Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

appeal HUD's funding determination.

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: IL-517 - Aurora, Elgin/Kane County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

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

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16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	No	No	No
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Nonexistent	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	No	No
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	No
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	No
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Nonexistent	No	No
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	No
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	No	No	No
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	No	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.				
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By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

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

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 As per its Governance Charter, the Kane COC has an open invitation for new members to join that is publicly available on the Kane County website. Application for membership is open throughout the year on the website. The membership application was updated to make it more user friendly and informative. Board members review the Membership Directory regularly with suggestions of potential members to follow up on. Particular attention was given to the Housing Authority of Elgin and Aurora Housing Authority. Prospective new members are encouraged and engaged by current CoC members throughout the year. All committee meetings are open for attendance. 2) The CoC ensures effective communication with individual with disabilities through the availability of accessible electronic pdf formats along with closed captioning, google translate, mobile scalability. The CoC also uses the SiteImprove service that has search engine optimization and ADA compliance. It ensures colors are the right contrast, links are easy to see, and there are alt tags on images for screen readers. All pdf forms are easily readable by any browser. To make forms even more accessible, forms are changing into HTML so they can be easily completed on screen and then recompiled as a form when submitted. 3) The CoC has invited culturally specific members of communities including black, Latino, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ. Association for Individual Development represent persons with disabilities and 360 Youth represents LGBTQ.

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.

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 The Kane CoC Board consists of a diverse group of organizations with an interest in homelessness including 2 county and city staff, emergency shelters, homeless prevention services, mental health and substance abuse services, homeless youth, LGBTQ, homeless veterans, legal services, regional office of education and persons with lived experience. This provides a wide array of input. 2) The Kane CoC holds public meetings for the general membership in addition to 4 committee meetings held at least quarterly. All meetings are virtual and accessible to the public. Notification of all meetings is communicated to the public via the Kane CoC website and email communications to the CoC membership. The CoC Board includes a member with lived experience of homelessness. The CoC Board membership also includes city/county staff familiar with HUD, emergency shelter agencies, homeless prevention agencies, mental health and substance abuse services that serve homeless, McKinney-Vento education services, homeless youth services, services for veterans, legal or financial services to homeless person. 3) The CoC ensures effective communication with individual with disabilities through the availability of accessible electronic pdf formats along with closed captioning, google translate, mobile scalability. The CoC also uses the SiteImprove service that has search engine optimization and ADA compliance. It ensures colors are the right contrast, links are easy to see, and there are alt tags on images for screen readers. All pdf forms are easily readable by any browser. To make forms even more accessible, forms are changing into HTML so they can be easily completed on screen and then recompiled as a form when submitted. 4)The uniqueness of geographic areas within the county as well as the expertise of different members with certain populations is considered. This generates a broad array of perspectives that informs the CoC board policies. The Kane CoC takes the input from all interested persons in developing and implementing policies such as Coordinated Entry, HMIS privacy, and unsheltered count procedures. The Coordinated Entry implementation used the opinions from representatives of all the geographic areas in the county so that the system could be no wrong door.

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

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 The Kane CoC issued a Notice of Fund Availability and Call for Projects invitations through a countywide email listsery and posted these documents publicly on May 1, 2023. The email notification included unfunded stakeholders. The Notice informed both funded and non-funded organizations of the opportunity to apply for funds for renewal and new projects. The Notice contained guidance on all eligible project applications and requirements with a deadline date of May 29, 2023 for submission of applications. 2) Renewal, new project and DV bonus Project Applications and Evaluation Criteria were publicly posted and distributed by email on May 1, 2023. All projects had to submit a completed CoC Project Application by May 29, 2023. There were separate applications for new and renewal projects. Projects requesting DV bonus funds had additional questions on the New Project application form. 3) The CoC Board determined what project applications would be included at their ranking meeting on August 23, 2023. All projects were scored using the Project Evaluation Tools with a maximum of 100 points. Renewals were evaluated using objective criteria based on how well they address the needs of the CoC, how well they service our identified priorities, and their project performance. Performance data was taken from the projects HMIS/ APR such as unit utilization rates, income growth in clients, data quality and timeliness, as well as cost effectiveness based on CoC averages. System performance measures such as income growth and housing stability were evaluated. New projects were evaluated based on program design, cost effectiveness, ability to address CoC needs, staff and agency experience, and readiness to begin work. 4) There was availability of accessible electronic formats such as PDF on the website and in email communications. SiteImprove was used to check and fix any accessibility issues.

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	No
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	No
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)	No
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	No
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	No
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	No
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

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18.		No
1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	
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	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds;	
2.	participated in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients;	
3.	provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area; and	
4.	provided information to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions to address homelessness within your CoC's geographic area so it could be addressed in the Consolidated Plan update.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

 The state of Illinois and the City of Aurora are the ESG and ESG-CV recipients. The Kane Continuum is consulted at the initial funding stage of Illinois ESG grants, to help select grantees and funding amounts and cost categories per grantee. This consultation allowed for strategic allocation of resources to best provide for the shelter and housing needs during different phases of the pandemic. The Kane CoC Board sets criteria for awarding state ESG funds and determines the allocations. Aurora funded Hesed House, a member of the CoC. The CoC Board represents all 3 Con Plan jurisdictions which are Aurora, Elgin and Kane County in the planning and allocating of the ESG funds. 2) The Kane CoC consults with the state ESG Program Recipient to offer recommendations which are based on demonstrated subrecipient agency and system performance, an assessment of the community's homeless assistance and housing needs as addressed in the County's Consolidated Planning process, and the development of the annual Action Plan. There are written standards for administering ESG assistance at the Continuum level which are used in assessing performance for the ESG subrecipients to the state recipient. 3) The CoC provided Housing Inventory Count and Point-in-Time data to the all jurisdictions in the county for their Consolidated Plan. 4) Each year CoC staff provides consultation and input into the Consolidated Plan updates, ensuring local homeless information is communicated and addressed. Local information on homeless populations, subpopulations, housing, health and social services needs of households experiencing homelessness and those at risk, outcome measures (performance standards), Housing Inventory Count and Point-in-Time data, and homeless prevention data is addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates, usually in the Strategy for Developing a System to Address Homelessness section of the ConPlan.

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

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

1C-4. CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.

NOFO Section V.B.1.d.

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

1.	Youth Education Provider	Yes
2.	State Education Agency (SEA)	No
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 state and local McKinney Vento Education agency is the Kane County Regional Office of Education. There is a formal partnership in which the Kane Regional Office of Education (ROE) Homeless Liaison has a reserved seat on the CoC Board and has been active for the past 10 years. Annually she distributes the updated list of district homeless liaisons to CoC members and explains CoC resources to the nine district liaisons. Working with each district's homeless liaison has been in place for over ten years due to McKinney Vento sub grants in school districts. The ROE Homeless liaison meets every other Wednesday at shelters to educate families on their rights, identify homeless students and remove barriers. The Kane COC has a signed Agreement with Regional Office of Education to codify their commitment to following McKinney Vento Education Act requirements. Each CoC and ESG provider has an approved agency policy adopted. All homeless providers have a board approved policy and a designated staff person to coordinate education services with the local school district homeless liaison. There are no formal written agreements with school districts but there is ongoing coordination and collaboration of services to homeless children.

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1C-4b. Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.

NOFO Section V.B.1.d.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Working with each district's homeless liaison has been in place for over ten years due to McKinney Vento sub grants in place to assist school districts. Full information about education rights is provided at intake, and ensures preschool and school-aged children are referred to local district liaison immediately. At intake, case managers verify where children are attending school, their educational needs (including special needs or early childhood programs), and give information on education rights. Children are referred to the local school district liaison immediately. The case managers give full information, including the right to continue to attend the prior school they had been attending, with transportation provided by the school district or to enroll in the local school. The case managers ensure that both preschool and school-aged children are referred to the local liaison immediately so that as little time as possible lapses in their school attendance. The children's educational needs are part of each case record. Adherence to the McKinney Vento education requirements is evaluated by the CoC Board annually. Each CoC and ESG provider must have an approved agency policy adopted. Practices must be in accordance with all provisions of the law including families/children/youth being informed of their rights under McKinney/Vento and receive written materials that includes the definition of homeless, right to attend school or preschool immediately without required paperwork, right to attend school of origin with transportation and the right to free lunch and fee waivers. A designated staff person is named who must ensure the school enrollment of every homeless child encountered as quickly as possible. The policy also requires that emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent housing (PSH and RRH) providers within the CoC do not deny admission to or separate any family members from other members of their family based on age, sex, or gender when entering shelter or housing. No one is denied admission with children under 18.

C-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	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	Yes	Yes

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4.	Early Head Start	No	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	Yes	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
8.	Public Pre-K	No	Yes
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.		No	No

1C-5. Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers.

NOFO Section V.B.1.e.

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

	Organizations	
1.	state domestic violence coalitions	Yes
2.	state sexual assault coalitions	No
3.	other organizations that help this population	Yes

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

NOFO Section V.B.1.e.

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

1. update CoC-wide policies; and

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

The Kane CoC collaborates with its local victim services providers, Mutual Ground and Community Crisis Center, to update CoC wide policies that affect survivors of domestic abuse, dating violence, sexual assault, trafficking and stalking. The CoC routinely solicits DV provider input when researching or proposing new policies; specifically in regard to Release Of Information, protecting client information, safe transfers, and confidential referrals for housing programs. This is done through meetings and stakeholder feedback sessions to ensure advocacy for this population. Following the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Final Rule, CoC-wide policies were updated to identify the protections and rights outlined in the rule including the protections from refusal of assistance, termination of assistance, or eviction based on being a survivor. VAWA protections are not only available to women but are available equally to all individuals regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. A survivor has the right to an emergency transfer when there is a safe and available unit and the option to bifurcate a lease to help keep the survivor safely housed. An Emergency Transfer Plan was developed in collaboration with the CoC victim services partners, approved and adopted by CoC Board.2) The CoC provides the membership with information on trauma informed training and encourages all providers to work with DV providers when interacting with this population to ensure best practices are met. The victim service providers provide information on the guiding principles of trauma-informed care: safety, choice, collaboration, trustworthiness, empowerment and cultural, historical and gender issues. These elements have also been discussed during provider conversations between housing agencies and the victim services provider as the CoC expands its domestic violence rapid rehousing capacity.

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

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 Members of the Kane CoC coordinate training with the two primary DV providers - Community Crisis Center and Mutual Ground. Training is provided to the CoC area project staff. The Community Crisis Center has monthly in-service and professional development training opportunities. The Community Crisis Center Training Academy provided domestic violence/sexual assault workshops in January 2023, May 2023 and August 2032. A 20 hour Partner Abuse Intervention is offered in which participants can expect to learn best practices in group dynamics and intervention models. Completion of this training is required for those seeking the CPAIP certification. The Community Crisis Center is an IL Dept. of Human Services Protocol-approved program and is certified as a Training Site by the IL Certified Domestic Violence Professional Board, Inc. The training provided by Mutual Ground is Domestic Violence 101, Effects on Children, Safety Planning, Sexual Assault response and Emergency Response. Mutual Ground provided 45 presentations with 464 participants in FY23. The audience was judges, law enforcement, medial/hospital staff, social service agencies, teachers and educators. The presentations included education on domestic violence, effects of DV, safety planning, sexual assault response and DV 101. Mutual Ground is holding a 60 Hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Certification- training (In person and Virtual) from September 4,2023 to October 14, 2023. Training has been provided for safety planning protocols that are used in housing entry include not publicizing housing addresses, giving clients choice of location whenever possible and assistance with obtaining Orders of Protection and court advocacy. The Coordinated Entry committee has incorporated the DV safety planning protocols into the updated policy which incorporates Notice CPD-17-01. 2) There is not a dedicated Coordinated Entry staff so the CoC project staff fill this role. They are among those that received the training noted in #1 above.

