$288,219	Accepted	\$288,219
5	The Open Door Network	Casa Nueva II Placement and Supportive Services	CA1126L9D042310	PH	91.29%	\$94,358	Accepted	\$94,358
6	The Open Door Network - DV	Alliance TH and PH-RRH Project	CA2041D9D042302	Joint TH & PH-RRH	84.33%	\$505,569	Accepted	\$505,569
7	The Open Door Network - DV	Alliance Transitional Housing Project	CA0869L9D042311	TH	83.88%	\$133,139	Accepted	\$133,139
8	Housing Authority of the County of Kern	El Programa Dulce Hogar Consolidated Expansion	N/A - New Project	PH		\$136,468	Reallocation	\$136,468
9	Housing Authority of the County of Kern	El Programa Dulce Hogar Consolidated	CA1197L9D042310	PH	92.58%	\$5,301,434	Accepted	\$ 4,614,364

TIER 2

Ranking #	Agency Name	Project Name	Grant #	Project Type	Ranking Score	Grant Amount Requested	Project Status	Amount in Tier 2
9	Housing Authority of the County of Kern	El Programa Dulce Hogar Consolidated	CA1197L9D042310	PH	92.58%	\$5,301,434	Accepted	\$687,070
10	The Open Door Network- DV	Arvin TH & PH-RRH Project	N/A- New Project	Joint TH & PH-RRH	95.00%	\$788,515	Accepted	\$788,515
11	Housing Authority of the County of Kern	Fresh Start Bonus	N/A- New Project	PSH	83.92%	\$1,261,624	Accepted	\$1,261,624

DV Bonus = \$1,577,030

CoC Bonus = \$1,261,624



HOUSING AUTHORITY

OF THE COUNTY OF KERN

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Written Commitment for Housing Support

October 25, 2024:

The Housing Authority of the County of Kern (the Authority) is committed to assisting the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative (BKRHC) in meeting the needs of homeless persons by providing the following housing resources for persons experiencing homelessness or fleeing domestic violence as a leverage commitment in the Fresh Start application:

- Housing Choice Vouchers set aside (50%): up to 50% of all turnover housing subsidy vouchers per year are set aside to serve homeless clients coming through CES (approximately 150 this year). While there is no ongoing case management funding source for these vouchers, the CoC coordinated with the City of Bakersfield and County of Kern to use one time HHAP funds from the state to support case management services for these vouchers for three years. In addition, the first six months of case management is leveraged through Cal-Aim funding.

In addition to the above understanding, the Authority confirms that the eligibility criteria for our services will comply with the HUD program and fair housing rules, and we will not further restrict access to services through additional eligibility requirements.

These resources will be available to project participants upon award of the Fresh Start grant and are valued at \$1,440,000. This equals 50 vouchers at approximately \$800 per voucher for a three year period. The value of our services is based on actual housing costs or typical rental charges. Our in-kind service contributions have been valued at a rate consistent with the amount paid for housing not supported by CoC funds.

Sincerely,

Heather Kimmel
Assistant Executive Director
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Written Commitment for Health Care Services

October 25, 2024

The Housing Authority of the County of Kern (the Authority) is committed to assisting the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative (BKRHC) in meeting the needs of homeless persons by providing the following resources for persons experiencing homelessness or fleeing domestic violence.

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

The proposed leverage is calculated for a three-year term. The value of services we will provide as leverage equals \$262,398. This is calculated based on our reimbursement rate of \$85 per billable service plus the actual cost of the security deposit. We anticipate security deposit assistance to equal \$165,000 and navigation services to cost \$95,898.

Sincerely,

Heather Kimmel
Assistant Executive Director
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