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

1) Coordinated Entry has protocols designed to prioritize safety and incorporate trauma informed and victim centered approaches. Domestic violence survivors, even if they are seeking shelter or services from non-victim service providers, will have safe and confidential access to the Coordinated Entry process and victim services and immediate access to emergency services such as domestic violence hotlines and shelter. The VI-SPADT assessment tool has questions to identify domestic violence victims. There are 2 Violence Survivor shelters. Each agency's services are both trauma informed and victim centered using an empowerment model of case management, where the client's service plan is led by the client with non judgmental assistance. The case manager will provide information and options, so the client can make an informed choice. Safety is priority. Coordinated Entry has planning protocols in place to address the unique housing and service needs of survivors of domestic violence through its partnership with Mutual Ground and Community Crisis Center for housing and advocacy. Service planning protocols must include physical health, mental health, safety, economic needs for maintaining housing, and confidentiality protections. Planning includes a confidential housing assessment. The housing assessment and planning process must incorporate a trauma-informed approach. 2) The CoC Coordinated Entry maximizes client choice for housing and services with respect to their enhanced need for safety, confidentiality and security. There must be written release of information authorizations and informed consent by the client. The safety and privacy of domestic violence clients is preserved with written confidentiality procedures in the ESG and Coordinated Entry policies and an alternate database. No identifying data given. Community Crisis Center is an access point in the Coordinated Entry system for persons fleeing domestic violence. Both Community Crisis Center and Mutual Grounds receive Dept of Justice VOCA funding for case management and other services that can maximize client choice of housing and services. Community Crisis Center receives ESG funds to assist with DV shelter operating expenses and rapid rehousing funds for all homeless individuals and families.

1C-5d.	Used De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
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	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC used for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and	
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.	
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1) De-identified data is available from the Coordinated Entry list, the Point In Time Count subpopulation data, and the number of people who report a recent history of domestic violence in HMIS participating organizations. Only aggregate numbers can be obtained regarding the number of survivors and their specialized needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Additional data is obtained from the databases maintained by the two primary DV providers – Community Crisis Center and Mutual Ground. 2) The CoC uses this data to understand the size and characteristics of the population that need Victim services. This data will note the number of homeless families and individuals who have experienced violence in their lives. The data will provide demographics as well as information concerning a family's or individual's length of homelessness and any special needs they may have. This analysis is used to set CoC priorities and recommend new initiatives such as the Community Crisis Center Rapid Rehousing for DV project.

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

 The Kane CoC has a VAWA related emergency transfer policy. It is part of the Kane CoC's policies and procedures. CoC Members and homeless service providers receive an annual training on all policy and procedure materials, including the Emergency Transfer Plan. 2) The Emergency Transfer Plan allows tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking or who believe there is imminent risk of harm to request an emergency transfer from the tenant's current unit to another unit. The ability to request a transfer is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. To request an emergency transfer, the tenant shall notify the housing provider's management office and submit a written request for a transfer to her/his housing provider. The tenant's written request for an emergency transfer should include either a statement expressing that the tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the tenant were to remain in the same dwelling unit assisted under the housing provider's program; or a statement that the tenant was a sexual assault victim and that the sexual assault occurred on the premises the 90-calendar-day period preceding the tenant's request for an emergency transfer. The housing provider will provide reasonable accommodations to this policy for individuals with disabilities. 3) The ability of a housing provider to honor such requests may depend upon whether the housing provider has another dwelling unit that is available and is safe to offer the tenant for temporary or more permanent occupancy. The housing provider will, however, act as quickly as possible to move a tenant to another unit, subject to availability and safety of a unit. If a tenant reasonably believes a proposed transfer would not be safe, the tenant may request a transfer to a different unit. If the housing provider has no safe and available units, the housing provider will assist the tenant in identifying other housing providers who may have safe and available units to which the tenant could move. At the tenant's request, the housing provider will also assist tenants in contacting the local organizations offering assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are attached to this plan. Both Mutual Ground and Community Crisis Center provide financial assistance for relocation either within the state or cross country.

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

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1)The Kane CoC ensures that all persons who present as survivors of domestic violence at any CoC Access Point have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area. They are assessed and prioritized on the Coordinated Entry by-name list. These clients are referred specifically to the DV providers such as Community Crisis Center and Mutual Ground for advocacy and supportive services but also maintain their position on the Coordinated Entry list for any housing services they are eligible for. This may include shelter, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, and DV specialized housing. The client can make the determination of which housing services they would like to pursue. Regardless of where an individual or family presents for assistance, they are able to access housing and services tailored to their unique circumstances and needs. Coordinated Entry can refer households from victim service providers to housing providers in order to provide equal access to all housing and services available within the CoC geography. 2) The Coordinated Entry (CE) seeks regular feedback from providers to identify systemic barriers for DV Survivors and to ensure that the path to housing is free of as many barriers as possible. CE routinely conducts needs/assessments and surveys from users and from providers to identify needs and feedback from all populations, including DV. The CoC Staff were also the primary staff for the development of HOME ARP Allocation Plan. As part of this plan, we conducted focus groups, surveys, and interviews to solicit feedback on the needs of DV survivors and the barriers they face when accessing the existing resources. The CoC also asks providers to gather feedback from clients as well to ensure their perspective is included in the conversation. An annual CE survey is given to participants as well as providers to gather feedback. Systemic barriers that are being addressed include releases of information, credit status, becoming more knowledgeable regarding safety within the internet and social media for the DV survivors and developing an internet safety protocol. The location of housing is addressed in regards to client's work, child care, school and proximity to abuser location.

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

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 The Kane CoC engages survivors with a wide range of lived expertise, including homelessness and domestic violence, in the development of both program and CoC-wide policy. Community Crisis Center has an Advisory Council of community members, board members, and representatives from education, law enforcement, shelters and homeless survivors. When survivors present to the agency, potential participants are screened during their interaction with Community Crisis Center staff. When recruited for the committee, they are provided orientation for participation. During the orientation, survivors and any other potential committee member participants will complete an anonymous survey and complete an informed consent form for participation in the committee, understanding that participation is voluntary. There is no compensation. 2) The Council consults with staff on program policy and procedures for the domestic violence and economic crisis programs. This group works with the agency to build the resources and leverage connections that will make the program more successful. Both Mutual Ground and Community Crisis Center have provided outcome surveys to those staying in shelter and rapid rehousing. They are asked their name, gender, and language preference, though, our committee meetings are presented in English. The outcome surveys are also used with the walk-in clients, many who are homeless. Direct feedback from DV survivors is obtained from conversations with their primary case managers. The shelter is staffed 24 hours per day with assigned case management team. The opportunity to express concerns as well as positive feedback is always available. Both these methods provide valuable information about the DV survivors experience in our programs and are used to inform program changes, policies, and new program development. The agency integrates their input into the program to help the programs evolve and better serve clients.

1C-6.		Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisex Policy and Training.	rual, Transgender and Queer+-Anti-Di	iscrimination		
		NOFO Section V.B.1.f.				
		Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide a families receive supportive services, shelter, ar		_GBTQ+ individ	uals and	Yes
	2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide trainin to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Se	g with providers on how to effectively exual Orientation or Gender Identity (E	implement the E qual Access Fir	Equal Access al Rule)?	Yes
		Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide trainin Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identit Identity Final Rule)?	g with providers on how to effectively ty in Community Planning and Develop	implement Equa oment Programs	al Access in Gender	Yes
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	1C-6a.	Anti-Discrimination Policy-Updating Policies-Compliance-Addressing Noncompliance.	Assisting Providers–Evaluating			
		NOFO Section V.B.1.f.				
		Describe in the field below:				
	1.	how your CoC regularly collaborates with LGI wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary CoC are trauma-informed and able to meet the	to ensure all housing and services pro	vided in the		
	2.	how your CoC assisted housing and services discrimination policies that are consistent with	providers in developing project-level ε the CoC-wide anti-discrimination poli	anti- cy;		
	3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance	e with your CoC's anti-discrimination p	olicies; and		
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4. your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

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 The Kane CoC collaborates with 360 Youth Services to ensure that all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma informed and meet the needs of LGBTQ persons. 360YS received the highest recognition by the national Human Rights Campaign for Innovative LGBTQ practices in 2020 and is a member of the CoC Board. 2) The Kane CoC adopted an antidiscrimination policy and the Equal Access Rule in its Governance Charter amendment effective 9-20-17 and updated in 2020. The Kane CoC provides annual Equal Access trainings to all the member agencies to assist them in developing project level anti-discrimination policies. The last training was 8/29/23. These trainings ensure that all funded agencies are aware of and following HUD's Equal Access Rule and Gender Identity Final Rule. Additionally these training provide a forum for our agencies to ask questions and evaluate whether any policies are out of compliance. Each provider either has or is currently refining policies and procedures including the Fair Housing Act and those under the HUD Equal Access and Gender Identity Rules. All Kane CoC homeless providers are granting equal access to any of their services or facilities to homeless LGBT persons in accordance with their gender identity and are open to all regardless of sexual orientation. Each CoC provider does not discriminate based upon actual or perceived age, race, color, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity/ expression, veteran, or marital status, national origin, citizenship, disability, or health status in any area of board or organizational operations. They do not ask any question related to sexual identity and or orientation as part of the intake/ assessment process. The providers work with the specific individual regarding what gender they identify with and what services (sleeping rooms, bathrooms, etc...) they then have 3) The process for evaluating compliance with the CoC's antidiscrimination is part of the project application process as a threshold requirement. Each applicant is asked to Describe your agency's policy which addresses affirmatively furthering fair housing, anti-discrimination, and equal access in accordance with an individual's gender identity. The answers are compared to the CoC required anti-discrimination policy requirements. 4) If noncompliance is evident, the organization will be given an opportunity to bring it into compliance for future funding decisions.

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 Agency Name During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry		Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Aurora Housing Authority	0%	No	No
Housing Authority of Elgin	0%	Yes-Both	No

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.	

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The CoC has collaborated with its inter-jurisdictional partners (Kane County, Aurora, and Elgin) to negotiate the preference change with the local housing authorities. In 2023, the Elgin Housing Authority enacted a general homeless preference by board action. The Director also has included their housing choice voucher units in the CoC Coordinated Entry system. The CoC is still working on meeting separately with the Aurora Housing Authority to establish a homeless preference. In order to discuss the unique housing needs in their community, the Kane CoC has extended multiple invitations to the membership meetings, one on one meeting, and made phone contacts. Though Aurora has not responded with establishing a homeless preference, both Housing Authorities worked cooperatively with the CoC regarding the Emergency Housing Vouchers. Eligible clients were identified from the Coordinated Entry list. The application and lease up process was facilitated. In Elgin 40 of 52 vouchers are leased up. In Aurora 81% of the vouchers are leased up. Each community struggles with homelessness and has expressed interest in expanding the role the PHA plays in ending homelessness in their communities. The CoC will continue to leverage partnerships with municipal staff to work with the Aurora PHA on changing their preference to be reflect the highest needs in their communities, 2, N/A

1C-7b.	Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	
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Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC's jurisdiction that your recipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing:

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	No
2.	PHA	No
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	No

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4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		No

1C-7c. I	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry.	
1	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)	No
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	No
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	No
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
7.	Public Housing	No
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	
		No

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

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

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

Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1C-7e.1.		List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
		Not Scored–For Information Only	
		your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the Program?	Yes
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	If you PHA y	select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.	
PHA			
Aurora Housing Au			
Housing Authority.	Housing Authority		

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

Name of PHA: Aurora Housing Authority

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

Name of PHA: Housing Authority of Elgin

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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11	O-1. Discharge Planning Coordination.		
	NOFO Section V.B.1.h.		
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coc systems of care listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer th discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless asset	an 90 days are not	
1. Foster Care		Yes	
2. Health Care		Yes	
3. Mental Health Care		Yes	
4. Correctional Facilities Yes			
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11	O-2. Housing First–Lowering Barriers to Entry.		
	NOFO Section V.B.1.i.		
	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSC entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in Program Competition.		10
	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSG entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.		10
	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, S Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its C the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barrie prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	CoC Priority Listing in	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.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC evaluates projects annually through its application process for CoC funding. The Project Evaluation criteria for both new and renewal project applications contains a criteria for Housing First. Last year it was changed from a threshold criteria to a checklist worth 2 points with items to demonstrate a commitment to a Housing First approach. 2) This included whether a project screened out participants for little or no income, criminal record, active or history of substance abuse, domestic violence, or any other qualification not covered in a typical lease agreement. Participants must enter without preconditions or service participation requirements. They may not be terminated for failure to participate in support services or make progress on a service plan, loss of income, domestic violence or any other activity not in a typical lease agreement. In 2023 the CoC added a scored narrative question in the project application that asks the applicants to "Describe how your program uses a Housing First model. How will you strengthen these practices or lower barriers to housing in the coming year? Their actual practices will be compared to the checklist. 3) Projects are regularly evaluated outside of the local CoC competition through the Coordinated Entry referral process to ensure the projects are using a committed Housing First approach. Referrals which are repeatedly returned back to the prioritization list by any one agency are reviewed to confirm that all Housing First principals were followed at the time the referral was returned.

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

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 Kane CoC has an agreement with all law enforcement agencies to identify persons on the street and contact shelter staff daily. Police target areas known to be frequented by persons experiencing homelessness including the Illinois Prairie Path, local parks and forest preserves, train stations, and other places not meant for human habitation. PADS in Aurora visits the unsheltered homeless with goodie bags to engage them. Lazarus House visits anyone identified as unsheltered at the location identified. The city of Elgin has funded a street outreach worker and a community support team worker to identify unsheltered homeless and engage them in services. Soup kitchens and food pantries located in each of the 3 service areas in the county directly engage those who are unsheltered. 2) The Street Outreach programs cover 75% of the Kane County service area; from the southernmost point in Aurora, up through the Elgin and Carpentersville Area. Rural Kane County is very vast with small populations scattered throughout, thereby making it difficult to cover. While the Street Outreach initiatives are not in rural Kane County, the provider AID still has a rural presence and individuals experiencing homelessness can still be connected to the program. 3) Street Outreach is conducted on a daily basis. 4) Marketing materials are placed at each organization within the CoC's geographic boundaries that regularly encounter people who are homeless, or that periodically encounter people in hard to reach homeless subpopulations or are service-resistant. The CoC also ensures that Access Points are located in areas convenient to people who are least likely to access homeless assistance. Coordinated Entry materials are furnished to police departments, parks departments, schools systems and religious institutions for distribution to homeless individuals and families. Marketing materials include: posters that list access points, their locations and phone numbers, fliers containing information on access points and how the Coordinated Entry process works, laminated business cards with access points information for distribution to those hardest to reach. This includes information on how to access services, how to qualify, and multiple language translation services including sign language. There is a 24 hour crisis line. PADS in Aurora has a VRS (Video Relay System) to help the deaf make video-based phone calls.

1D-4. Strategies to Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness.

NOFO Section V.B.1.k.

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	No
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	No
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	No
4.	Implemented community wide plans	No	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		
		No	No

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

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all popula in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal I APR.		65	62

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

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

		CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	Yes
4.	TANF-Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	Yes
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	
		No

1D-6a.	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance.
	NOFO Section V.B.1.m
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, SSDI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services; and
3.	works with projects to promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

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1)The CoC systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants with regular training and the provision of educational materials through collaboration with its community partners. The DuPage Federation also provides Public Benefits Training on SNAP, Medicare, Medicaid, TANF and SSI twice yearly or upon request at an individual agency. Participants learn to understand the basic rules of who qualifies for a specific benefit, how to complete applications, how to navigate the application process, and how to troubleshoot when problems arise. Training includes up-to-date resources on mainstream benefits eligibility and program changes that can affect homeless clients. Case managers also work with the Hesed House on-site NIU Legal Clinic that specializes in disability applications. The CoC membership meetings have an ongoing agenda item on mainstream benefits to keep homeless providers up to date on eligibility and program changes that can affect homeless clients. CoC communications provide links to training resources on benefits s they become available. 2) Project staff collaborate with the The VNA Health Center in Aurora and Elgin FQHC. VNA navigators will come on site to homeless services. Aunt Martha's Community Health Center is a Health Care for the Homeless grantee that also provides onsite enrollment. The shelters also provide transportation to these healthcare sites to ensure enrollment. The CoC providers work with VNA and Aunt Martha's to integrate Medicaid and other benefits including healthcare, financial and social services. Patient coordinators are part of care team that is working together to coordinate primary and preventative medical care, dental care, mental health care and addictions treatment services to ensure effective treatment. Coordinators eliminate barriers that that keep patients from getting the services needed; follow-up with all providers; and, connect the patient with other resources and services in your community that maximize well-being. Case managers attend the Substance Abuse Roundtable which brings together area substance use disorder providers quarterly. There are specialized staff to enroll individuals into both detox and inpatient treatment programs. 3) Each agency has at least one case manager complete the SOAR program every 18-24 months. The CoC encourages project staff to utilize the SOAR Online course tools and complete the Practice Case SSI/SSDI Application Packet.

1D-7. Increasing Capacity for Non-Congregate Sheltering.

NOFO Section V.B.1.n.

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

The CoC has encouraged all recipients of ESG-CV funds to utilize the waivers in place to provide non-congregate shelter as a way to increase capacity and reduce the transmission of infectious diseases, particularly highly vulnerable individual and families. Hesed House has built out a new shelter space that will have non-congregate aspects included. This will be both in the Women's and Men's shelters. Instead of the current congregate shelter, where individuals and families sleep within feet of each other, Hesed will have individually partitioned off cubicle style individual sleeping areas as a main part of the overall shelter project. Hesed is also involved in securing a 34-unit building to provide affordable housing for homeless families. The agency is currently seeking out additional ways to acquire or partner to acquire more housing units/apartments. Mutual Ground continues to offer hotel stays for DV survivors along with safety planning and legal advocacy. Community Crisis Center is offering DV victims rent assistance and hotel stays when funds are available in lieu of congregate shelter. The DV helpline is used to locate appropriate space. 360 Youth Services continues to offer hotel room shelter to homeless youth and has received a \$3 million earmark grant to establish youth interim housing which will be non-congregate. Lazarus House is currently in the process of creating a shared housing option that is non-congregate and will offer affordable living options.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies–Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:	
1.		

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1. The CoC works closely with the Kane County Health Department. Part of that work has focused on ensuring CoC wide policies and procedures for a thorough response to infectious disease outbreaks in emergency shelters. To ensure that agencies are equipped to handle an outbreak, the Health Department has provided toolkits and technical assistance to all CoC Emergency Shelter and Housing Providers. These toolkits outline when and how to notify the local heath department, and next steps to control transmission. To improve their readiness, the Kane CoC has focused on practices to effectively prevent, prepare, and respond to future infectious disease outbreaks using targeted communication by the CoC to facilitate response efforts, connect persons experiencing homelessness with appropriate services and supports, ensure that resources are distributed quickly and efficiently, and address available health and public safety resources. 2. The CoC has required applicants seeking funding for Emergency Shelter services demonstrate their internal infectious disease response plan to prevent infectious disease outbreaks. This plan is compared to the toolkit sent out by the Health Department and analyzed for any weaknesses or gaps. Since the onset of the pandemic, the CoC has received regular reports regarding outbreaks and capacity from its funded homeless services agencies. The CoC also has encouraged the use of non-congregate shelter to be used as isolation and quarantine solutions for clients experiencing an infectious disease.

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ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	shared information related to public health measures and homelessness, and	
	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 Kane CoC has focused on targeted communication with providers to effectively prevent, prepare, and respond to infectious disease outbreaks. Information is shared to facilitate response efforts, connect persons experiencing homelessness with appropriate services and supports, and address available health and public safety resources. 2) The Kane CoC has coordinated efforts with the Kane County Health Department and the homeless providers to decrease the spread of COVID-19 and ensure safety measures were kept in place and that as measures changed over time, shelter staff adapted to these. This information included proper use of masks and proper hand hygiene, the need for social distancing, and the importance of COVID-19 testing in shelter, in places where persons remained unsheltered, and in the workplace. Agencies providing emergency shelter implemented health and safety protocols which aligned with both local and CDC guidelines. For over a year shelter providers had weekly calls with the Kane County health department as well as city and county officials to share updates, confirm best practices, and strategize regarding our COVID-19 response. Periodic check-ins continue as guidelines change to ensure they are up to date. The shelter Directors have attended the Northern Illinois Regional Shelter Meetings each month to stay in tune with what are best practices at other shelters and to offer support during this time. Hesed House shelter obtained a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment to conduct their own COVID testing on-site and are working with state and local health departments to ensure a steady supply of tests are available. In building out new shelter spaces, the square footage has increased so as to provide appropriate social distancing space. All homeless providers worked closely with the health department to be sure that both staff and residents have access to the vaccine. Vaccine implementation, education, information, availability, vaccination locations have been made available through CoC-wide email blasts as well as calls with the Kane County Health Department staff.

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

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1) This Coordinated Entry system covers the entire geographic area of Kane County, IL using a "No Wrong Door" approach. The same assessment approach is offered at all Access Points. Specialized Access Points have been established to meet the unique needs of people who are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. 2. The CoC uses a standardized assessment process that documents a person's housing needs, preferences, and vulnerability. The assessment gathers information about the person's needs and preferences within the Coordinated Entry System. That information is used to understand what factors contributed to the housing crisis and what types of interventions might help resolve the crisis. Structuring assessment processes in a standardized way ensures clients are not subject to inordinately long and intrusive interviews that get repeated by different providers at each stage of engagement; and determinations of service priority order and referral are consistently applied. The assessment tools are intended to be progressive, capturing different information in different stages. Staff gather only enough information to determine the severity of need and potential eligibility for housing and related services. Information disclosed is used for purposes of notes associated with case-conferencing decisions, determining specific program eligibility, making appropriate referrals, providing a reasonable accommodation, and to ensure households are prioritized in a timely manner for housing and assistance. 3) The CoC assessment process is updated regularly. The CoC routinely conducts Needs Assessment and Data Collection projects to evaluate the outcomes of projects and the experiences of participants. During the Needs Assessment, groups of households that are either currently or formerly participating in Coordinated Entry are asked to share their experiences and provide feedback for system performance. Feedback indicated that people with lived experience found the system hard to navigate and the waitlists long, and the case manager contacts had lengthy intervals. To improve these challenges, the CoC worked with providers to clean and prioritize the By-name list to reduce wait times, increase transparency regarding how the process works, and educate staff on the importance of timely communication with clients.

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

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1) The Coordinated Entry process are affirmatively marketed to and available to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, handicap and those who are least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach. Marketing materials are placed at each organization within the CoC geographic boundaries that regularly encounter people who are homeless, or that periodically encounter people in hard to reach homeless subpopulations, such as people who are service-resistant. Materials are furnished to police departments, parks departments, schools systems and religious institutions for distribution to persons who are homeless or are unstably housed. Marketing materials include: posters that list access points, their location and phone numbers, fliers and laminated business cards.2) The Kane County Continuum of Care utilizes OrgCode's VI-SPDAT to prioritize persons most in need of assistance for referrals to available housing resources. The VI-SPDAT uses the following factors: risk of harm, daily functioning, and wellness. The VI-SPDAT assigns a score to each client, based on these factors. These scores determine an individuals ranking on the Priority List. A family's needs and preferences are incorporated into the decision-making process. 3) To ensure people most in need of permanent housing receive assistance in a timely manner, all persons may start the Coordinated Entry process at any access point where a simple, standardized assessment and response is provided. Staff gather only enough information to determine the severity of need and potential eligibility for housing and related services. Information is used for purposes of determining specific program eligibility, making appropriate referrals, providing a reasonable accommodation, and ensuring households are prioritized in a timely manner for housing and assistance. 4) Groups of households currently or formerly participating in Coordinated Entry are asked to share their experiences and provide feedback for reducing burdens on them. Feedback indicated that people with lived experience found the system hard to navigate and the waitlists long, and the case manager contacts had lengthy intervals. To improve these challenges, the CoC worked with providers to clean and prioritize the By-name list to reduce wait times, increase transparency regarding how the process works, and educate staff on the importance of timely communication with clients.

1D-9b.	Informing Program Participant about Rights and Remedies through Centralized or Coordinated Entry–Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
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	Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or coordinated entry:	
1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;	
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and	
3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	

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 The Coordinated Entry process and associated housing and supportive services are affirmatively marketed to and available to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender, age, familial status, handicap and those who are least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach. Providers must have non-discrimination policies in place and conduct assertive outreach to people least likely to engage in services. Their marketing and admission procedures for their housing programs should provide equal housing opportunities. Marketing materials are placed at each organization within the CoC geographic boundaries that regularly encounter people who are homeless, or that periodically encounter people in hard to reach homeless subpopulations, such as people who are service-resistant. Materials are furnished to police departments, parks departments, schools systems and religious institutions for distribution to persons who are homeless or are unstably housed. Marketing materials include: posters that list access points, their location and phone numbers, fliers and laminated business cards. 2) The Coordinated Entry intake form has an attachment that informs clients of their rights. This also occurs through our anti-discrimination policies. Providers are required to make clients aware of these rights and submit their policies to the CoC annually for review. The Coordinated Entry process must comply with the non-discrimination and equal opportunity provisions of Federal Civil Rights Laws as specified at 24 C.F.R. 5.105 (a), including but not limited to the following: Fair Housing Act, HUD's 2012 and 2016 Equal Access Rules, HUD's Gender Identity Final Rule, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. 3) Participants that report potential violations of fair housing are referred to Hope Fair Housing as well as Prairie State Legal Clinic for all available remedies. The CoC reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for program participants to the responsible Consolidated Plan jurisdiction.

1D-	10. Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness–Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
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II.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes

1D-10a.	Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities–Identified Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
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	Describe in the field below:	

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

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1. The CoC conducts an annual analysis of racial disparities in Coordinated Entry and the most recent was completed 1/7/2022. In the analysis the CoC used information from HMIS, including Coordinated Entry assessments, and Universal and Program Data Elements collected at project entries, annual updates and exits from all Continuum of Care providers. The HMIS/System Performance Measures data is also used to inform these reports These analyses review housing outcomes, length of time homeless, length of time between entry into shelter and entry into housing, and other metrics that are pertinent to describing the efficacy of our Coordinated Entry System. 2. Racial disparities found were than people who are not multi-racial or Hispanic/Latinx were much more likely to obtain permanent housing. Those persons who are multi-racial or Hispanic/Latinx that obtained permanent housing obtained it more quickly than those were not. People who were black or Asian took much longer to obtain permanent housing thank person of other racial groups. Our CoC has identified that Hispanic households have longer stays in shelter, and longer periods between entering shelter and obtaining housing.

1D-10b. Implemented Strategies that Address Racial Disparities.		
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	No
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	No
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	No
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		No

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1D-10c. Implemented Strategies that Address Known Disparities.

NOFO Section V.B.1.q.

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

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To address the aforementioned disparities, the CoC board has tasked the Coordinated Entry Task Force with identifying and investigating actions to address racial disparities. The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system. In addition to data analysis, the process will include soliciting participant feedback, observing the availability of Spanish (or other needed languages) that are present in shelters and at access points, and developing action steps to remedy the disparities based on best practices. At the project level where direct assistance to person served occurs, there have been several actions taken. Lazarus House and Ecker Center have created a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion plan in order to improve equity of their services and outcomes. Hesed House has been focused on developing new ways to reach more diverse applicants. Hesed developed an internal advocacy group (Faith and Justice Alliance for the Homeless) comprised of staff, volunteers, guests and residents that is working to address specific issues such as how White Privilege and White Fragility affect our and how to identify strategies to increase racial equity and inclusivity. Staff have attended HUD webinars on racial equity. Community Crisis Center had a Racial Equity retreat on 1/17/2023 which resulted in forming a DEI committee. Ecker Center serves a large population of Spanish speaking individuals, so the agency is intentionally try to recruit employees that are fluent in Spanish. Their Access to Justice staff deliver behavioral health information to undocumented Spanish speaking persons. 360 Youth Services Board adopted a Commitment to Diversity and Social Justice policy. To fulfill that commitment, a Culture Team was organized and meets every 2 weeks to identify and address implicit basis and have a racial justice training plan. The national Crossroads consulting group was hired to assist the organization in identifying strategic interventions. Recognizing that racism goes beyond personal prejudice, Crossroads focuses on social change strategies. Crossroads' mission is to equip institutions with shared language, frameworks, practices and tools that will assist them in deploying strategies aimed at eliminating antiracist ways of being that result in racially equitable institutional practices.

1D-10d.	Tracked Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
2.	the tools your CoC uses.	

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The steps taken to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities will be ongoing data analysis, reporting and racial disparity assessments. The CoC will ensure all CoC and ESG funded agencies have non-discrimination policies in place. Organizations participating in the Coordinated Entry process must comply with applicable civil rights and fair housing laws and requirements. Steering participants toward any particular housing facility or neighborhood because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or the presence of children is strictly prohibited. Persons served through the Coordinated Entry process must be informed of the ability to file a discrimination complaint if they feel their rights have been violated. HMIS will complete a Racial Equity Analysis annually using Coordinated Entry data and System Performance Measures. Through the Coordinated Entry Task Force, the CoC will continue to track and analyze data to determine if persons from disproportionately represented racial or ethnic groups have different entry points into the homeless system and how persons move though different pathways to access permanent housing. The CoC Board will continue to engage with organizations across its geography that represent people of color who share its goal to prevent and eliminate disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

1D-11. Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking–CoC's Outreach Efforts.

NOFO Section V.B.1.r.

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

The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups. The CoC has communication, such as flyers and websites, inclusive of underrepresented groups. Special outreach to persons with lived experience is done individually by service providers. Staff goes to locations where homeless persons who are not using services congregate such as shelters, libraries, Starbucks, (anywhere that has free wifi) or train stations, and 24 hour gas stations. The caseworkers distribute resource information cards & meet with persons to encourage the use of services and describe what can be provided. The person with lived experience currently on the CoC Board was encouraged by his provider agency to serve. He has been an active and regular participant for the past 7 years. The CoC routinely conducts Needs Assessment and Data Collection projects to evaluate the outcomes of projects and the experiences of participants. During the Needs Assessment, groups of households that are either currently experiencing homelessness or have lived experience are asked to share their experiences with Coordinated Entry and provide feedback for policy improvements. CoC homeless service providers actively engage persons with lived experience in advisory roles and decisions making processes through Resident Advisory Councils, Program Committees, etc. in which a person with lived experience reviews service delivery and provides feedback. Elgin PADS and Hesed House have added board members with lived experience. The Hesed House advisory committee meets 4x per year to discuss shelter policies. Rule changes have been made because of the suggestions of this group, such as changing the curfew for our Overnight Emergency Shelter from 11 p.m. to 9 p.m. in order to reduce disruptions for sleeping guests. The Community Crisis Center has an Advisory Committee that reports to the Board that includes survivors and homeless persons. AID Programs offer monthly meetings for clients where residents provide feedback. Ecker Center holds quarterly Consumer Council meetings and results are shared with the agency Leadership Team.

1D-11a. Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.

NOFO Section V.B.1.r.

You must upload the Letter Signed by Working Group attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

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

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

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

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

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The Kane CoC ensures that persons with lived experience have access to employment readiness programs and services, employment/vocational training programs, a paid work experience or job opportunity that promotes career or vocational goals. There is a strong working relationship with the local Kane County Workforce Development Division. The Kane Workforce Development Division provide vocational training programs. Participants can choose from cosmetology, hospitality, auto mechanic, welding, computer technician, culinary arts, heating and air conditioning technician, etc. The case manager provides support and assistance in completing applications, filing for financial aid, etc. All CoC agencies receive routine updates on local job postings, employment development, expungement sessions, professional/resume building sessions, and other employment resources. These events take place in various community locations and are broadcast to providers. It is expected that all CoC funded agencies assess clients for work readiness and make referrals as appropriate to Workforce Development to assist clients in achieving selfsufficiency and increase income. The CoC member agencies connect people experiencing homelessness with education and job training opportunities. CoC member organizations have employment staff that work with all clients towards gaining and maintaining either agency or external employment. Any client with prior lived experience can meet with an agency employment counselor for additional internal job opportunities. Education opportunities assist clients in becoming job-qualified through computer GED preparation programs, literacy classes, resume assistance and improved interview skills. Employment specialists assess strengths, interests, skills and experience to assist participants in obtaining a career instead of a short-term solution.

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

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1. The CoC homeless providers regularly gather feedback from homeless persons in their projects through the implementation of client satisfaction surveys, town halls and listening sessions, 90 day follow up phone calls, and exit surveys. This information is shared at the CoC membership meetings. 2. The Kane CoC routinely conducts Needs Assessment and Data Collection projects to evaluate the outcomes of CoC and ESG funded projects and the experiences of persons experiencing homelessness. During the Needs Assessment evaluation, groups of households that are either currently experiencing homelessness or have lived experience are asked to share their experiences with Coordinated Entry and services provided and provide feedback for program/policy improvements. 2. All data and stakeholder feedback collected through Needs Assessments along with HMIS data is shared with the Coordinated Entry Task Force. Based on their evaluation of the information collected and interpretation of best practices, they will develop policy recommendations to improve the homeless response system in the Kane CoC. The CoC has modified the Coordinated Entry system to address challenges raised by persons with lived experience. Feedback data showed that people with lived experience found the Coordinated Entry system hard to navigate and the waitlists long, and the case manager contacts had lengthy intervals. To improve these challenges, the CoC worked with providers to clean and prioritize the by-name list to reduce wait times, increase transparency regarding how the process works, and educate staff on the importance of timely communication with clients. Steps the homeless providers have taken to address challenges identified include: increasing on-site staff, medication monitoring, paying for transportation to and from a job for the first 2 weeks, rearranging sleeping areas for higher quality sleep, and hiring persons with lived experience as program staff. Other steps are not requiring face to face meetings. Sometimes the cost of travel is a burden. Staff meet with clients over zoom, phone, or at a public place near an individual's residence, like at a library. They have created drop boxes, so people are not required to drop off paperwork during office hours. The intention is to become of obstacles and remove them for persons of lived experience.

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

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1)The Kane County Housing Summit was established in 2022 by the Kane County Development Department to work together as public servants and housing providers to lay the groundwork to make decisions about what can be done to help solve the housing problems in Kane County, IL. As a result of the Kane County Housing Summit, the Kane County Board agreed to review its zoning policies and take steps to review their internal procedures on how affordable housing is developed in Kane County. Though no formal resolution or action has occurred, the County is committed to improving the stock of affordable housing in Kane County.

2) Homeless providers in the CoC are working to reduce regulatory barriers to housing development. With help from Senator DeWitte and the IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Lazarus House has acquired funding to begin the process of creating two new affordable housing units. Lazarus has completed a rezoning process with the city and is working on local building permits with the city and fire department for renovation of the building. Hesed House and two partners (Association for Individual Development and Neighbor Project) in the process of securing an existing 34 unit building for supportive housing and providing a pathway to homeownership housing units. Ecker Center has multiple housing units developed with the IL Housing Development Authority. The agency partnered with Hanover Township and a development company to add 48 subsidized housing units to the Elgin area. The Hanover Landing project groundbreaking was 9/1/22 and Ecker is now the on-site service provider. The Association for Individual Development has developed 2 new housing developments in in West Chicago and Elgin.

Yes

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

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

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

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1	E-1. Web Posting of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
1.	Enter your CoC's local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their	05/01/2023
	project applications to your CoC–meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC's local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	05/01/2023
1	E-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.

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5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	No	
6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes	
1E	-2a. Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.		
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.		
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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?		10
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:]	
	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;	1	
	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		
	 considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area. 		
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 The Kane CoC collected and analyzed data on permanent housing projects using their Renewal Project Evaluation of the applications submitted. There are questions related to circumstances that affect successfully maintaining housing and exits to permanent housing. These include: Did the project lose staff? Did residents lose employment? Data is also collected on the number of exits to permanent housing, unit utilization rate, and returns to homelessness using HMIS. 2) The specific data on how long it takes to house people in permanent housing is contained in APR questions 22c and 22 e on Length of time prior to housing and move in date. 3) In 2023, the Kane CoC increased the the categories of severity of needs served in project evaluation. It now includes Chronically homeless persons, LGBTQ+ persons, Youth, Veterans, Low or no income persons, Current substance abuse, significant health or behavioral health challenges, or functional impairments, Coming from the streets, Criminal history, Abuse/victimization or a history of victimization/abuse, Domestic Violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse, sex trafficking, High utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, Length of time homeless, Risk of continued homelessness, Risk of illness or death, and Only project of its kind in the CoC geography. The CoC gives extra points to projects that focus on serving persons with severe needs and considers the severity of a project's population in its review and ranking process using a stand alone criteria worth 15 points. (this increased from 10 points last year). The assigned value is based on the number of groups that are served. There is an additional criteria worth 5 points for serving special populations. These include chronically homeless, veterans, and households with children. Projects receive more points for serving more severe populations and special populations. 4) The Project Evaluations are scored with an understanding that these are affected by the severity of the population. Maximum points for each project is 100. Special consideration is also given to projects serving a special population that is the only project of its kind. As an example, the 360 Youth Service Rapid Rehousing project was placed ahead of the PADS Light House 10 PSH project in rank even though it scored lower. Consideration was given to the unique population served which includes because it is specifically targeted to homeless youth, many who identify as LGBT.

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

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1) The Kane CoC obtained input and approval from persons of different races and ethnicity (White/Non-Hispanic, Asian, and Black) who are members of the CoC Board as well as members with lived experience of homelessness and those representing the LGBT population when approving the project evaluation factors used to score the CoC project applications. 2) The CoC application review, selection and ranking process is open and inclusive. Persons of all races and ethnicity, including those who are over-represented in the local homeless population, are included in the review, selection and ranking process of CoC new and renewal projects at different stages of the application competition through the CoC Board process. 3) The project applications asked applicants the extent to which they had taken steps to identify and resolve barriers faced by persons of different races and ethnicities in the provision of services and outcomes and were rated 5 points on whether the agency is compliant with CoC policies to implement the Equal Access and Gender Identity Final Rules and Anti-discrimination policies. The equity criteria contributes to the total project score which is a factor in project selection. The most recent Racial Equity analysis indicates that persons who are multi-racial or Hispanic obtained permanent housing more quickly. Persons who were African American or Asian took much longer to obtain permanent housing than person of other races. In this analysis, the Kane CoC used information from HMIS, including Coordinated Entry assessments, and Universal and Program Data Elements collected at project entries, annual updates and exits from all Continuum of Care providers.

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.	

 The Aurora/Elgin/Kane Reallocation Policy allows for both voluntary and involuntary reallocation of funds from renewal projects for the creation of new projects that fit HUD goals and meet local needs. Involuntary reallocation occurs when projects are low performing or less needed according to the Coordinated Entry data. Reallocation shall have the intent to meet housing needs for persons as identified in the Coordinated Entry process and align with HUD's policy priorities. Currently-funded CoC program project applicants interested in voluntarily reallocating can notify the Kane CoC in writing of their intent to reallocate funds. Involuntary reallocation will be determined by the CoC Board, after a thorough review of a project's cost, performance, and outcome data. The CoC Board, after a thorough review of a project's cost, performance, and outcome data will consider involuntary reallocation of a renewal project where HUD contractual goals are not met, both in numbers served, housing stability and financial expenditures. The Needs Assessment Committee will review each grant recipient's expenditures and program outcomes on a quarterly basis. The CoC Board reviews and approves any reallocation as part of the annual CoC Ranking and Review process. 2) For the 2023 CoC application, no projects were identified for reallocation because all projects were high performing and needed. 3) In 2023, one project Ecker Center Hunters Ridge, identified itself voluntarily requesting a project transfer or reallocation. The Kane CoC Board in consultation with the HUD Field Office determined that a project transfer to another grantee was the preferred outcome to maintain housing stability. The directive from the HUD Field Office was to have Hunters Ridge complete the 2023 application process and the transfer would take place after awards. 4) There were no low performing or less needed projects in the CoC project applications to be reallocated this year. A potential reallocation was changed to a project transfer with guidance from the HUD Field Office.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2018 and FY 2023.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	
	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	No
1	E-5. Projects Rejected/Reduced-Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	08/30/2023

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You must enter a date in question 1E-5d.

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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2A-1.	HMIS Vendor.	
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Ente	er the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Wellsky
2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	
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Sele	ect 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.	
Ent	er the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/28/2023
	er the date your coc submitted its 2025 Fire data into FIDA.	04/20/2023
2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	
	In the field below:	7
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;	
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database–compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards; and	
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3. state whether your CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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1) Victim Service Providers not receiving federal funding are encouraged to use the HMIS comparable databases that are compliant with the HMIS data standards, or with participation in the CoC HMIS system. Non-federally funded Victim Service Providers using the HMIS comparable database provided have the same equitable access and utility of the software as providers mandated to participate. They are encouraged to use the CoC HMIS to participate in the Coordinated Entry process. This allows for a comprehensive and consistent approach for matching clients to available housing interventions, while maintaining their safety and security. In Illinois, the victim service providers as defined by the VAWA Act are mandated to participate in the automated database called InfoNet. This does not meet the HUD definition of a comparable database at this time. Their state funding is contingent on participation. In the Kane CoC, the non federally funded DV victim service provider (Community Crisis Center) is using HMIS. The federally funded Victim Service provider Mutual Ground uses InfoNet. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority oversees InfoNet. There was an InfoNet/HUD working group in 2019 established to work toward a comparable database. These discussions stopped in 2020 with the pandemic and there has been no further communication from the state at this time. An upgrade to the InfoNet system in October 2020 put it farther behind meeting the requirements of a comparable database. The CoC will continue to get involved in these discussions if the opportunity arises. For the purpose of data collection, the VSP provider is provided with a report template to collect aggregate data that includes instructions and definitions for data collection by the HMIS System Administrator. 2) The Aurora/Elgin/Kane CoC is compliant with the 2022 Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	407	54	379	107.37%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	18	0	18	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	62	1	62	101.64%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	194	0	194	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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 2023 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

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2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	
Ent	er the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/26/2023
2B-2	PIT Count Data-HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	
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Ent	er the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/28/2023
2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC's Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	engaged unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations in your CoC's most recent PIT count planning process;	
2.	worked with unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified during your CoC's most recent PIT count planning process; and	
3.	included youth experiencing homelessness as counters during your CoC's most recent unsheltered PIT count.	

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There are two specialized providers for homeless and runaway youth ages 16-24 that serve Kane CoC. Community Crisis Center serves homeless youth and those who are DV Survivors/Fleeing. 360 Youth Services provides transitional housing that serves non-parenting homeless youth ages 18-24 including specialized services for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning) youth. Both participated in the 2023 PIT count. The Transitional Housing Manager of 360 Youth Services was a member of the CoC Board. 2) For the unsheltered count, youth in shelters and transitional housing were consulted on known locations for the unsheltered youth. Collaboration with the Homeless School Liaisons identified additional known locations. 3) The CoC staff/volunteers went to locations where unsheltered homeless youth congregate such as libraries, train stations, Starbucks, (anywhere that has free wifi). This also included several sites along the Fox River bank and under bridges, and a section where 2 train tracks converge called the V. Outreach to get youth into shelter was provided. The CoC worked to engage youth known to be homeless who have a lack of awareness or active avoidance to services. PADS Inc. informally interviewed the youth in their shelter to involve them in the planning process and to get feedback on specific known locations for homeless youth. PADS Inc. met with the community policing officers of Aurora Police Dept. prior to the count who came with a list of known locations for youth based on their patrols.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.
	In the field below:
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and
3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
4.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.

1) There was no sheltered PIT methodology or data quality change. The Kane CoC used client data in HMIS as the primary data source for the sheltered PIT count for emergency shelter and transitional housing projects that participate in HMIS. Information from DV and other non-HMIS providers was provided in surveys to the HMIS System Administrator. The HMIS one night report was run using unique client identifiers for de-duplication. Follow up ensured that the count included all persons in emergency shelters and transitional housing programs, including domestic violence. The number of providers contributing data remained the same. 2) The unsheltered count in 2023 again included surveys with volunteers and training. The surveys included all demographics, household type and members, specific location of where they were sleeping, identifying characteristics, history of homelessness (to determine chronic status), disability and criminal record. Local questions included participation in services, satisfaction or frustration with services, how long they have been in this area, location of origin, and whether criminal record has impacted their housing. The unsheltered survey tool was changed from DOB to age ranges in order to more easily identify youth and count them separately. Youth who won't give their DOB will respond to an age range. One person, the CoC Coordinator tallied all surveys which aided in de-duplication. Volunteers went to known locations and both law enforcement and volunteers drove around looking for people outside of those locations as well. More known locations throughout the entire coverage area were identified by persons with lived experience, police and shelter providers. The CoC identified hot spots in Elgin at the encampment and in the parks/parking garage. There was veteran outreach. 3 & 4) The total number of sheltered homeless persons increased 23% from 334 to 410 in 2023. The Hesed House emergency shelter increased its year round beds from 145 to 178 with a special grant from the state of Illinois. There was a decreased in unsheltered persons from 57 to 51. Higher utilization rates were noted in all shelters.

2C. System Performance

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

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 The process the CoC developed to determine which risk factors to use in identifying persons becoming homeless is coordinating with all the provider access points of Coordinated Entry as well as with food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters in all 3 service areas of the county. Food insecurity is a major risk factor. Others include unemployment, behind on rent/mortgage, no transportation, insufficient income, physical illness/disability and fleeing domestic violence. Mainstream and homeless providers identify those in a housing crisis and refer them for homeless prevention assistance. 2) The Coordinated Entry pre-screening process is used to address households at risk of becoming homeless. Pre-screening must occur when a family or individual first contacts in person a provider that is serving as a Coordinated Entry Access Point or, in an emergency or after hours situation, as soon after that first contact as possible. If homeless prevention or other mainstream services can address the housing needs of a family or individual, a referral to these services are offered at this point. State homeless prevention funds, state ESG and private funds are allocated in all 3 service areas of the CoC to prevent people from becoming homeless, divert people who are applying for shelter into other housing, and help people who are homeless to quickly move into permanent housing. In 2023, the Kane CoC received an additional \$149,472 for shelter diversion from the state of IL. Of this, \$120,000 will be used for supportive services and \$89,472 in relocation assistance. Homeless prevention services include case management, short and medium term rent assistance, utility assistance, and housing location and stabilization assistance. 3) The Kane County Program Manager for Homeless Services is the responsible person for overseeing the CoC strategy to reduce the number of households experiencing homelessness for the first time.

2C-1a	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	
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	Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:	
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1	natural disasters?	No
2	having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area?	No
2C-2	Length of Time Homeless–CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
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	NOFO Section V.B.5.c.	
1	NOFO Section V.B.5.c. In the field below: describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families	

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 To reduce Length Of Time homeless, the CoC examines its ES and TH data from the HMIS system for projects with high error rates, long stays, and protocol types in shelter data collection. The goal is to strengthen housing focused case management across the CoC programs, especially shelters and transitional housing. The system also provides direct referrals to homeless prevention services, domestic violence housing and supportive housing for youth to reduce the length of time homeless. Funding for expansion of rapid rehousing has increased within the CoC to reduce the length of time homeless. In addition to the HUD Community Crisis Center expansion of 11 rapid rehousing units, the CoC received \$828,649 in state funds for expansion of rapid rehousing. The Kane CoC has implemented a rapid rehousing review panel to expedite housing placement. The panel meets biweekly to review current caseload with real time updating and case conferencing. Agencies are assigned clients and then focus their activities on a swift housing placement. The Kane CoC is focusing on significant increases in housing placement and decreases in length of time homeless. 2) The Coordinated Entry process is being used to identify and house persons with the longest lengths of homelessness according to the written orders of priority. There is a standard assessment tool used. The Kane County Coordinated Entry utilizes OrgCode's VI-SPDAT to prioritize referrals to available housing resources. The VI-SPDAT uses the following factors to determine vulnerability: risk of harm, issues with socialization and daily functioning, and wellness. The VI-SPDAT assigns a score to each client, based on these factors. These scores, along with the dates that each family or individual became homeless, determine each family or individual's ranking on the Priority List. Those with longer lengths of homelessness have priority for Rapid Rehousing and PSH placement. The Coordinated Entry task force meets and conducts case conferencing to identify housing options for those who have been prioritized. 3) The Kane County Program Manager for Homeless Services is responsible.

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

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 The CoC's strategy to successfully increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing and rapid rehousing can exit to permanent housing destinations is to review performance by project type to determine if there is an area requiring additional focus, such as improving outreach efforts, Housing First implementation, case management assistance, or a removal of barriers to accessing stable housing. Another strategy is to build housing options capacity by prioritizing funding for additional rapid rehousing and permanent housing projects. The Kane CoC has redesigned the Rapid Rehousing Program to be more efficient and responsive to client experiencing homelessness and to add the eligibility of persons in Category 2. The CoC re-wrote the written standards to eliminate barriers and increase efficiency. Bi-weekly case conferencing was implemented to ensure rapid assignment and placement of clients into units. 2) 96% of residents in permanent housing have retained their housing or exited to permanent housing. The CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which all persons in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations includes maintaining a Housing First approach and providing voluntary services which assist with housing stability. These include helping individuals and persons in families address physical and behavioral health needs, assist them with applying for mainstream and other benefits, and advocacy with landlord relationships. Other voluntary services and supports offered through CoC housing providers include workforce development and career support as well as financial counseling which maintain the income base to retain housing. 3) The Kane County Program Manager for Homeless Services is responsible.

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

1) The strategy the CoC has implemented to identify those returning to homelessness is analyzing the HMIS System Performance data for Measure 2. The CoC is able to accurately identify a person that returns to homelessness through HMIS because it has a 100% bed coverage rate and because all shelter providers have an open system of sharing client record information. Common factors of households that return to homelessness are loss or significant decrease in income and tenant/landlord issues related to behavior or housing unit upkeep. 2) One strategy of the CoC to minimize returns to homelessness is to have service providers provide telephone follow up varying from 90 days to 1 year after exit. Another strategy is that all persons exiting are assisted with aftercare services and mainstream resources for food, employment, and other income supports. Homeless providers work to build a network of flexible landlords. Homeless prevention services are available should a household face significant obstacles to housing retention. Returns are captured by our homeless system providers through a standardized data entry workflow in HMIS as well as in the Coordinated Entry system. Using System Performance Measure reports, HMIS staff review which project types experience higher returns and shorter amounts of time between events. This data is presented to homeless housing and service providers and the CoC with the goal to educate and aid in system planning. 3) The HMIS System Administrator is the responsible position for overseeing the CoC strategy to reduce the rate households return to homelessness.

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.	

 The CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources involves developing new and ongoing partnerships with workforce development services, local employer referrals, and mainstream employment organizations. These partnerships include collaboration with the Kane County Workforce Development Division to increase access to employment referrals, scholarships for job training programs and WIOA grants for young adults to obtain job training or certification in information technology, manufacturing, office/clerical, trucking/logistics, and accounting. Homeless youth are connected with Central States SER for paid work opportunities. Each homeless provider has employment services that develop access to private employers with partnership agreements. Cafe Liberty provides a culinary training program for veterans. Goodwill Workforce Connection Centers provide local companies with the opportunity to meet with people looking for jobs. Partner companies can share information about themselves, meet with potential candidates and even interview onsite. There are job fairs and/or job interviews virtually with private employers and employment agencies looking to hire some of our job ready participants. 2) The Kane CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to increase access to cash income from employment. These include a partnership with the Workforce Development Division Career Resource Centers located in both Elgin and Aurora that offer free access to computer workstations and assistance with resume writing, job search assistance and referrals for education or skills training. Information is provided on job openings, career options and employment opportunities. PADS Inc. offers an onsite paid supported employment program. Lazarus House offers resume writing, interview and application skills training. Both have partnerships with local employers. This is accomplished through a part-time employment specialist on staff as well as through "Preferred Professional", a group of professionals from the community who meet twice per month with clients on employment strategies. The CoC providers also work with a variety of community employers to create employment opportunities that are mutually beneficial. Some include -Portillos, Spraying Systems, Cintas, US Foods, Johnstone Supply, and Septran bus. 3) The responsible person is the Kane County Program Manager for Homeless Services.

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

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 Strategies to increase access to non-employment cash sources ensure that 100% of all homeless providers focus on enrollment in mainstream benefits. All CoC projects work with participants at intake to assess their eligibility for non employment cash benefits such as TANF, SNAP, WIC, SSI, SSDI, Medicaid and Medicare and provide transportation assistance and advocacy. All CoC projects must have SOAR trained staff. If the household does not have any benefits and qualifies or may qualify, the agency facilitates them completing the applications, arranges transportation to the agency office as required, confers with individual case workers as issues arise in the application process, advocate for the participant, and follow up to ensure that they gain their benefits. This also includes helping households access child support and/or reestablish child support. A collaboration with the NIU Health Advocacy legal clinic provides representation in the SSI/SSDI appeal process to obtain disability income and collaborates with medical professionals to provide necessary documentation. Client eligibility for veteran specific benefits is determined at client intake and appropriate assistance/referrals are provided to veterans service organizations such as Disabled Veteran Outreach program. Hines VA Hospital, etc. The CoC provides information to ensure all CoC funded agencies are provided with a resource for training and education on public benefits. DuPage Federation's Training & Technical Assistance division provides statewide public benefits training. Its focus is to improve advocacy for the people served through increased knowledge of these complex programs. Understanding more about benefit programs (including topics such as who can qualify and how to solve problems) helps case managers and other advocates provide more effective and targeted assistance to people in need. Training participants learn to understand the basic rules of who qualifies for a specific benefit, how to complete applications, how to navigate the application process, and how to troubleshoot when problems arise. Training programs are usually offered twice a year. Federation trainers are also available to present to individual organizations. Programs may be tailored to meet an organization's particular needs. If an agency is unable to pay, the Federation will provide the training free. 2) The responsible person is the Kane County Program Manager for Homeless Services.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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 - 24 CFR part 578;FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

3A-	1. New P	H-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging H	lousing Resources.		
	NOFO	Section V.B.6.a.			
	You mu Screen		mmitment attachment to the 4B. Attacl	nments	
h	ousing uni	applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RF ts which are not funded through the Cog homelessness?	RH project that uses housing subsidies oC or ESG Programs to help individual	or subsidized ls and families	Yes
3A-	2. New Pl	H-PSH/PH-RRH Project-Leveraging F	lealthcare 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?			rces to help	Yes	
3A-3. L	everaging	Housing/Healthcare Resources-List o	f 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 1	уре
LightHouse 10		PH-PSH	11	Both	

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3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? LightHouse 10

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): DSN1KKA1S3T8

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your 11

CoC's Priority Listing:

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

n/a

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

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

3C-1. Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. NOFO Section 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? 3C-2. Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. NOFO Section V.F. You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.			
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		NOFO Section V.F.	
If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:		If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:	
 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 	1.	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	
2. how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.	2	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act	

(limit 2,500 characters)

n/a

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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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 24 CFR part 578;
 FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	No
Applicant Name		
	This list contains no items	

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

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1.	You must include a Do display a red X indicati	cument Description fing the submission is	or each attachment you upload; if you do n incomplete.	ot, the Submission Summary screen will
2.	You must upload an at	tachment for each do	ocument listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.	
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4.	Attachments must mat	ch the questions they	are associated with.	
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6.	If you cannot read the	attachment, it is likely	we cannot read it either.	
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	. We must be able t	o read everything yo	u want us to consider in any attachment.	
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8.	Only use the "Other" at	ttachment option to n	neet an attachment requirement that is not	otherwise listed in these detailed instructions.
Document Typ	е	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Ho Preference	meless	No	PHA Homeless Pref	09/12/2023
1C-7. PHA Mo Preference	oving On	No	PHA Moving On Pre	09/12/2023
1D-11a. Lette Working Group	r Signed by	Yes	Letter Signed by	09/09/2023
1D-2a. Housin	g First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva	09/09/2023
1E-1. Web Po		Yes	Web posting - Loc	09/09/2023
1E-2. Local Co Tool	ompetition Scoring	Yes	Local Competition	09/09/2023
1E-2a. Scored Project	Forms for One	Yes	Scored Forms for	09/09/2023
1E-5. Notificat Rejected-Redu	ion of Projects uced	Yes	Notification of P	09/09/2023
1E-5a. Notifica Accepted	ation of Projects	Yes	Notification of P	09/09/2023
1E-5b. Local C Selection Res	Competition ults	Yes	Local Competition	09/09/2023
1E-5c. Web Po Approved Con Application		Yes		

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

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Document Description: PHA Homeless Preference

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Document Description: PHA Moving On Preference

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Document Description: Letter Signed by Working Group

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Document Description: Housing First Evaluation

Attachment Details

Document Description: Web posting - Local Competition Deadline

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Document Description: Local Competition Scoring Tool

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Document Description: Scored Forms for One Project

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Document Description: Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

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Document Description: Notification of Projects Accepted

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Document Description: Local Competition Selection Results

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Submission Summary

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

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1A. CoC Identification	08/26/2023			
1B. Inclusive Structure	09/03/2023			
1C. Coordination and Engagement	09/12/2023			
1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd	09/12/2023			
1E. Project Review/Ranking	Please Complete			
2A. HMIS Implementation	09/04/2023			
2B. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count	09/05/2023			
2C. System Performance	09/04/2023			
3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	09/03/2023			
3B. Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs	09/03/2023			
3C. Serving Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes	09/03/2023			

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4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

4B. Attachments Screen

Submission Summary

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Please Complete

No Input Required



PHA HOMELESS PREFERENCE

The Housing Authority of Elgin letter

The Aurora Housing Authority letter



September 12, 2023

Ms. Denise Momodu Continuum of Care for Kane County 143 First St Batavia IL, 60510

Dear Ms. Momodu

This letter is to notify the Kane County Continuum of Care of the homeless preference at the Housing Authority of Elgin Illinois as per their Administrative Plan.

The Housing Authority of Elgin has an admission preference for homeless persons as checked below in its administrative planning documents.

⊠General Preference
□Limited Preference
□None
Instruction: Please complete this table to give the CoC the % of New admissions into Public Housing programs and Housing Choice Vouchers during FY22 that were homeless at entry.

	Public Housing Name	Enter the % of New admissions into	Does the PHA have a <u>General or</u>	
1		Public Housing and Housing Choice	Limited Homeless Preference in	
1		Voucher programs during FY22 that	each of these types?	
		were homeless at entry (10/1/21 - 9/30/22)	Public Housing	
			☐ Yes ☐ No	
		Public Housing = %0	⊠General □ Limited	
	Housing Choice Vouchers=%0	Housing Choice Vouchers		
	Housing Authority of Elgin		☐ Yes ☐ No	
			⊠General □ Limited	
			□None of Above	



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John Steffen

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Executive DirectorMartell Armstrong



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Executive DirectorMartell Armstrong

Sincerely,

Amanda Warpinski HCV Supervisor 130 South State Street Elgin, IL 60123 847-608-4407 847-841-7718 hcvmanager@haelgin.org





Date:

Ms. Denise Momodu Continuum of Care for Kane County 143 First St Batavia IL, 60510

Dear Ms. Momodu

This letter is to notify the Kane County Continuum of Care of the homeless preference at the Housing Authority of Aurora in Illinois as per their Administrative Plan.

The Aurora Housing Authority has an admission preference for homeless persons as checked below in its administrative planning documents.

☐General Preference

□Limited Preference

None

Instruction: Please complete this table to give the CoC the % of New admissions into Public Housing programs and Housing Choice Vouchers during FY22 that were homeless at entry.

Public Housing Name	Enter the % of New	Does the PHA have a General
	admissions into Public	or Limited Homeless
	Housing and Housing	Preference in each of these
	Choice Voucher programs	types?
	during FY22 that were homeless at entry (10/1/21 -9/30/22)	Public Housing ☐ Yes ☑ No
Aurora Housing Authority	Public Housing = %	☐General ☐ Limited Housing Choice Vouchers
# Elliergenny Housing	Housing Choice	□ Yes □ No
Noweless persons.	Vouchers=%	☐General ☐ Limited ☐None of Above
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Sincerely,

Executive Director

Phone: (630) 701-9977 | Fax: (630) 701-9974 | 1449 Jericho Circle, Aurora IL 60506



PHA MOVING ON PREFERENCE

The Housing Authority of Elgin letter

The Aurora Housing Authority letter



September 1, 2023

Ms. Denise Momodu Continuum of Care for Kane County 143 First St Batavia IL, 60510

Datavia IL, 60310
Dear Ms. Momodu
This letter is to notify you that Elgin Housing Authority:
⊠ <u>Does not have</u> a Move on Preference
<u>OR</u>
☐ Has a Move on Preference to provide rental subsidies to other housing assistance programs for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services. These include but are not limited to Housing Choice Vouchers and Public Housing units.
This Moving On preference is documented in the:
☐ Administration Plan
☐ Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP)
□Annual 5-year Plan
If the Housing Authority has a Moving ON preference, which affordable housing providers in your jurisdiction are used to move program participants into other subsidized housing?

	YES	NO
Multifamily assisted housing owners		
PHA		
Low Income Tax Credit developments	÷	
Local low income housing programs		
Other		

Sincerely,

Executive Director



Date:

Ms. Denise Momodu Continuum of Care for Kane County 143 First St Batavia IL, 60510

Dear Ms. Momodu

This letter is to notify you that the Aurora Housing Authority:

Does not have a Move on Preference

<u>OR</u>

\square Has a Move on Preference to provide rental subsidies to other housing assistance programs
for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services. These
include but are not limited to Housing Choice Vouchers and Public Housing units.
This Moving On preference is documented in the:

□Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP)

□Annual 5-year Plan

□Administration Plan

If the Housing Authority has a Moving ON preference, which affordable housing providers in your jurisdiction are used to move program participants into other subsidized housing?

	YES	NO
Multifamily assisted housing owners		
РНА		-
Low Income Tax Credit developments		
Local low income housing programs		
Other		

Sincerely,

Executive Director

Phone: (630) 701-9977 | Fax: (630) 701-9974 | 1449 Jericho Circle, Aurora IL 60506



LETTER SIGNED BY WORKING GROUP Letter from CoC Board member with lived experience



AUGUST 14, 2023

Denise Momodu, CoC Board Chairperson

Associate Planner
Community Development
City of Elgin
150 Dexter Court
Elgin, IL 60120

Dear Ms. Momodu

This letter is to verify my support for the Aurora/Kane/Elgin CoC IL 517 priorities for serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs in the CoC's geographic area.

I am the member of the CoC Board representing persons with lived experience and have held this position for the last 5 years. As a voting member, I am involved in the decision making process.

I can verify the following:

- individuals with lived experience of homelessness participate in CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups;
- Minutes from CoC or CoC Subcommittee meetings show people with lived experience are involved in decision-making);
- Individuals with lived experience of homelessness are included in the development, or revision, of the local competition rating factors and evaluation criteria;

Thank you,

James Harvey



HOUSING FIRST EVALUATION

SCORED EVALUATION OF LIGHTHOUSE CONSOLIDATED 2

permanent supportive housing

HOUSING FIRST EVALUATION – LIGHTHOUSE CONSOLIDATED 2

Section Five: Housing First						
1. Describe how your program uses and maintains a Housing First model. 1500 characters						
Our Policy Manual states that: Housing First is a recovery-oriented, evidence-based philosophy and approach that recognizes that housing is a basic human right, and that people are better equipped to make progress in their lives if they have a safe, stable place to live. Through Housing First, people can access permanent housing without having to meet any prerequisites, like sobriety or the completion of programs, that are not required of any typical renter.						
resolved by providing safe,	afforda	able and supportive housing to	those v	ising crisis, which can be addressed and who are homeless. This approach prioring such as employment, income, or sobr	tizes	
		nented through permanent sup ices with long-term rental assis		e housing. Permanent supportive housir	ng	
This approach supports the respect, and dignity — and			essnes	s have the right to self-determination,		
_ : : :	romot	es housing stability and well-be		e likely for people to actually use availab fact, many people experience	ole	
1a.Does the project quic	kly ma	ove participants into perman	ent ho	ousing? 🛛 Yes 🗌 No		
2. Has the project remov	ed the	e following barriers to access	ing ho	ousing and services? Check all that a	apply.	
Having too little or no income	X	Having a criminal record with exceptions for state mandated restrictions	X	Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in your geographic area.	X	
Active or history of substance abuse	Х	History of domestic violence	х	None of the above		
3. Has the project remov	ed the	e following as reasons for ter	minati	ion? Select all that apply.		
Failure to participate in support services	Х	Loss of income or failure to improve income	X	Any other activity not covered in a typical lease agreement in the area	X	
Failure to make progress on a service plan	Х	Being a victim of domestic violence	X	None of the above		
 4. Does your project follow a Housing First model? Yes No (must select all above to be considered Housing First) 						

SCORING OF HOUSING FIRST

CoC PROGRAM NOFA APPLICATION EVALUATION SHEET – Renewal

Project Name	LIGHT-House Consolidated 2			
Agency	Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc.			
Proposed Services:	Total Participants 59 Served:			
Budget Summary	Grant Request: Documented Match: Total Cost:	\$ 55,968		

THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS	RATING	COMMENTS				
		•	0	⊙	0	
	Max:5	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	
		5 points	4points	2.5 points	0 points	
Outstanding audit findings: Successful applicants will not have any outstanding HUD, state and local government monitoring and/or audit findings. (1 pt) CoC Participation: Successful applicants will be members in good standing of the Continuum of Care. (1 pt) CoC Interim Rule Compliance: Successful applicants will be in full compliance with all applicable requirements of the CoC Interim Rule (24 CFR part 578), including participation in (or willingness to participate in) the Coordinated Entry System. (1 pt) The project has a housing first model (2 pts)	5/5	Requirement Satisfied?: Requirement Satisfied?: Requirement Satisfied?:				
 1. An applicant will be penalized if a program screens out program participants for: Having too little or no income Active or history of substance abuse 		Requirement Satisfi	ed?:⊠			

- Having a criminal record¹
 Having an eviction record
- Having a history of domestic violence
- 2. An applicant will be penalized if a project terminates program participants for:
- Failure to participate in program services
- Failure to make progress on a service plan
- Loss of, or failure to improve income
- Being a victim of domestic violence
- Activities not covered in a lease agreement

Does the applicant screen program participants for:

- Having too little or no income \Box
- Active or history of substance abuse \Box
- Having a criminal record \square
- Having an eviction record \square
- Having a history of domestic violence \square

Does the applicant terminate program participants for:

- Failure to participate in program services \Box
- Failure to make progress on a service plan \Box
- Loss of, or failure to improve income
- Being a victim of domestic violence \Box
- Activities not covered in a lease agreement \Box

Any checked boxes will results in 0 points for Housing First Model.

¹With exceptions for state mandated restrictions

²With exceptions for state mandated restrictions



LOCAL COMPETITION DEADLINE

Notification Memo with Deadline Date
Website Screenshot of posting with date



FY23 CoC Competition Deadlines and NOFO Highlights

HUD published the FY2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Funding Notice for Homeless Assistance Grants on July 5, 2023. Approximately \$3.13 billion is available for CoC and Youth Homeless Demonstration project renewals. Of this, \$52 million is available for Domestic Violence bonus projects. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition (NOFO) has been posted on Grants.gov and is available on the Funding Opportunities page on HUD's website. Additional resources are available on the Continuum of Care Program Competition page of HUD's website between July 1-31, 2023. The CoC Consolidated Application, CoC Priority Listing, and Project Applications will be available in e-snaps then. Collaborative Applicants and project applicants are able to access the applications to review, update, and enter required information for the application process. Additional guidance is posted on the CoC Program Competition page of HUD's website. The HUD deadline date is September 28, 2023.

*The Continuum of Care for Kane County has already received and reviewed new and renewal project applications. Projects will be tiered based on information from the NOFO. The only additional projects that will be accepted for this year's competition are DV bonus projects.

Total Available Funding for Kane County

Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) –The total amount for all projects eligible for renewal in the 2023 competition based on the HUD approved Grants Inventory Worksheet. The Kane CoC Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) amount approved was \$ \$2,564,607.

<u>CoC Planning Costs</u> – Eligible costs are related to the collaborative process for an application to HUD, evaluating the outcomes of projects, and participating in the jurisdiction's consolidated planning process. The total amount available for this year is **\$128,230**.

Funding for New Projects

New Projects include expansion of existing renewal projects. Multiple projects are allowed. Funding for new projects may be created through the reallocation process, bonus funds, or a combination of reallocation and bonus funds. There is an amount allocated to each CoC for bonus projects that is equal to 7% of the Final Pro Rata Need. **This amount is \$179,522.** All New project applications <u>are</u> included in the project tiering except Planning.

5 types of new projects are allowed:

 Permanent supportive housing that serve chronically homeless or eligible under the Dedicated PLUS definition. See NOFA p. 55



- Rapid Rehousing projects that serve households who meet the homeless definition categories of 1, 2 or 4. See NOFA p. 55
- Joint TH and PH-RRH component project that serve households who meet the homeless definition categories of 1,2 or 4.– See NOFA p. 56
- Dedicated HMIS (only by the current HMIS Lead)
- Coordinated Entry (supportive services only) to develop or operate a coordinated entry system.

Funding for Domestic Violence Bonus Project

There is an additional amount allocated to each CoC for projects dedicated to victims of domestic violence. This amount is 10% of the Preliminary Pro Rata Need of \$2,069,280 which is estimated at \$206,928. Projects must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The eligible population is survivors of domestic violence who are defined as homeless at 24CFR 578.3 (4). All DV projects must be for a grant term of 1 year. NOTE: Expansion of any existing RRH or Joint TH-RRH renewal that is non-DV will qualify as a new DV bonus if it exclusively serves DV person. These projects will be selected by HUD based on CoC Score plus other criterion noted in NOFA p.28 using a 100 point scale. CoCs may create any of the following project types if the amount is at least \$50,000:

- Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH);
- Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH-RRH)
- Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) that targets victims of domestic violence. (Only one Coordinated Entry application is allowed).

Deadlines

July 28, 2023 - New Project Applications for DV bonus projects submitted.

Deadlines

August 23, 2023 - CoC Board meets to review project application ranking and tiering.

Project Tiering - The CoC will submit a Priority Listing that lists the new and renewal projects that are being applied for. All projects that are approved for inclusion will be prioritized in a two tier approach. The tiers are financial thresholds. <u>Tier 1 is 93%</u> of the Annual Renewal Demand for current projects. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation and bonus funds available. (excluding the DV bonus amount). The Planning project is excluded from tiering.

Tier 2 project-level scoring remains the same with 3 criteria – CoC Application score, ranked position of the project application in Tier 2, and the project application's commitment to Housing First. Up to 50 pts CoC Score + 40 pts Rank number in Tier 2 + 10pts. Housing First.



August 28, 2023 – Project submissions in E-Snaps complete. CoC local competition closes.

Project submission instructions for esnaps will be reviewed at an **APPLICATION**WORKSHOP scheduled for August 9, 2023 from 1:30 pm. – 2:30 pm. This is a Zoom

meeting and the link will be sent out ahead of time. If you have not received the link please contact Nisreen Wakileh at wakilehnisreen@countyofkane.org.

September 13, 2023 – Public posting and email notification to all project applicants whether their project will be accepted, ranked, rejected or reduced on the CoC Priority Listing.

September 26, 2023 – Public posting and email notification to community members of the CoC Consolidated Application, Priority Listing and all attachments.

Esnaps submission of projects may be no later than 30 days before the HUD deadline of 9/28/23. The Kane CoC will notify all project applicants no later than 15 days before the application deadline of September 28, 2023 whether their project application will be accepted and ranked, rejected or reduced as part of the CoC Consolidated application and of their number ranking. All project application deadlines and materials have been posted on Pages - Continuum of Care (countyofkane.org)

Changes and Highlights to the FY23 NOFO

- CoC Planning grants have increased from 3% to 5% of the Final Pro Rata Need.
- Bonus projects funds are 7% of the CoC Annual Renewal Amount.
- HUD continues to provide opportunities to expand or consolidate CoC projects. Expansions submit a standalone renewal application and a standalone new project application. Consolidations submit 2 individual stand alone renewal project applications.
- CoCs are required to have leveraging agreements with housing providers and health care organizations for at least one new project.
- The DV bonus project point scoring remains the same as last year.
- There is a change in the homeless definition for Category 4 which allows for any person who is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety, not just fleeing to be eligible for services.
- Coordinated Entry requires safety planning and confidentiality protocols.
- DV Survivors with lived experience are involved in CoC policy development.
- CoCs need a letter from persons with lived experience showing support for priorities.
- A rating factor on engaging local leaders to increase the affordable housing supply.



Questions regarding the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition process must be submitted to CoCNOFO@hud.gov.

Questions related to *e-snaps* functionality (e.g., password lockout, access to user's application account, updating Applicant Profile) must be submitted to <u>e-snaps@hud.gov</u>.

Posted Documents:

New Project Evaluation Sheet

https://www.countyofkane.org/Documents/Community%20Investment/Continuum%20of%20Care/02%202022%20New%20Project%20Evaluation%20Sheet.docx

Renewal Project Evaluation Sheet

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LOCAL COMPETITION SCORING TOOL

Evaluation Sheet – Renewals

Evaluation Sheet – New Projects

DV Questionnaire

CoC PROGRAM NOFA APPLICATION EVALUATION SHEET – Renewal

Project Name		
Agency		
Proposed Services:	Total Participants Served:	
Budget Summary	Grant Request: Documented Match: Total Cost:	\$0,000.00

THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS	RATING	COMMENTS					
	Max:5	Excellent 5 points	Good 4points	Fair 2.5 points	Poor O points		
Outstanding audit findings: Successful applicants will not have any outstanding HUD, state and local government monitoring and/or audit findings. (1 pt) CoC Participation: Successful applicants will be members in good standing of the Continuum of Care. (1 pt) CoC Interim Rule Compliance: Successful applicants will be in full compliance with all applicable requirements of the CoC Interim Rule (24 CFR part 578), including participation in (or willingness to participate in) the Coordinated Entry System. (1 pt) The project has a housing first model (2 pts) 1. An applicant will be penalized if a program screens out program participants for: Having too little or no income Active or history of substance abuse Having a criminal record Having an eviction record Having a history of domestic violence 2. An applicant will be penalized if a project terminates program participants for: Failure to participate in program services Failure to make progress on a service plan Loss of, or failure to improve income Being a victim of domestic violence Activities not covered in a lease agreement		Requirement Satisfie Requirement Satisfie Requirement Satisfie Does the applicant so Active or h Having an Having an Having an Failure to p I coss of, or Being a vice	creen progra of: creen progra of ittle or no nistory of sub criminal reco eviction rec nistory of do erminate pr participate i make progra failure to in ctim of doma not covered	am participants income bstance abuse ord mestic violence orgram participe in program servicess on a service aprove income estic violence in a lease agree	for: ants for: ices plan pement pement process proc		

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Responsiveness to Design Evaluation Criteria



Excellent Good Fair Poor

DESIGN CRITERIA	RATING		со	MMENTS	
1. Severity of Needs The project serves people who have experienced: • Chronically homeless persons	Max: 15		Good 10 points nically homeless	Fair 5 points s persons	Poor O points
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Criterion scoring: • Excellent – all these groups • Good – 10+ • Fair – 5+ • Poor – 4 or less					

2. Local Priorities / Special Populations/Racial Equity	Max: 10	Excellent Good Fair Poor 10 points 8 points 5 points 0 points
Preference will be given to projects that serve one or more of the following local priority populations: • Chronically homeless		
 Households with children Veterans 	_/5	
Has the agency taken steps to identify and address racial disparities in their programs? • Yes/No	_/5	

3 . Services and Benefit obtainment	Max: 10	Excellent Good Fair Poor 10 points 8 points 5 points 0 points
 Provides transportation assistance to enable clients to attend mainstream benefit appointments and/or employment training, or to travel to work Follows up with participants at least annually to ensure mainstream benefits are received and renewed Provides program participants with access to SSI/SSDI technical assistance, either by the applicant, a subrecipient, or partner agency Criterion Scoring Excellent – provides all three of the services above Good – provides only two of the above services Fair – provides only one of the above services Poor – provides none of the services listed above 	_/10	

4. Equal Access/Gender Identity/Anti- discrimination	Max: 5	Excellen 5 point	Fair 2 points	Poor 0 points
The agency is compliant with CoC policies to implement the Equal Access and Gender Identity Final Rules AND Anti-discrimination policies. Scoring criteria: Excellent – all policies were provided and are compliant. Good – all policies were provided and mostly compliant. Fair – some policies were provided and mostly compliant. Poor – no policies were provided or policies were out of compliance.	_/5			

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Responsiveness to Performance Evaluation Criteria



2. Project Performance *first year projects awarded 50% points*	Max: 35	Excel	lent Good 25-29	Fair 18-2	Poor 4 0-17
Projects' effectiveness will be demonstrated through the following metrics: Financial Drawdowns • Excellent – Completed quarterly drawdowns • Good – Missed 1 quarterly drawdown • Fair – Missed 2 quarterly drawdowns • Poor – Missed 3 quarterly drawdowns	_/35	Excellent 3 points	Good 2 points	Fair 1 points	Poor 0 points
Percentage of Funds Expended Excellent – 95% or more of grant expended Good – 90-94% of grant expended Fair – 85-89% of grant expended Poor – less than 85% of the grant expended		Excellent 3 points	Good 2 points	Fair 1 points	Poor 0 points
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Exits to Permanent Housing • Excellent – 95% (PH), 90% (others) • Good –90% (PH), 85% (others) • Fair –80% (PH), 75% (others) • Poor –less than 80% (PH), less than 75% (others)		Excellent 7 points	Good 4 points	Fair 1 point	Poor 0 points
Unit Utilization Rate • Excellent –100% • Good –95% • Fair –90% • Poor –less than 90%		Excellent 5 points	Good 2 points	Fair 1 points	Poor 0 points

Income Growth (all leavers, and stayers who have been in the project for more than 365 days) (+) • Excellent – 50% • Good – 45% • Fair –40% • Poor –less than 40%	-	Excellent 7 points	Good 4 points	Fair 1 point	Poor 0 points	
Returns to Homelessness within 6 months • Excellent –5% • Good –10% • Fair –15% • Poor –greater than 15%		Excellent 7 points	Good 4 points	Fair 1 point	Poor 0 points	

3. Data *first year projects awarded 50% points*	Max: 20	Excellent 20 points	Good 14-19 points	Fair 7-14 points	Poor 0-7 points
Applicants will be expected to meet or exceed the following data quality standards, as detailed in the CoC's HMIS Policies and Procedures:					
Completeness Excellent –no more than 5% missing PII (personally identifying information) Good –no more than 7% missing PII Fair - no more than 10% missing PII Poor –more than 10% missing PII	_/20	12 points	8 points 4 p	Poor oints0 points	
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Evaluation Outcome

Evaluation Criteria	Max. Score	Proposer Score	Total Score:
Design Criteria	40	XX	<u>XX/100</u>
Performance Criteria	60	XX	

CoC PROGRAM NOFA APPLICATION EVALUATION SHEET – New Project

Project Name		
Agency		
Proposed Services		
Total Participants Served:		
Budget Summary:	Grant Request:	
	Documented Match:	
	Total Cost:	\$0,000.00

THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS	RATING	COMMENTS					
	Max: 5		0	0	0		
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor		
		5 points	4points	2.5 points	0 points		
Outstanding audit findings: Successful applicants		Requirement Satisfie	d?: □				
will not have any outstanding HUD, state and local	/_						
government monitoring and/or audit findings.	-/5						
CoC Participation: Successful applicants will be							
members in good standing of the Continuum of		Requirement Satisfie	d?:/□				
Care. (Section 1, question 11)		negan ement eatisjie	<u> </u>				
CoC Interim Rule Compliance: Successful applicants will be in full compliance with all applicable							
requirements of the CoC Interim Rule (24 CFR part			—				
578), including participation in (or willingness to		Requirement Satisfie	d?:∐				
participate in) the Coordinated Entry System.							
(Section 1, question 12)							
House First/Reducing Barriers The project has a housing first model.							
The project has a housing first model.		Does the applicant so			or:		
1. An applicant will be penalized if a program			little or no ii				
screens out program participants for:				stance abuse $arphi$			
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Having an eviction record		• Having a h	istory of don	nestic violence⊆	7		
Having a history of domestic violence		Does the applicant te	erminate pro	aram participar	nts for:		
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 Loss of, or failure to improve income Being a victim of domestic violence 			-	n a lease agreem	nent□		
Activities not covered in a lease agreement				-			
(Section 4)		Any checked boxes w	vill results in (points for Hous	sing First Model.		

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Responsiveness to Design Evaluation Criteria

			Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
DESIGN CRITERIA	RATING		COMM	IENTS		
1. Soundness of Program Design	Max: 25	Excellent 25 points	Good 20 points	Fair 15points	Poor 10 po	oints
The applicant's proposal will be evaluated for overall						

feasibility and anticipated impact.

Is the project a logical extension of the agency's mission and work?

Does the agency have a landlord identification plan?

Does the agency have staffing plan for the new project?

Will the potential impact of this program

assist the CoC in addressing the specific needs of the Continuum?

• Does the hudget make sense? Is it cost-

Does the budget make sense? Is it costeffective?

Criterion Scoring

- Excellent all yes
- Good four "yes" responses
- Fair three "yes" responses
- Poor two or less "yes" responses

2. Agency Capacity and Expertise	Max: 25	Excellent 25 points	Good 20 points	Fair 15 points	Poor 10 points
The applicant's past performance managing CoC awards (or other similar funding sources) will be considered. The applicant's likely ability to administer CoC funding (in addition to its existing programming) will be considered. • Are key staff already in place and ready to begin work? • Are staff well qualified and experienced in the type of services proposed? • The organization has no recent history (last 5 years) of grant funds being recaptured. • Is the agency experienced in effectively managing federal (or similarly sourced) funds? • Is the agency ready to begin within 90 of their award? Criterion Scoring • Excellent – all "yes" responses • Good – four "yes" responses • Fair – three "yes" responses					

DESIGN CRITERIA	RATING	COMMENTS
3. Severity of Needs	Max: 15	Excellent Good Fair Poor 15 points 10 points 5 points 0 points
The project serves people who have experienced: Chronically homeless persons LGBTQ+ persons Youth Veterans Low or no income persons Current substance abuse, significant health or behavioral health challenges, or functional impairments Coming from the streets Criminal history Abuse/victimization or a history of victimization/abuse, Domestic Violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse, sex trafficking High utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs Length of time homeless Risk of continued homelessness Risk of illness or death Only project of its kind in the CoC geography None Criterion scoring: Excellent – all these groups Good – 10+ Fair – 5+		 Chronically homeless persons □ LGBTQ+ persons □ Youth □ Veterans □ Low or no income persons □ Current substance abuse, significant health or behavioral health challenges, or functional impairments □ Coming from the streets □ Criminal history □ Abuse/victimization or a history of victimization/abuse, Domestic Violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse, sex trafficking □ High utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs □ Length of time homeless □ Risk of continued homelessness □ Risk of illness or death □ Only project of its kind in the CoC geography □ None □
Poor – 4 or less		

4. Local Priorities / Special Populations (5pts) Racial Equity (5pts)	Max: 10	Excellent 10 points	Fair 5points	Poor 0 points	
Preference will be given to projects that serve one or more of the following special populations/local priorities:					
Does the project propose to promote racial equity and identify and address any racial disparities? (Yes/No)					

5.	5. Mainstream Benefits	Max: 10			0	\odot	0
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Evaluation Outcome

Evaluation Criteria	Max. Score	Proposer Score	Total Score: XX/100
Design Criteria	100	XX	<u> </u>

2023 DV BONUS PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE

APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE
	an existing CoC renewal? DV bonus fully for DV survivors as long as the expar	• .
DV2. Does this applicant receive VA	AWA funding from the state or federal	government?
If yes, does the applicant use a comp	parable database to HMIS?	
DV3. Describe the extent of the need defined as homeless at 24CFR 578. <i>Maximumcharacters: 1500.</i>	ed for homeless services for survivors 3 (4). (10 points possible).	s of DV and their families who are
	ous experience in serving survivors of and the ability to house this populati	

DV5. What is your plan to involve survivors in policy and program development? 1500

safety outcomes. (10 points possible). Maximum characters: 1500.

2022 NOFO DV BONUS PROJECT SCORING

2022 NOFA	Maximum Points Available
CoC Score Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC. Application.	50
Need for the Project – Quantify the extent of the need and how the project will fill that gap.	10
Quality of the Project Applicant - Previous experience and performance in serving survivors.	15
Inclusion of victim – centered practices – plan to adopt Housing First, Trauma Informed approach, Confidentiality and Safety practices	8
Plan to Include Survivors with Lived Experience – how you will involve survivors in policy and program development	7
Total Possible Score	100



SCORED FORMS FOR ONE PROJECT

RENEWAL PROJECT SCORED – LIGHTHOUSE CONSOLIDATED 2 permanent supportive housing

CoC PROGRAM NOFA APPLICATION EVALUATION SHEET – Renewal

Project Name	LIGHT-House Consolidated 2			
Agency	Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc.			
Proposed Services:	Total Participants Served: 59			
Budget Summary	Grant Request: Documented Match: Total Cost:	\$0,000.00		

THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS	RATING	COMMENTS
	Max:5	Excellent Good Fair Poor
		5 points 4points 2.5 points 0 points
Outstanding audit findings: Successful applicants		Requirement Satisfied?: 🗵
will not have any outstanding HUD, state and local government monitoring and/or audit findings. (1 pt)	5/5	
CoC Participation: Successful applicants will be members in good standing of the Continuum of Care. (1 pt)		Requirement Satisfied?: ⊠
CoC Interim Rule Compliance: Successful applicants will be in full compliance with all applicable requirements of the CoC Interim Rule (24 CFR part 578), including participation in (or willingness to participate in) the Coordinated Entry System. (1 pt)		Requirement Satisfied?: ⊠
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Evaluation Outcome

Evaluation Criteria	Max. Score	Proposer Score	Total Score:
Design Criteria	45	43	<u>85/100</u>
Performance Criteria	55	42	



PUBLIC POSTING – PROJECTS REJECTED-REDUCED

EMAIL NOTIFICATION TO COC

PROJECTS REJECTED-REDUCED NOTIFICATION SIGNED

SCREENSHOT OF POSTING

From: Wakileh, Nisreen [mailto:WakilehNisreen@KaneCountyIL.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 7:26 AM

Cc: Peg White Lijewski

Subject: Notification of Projects Accepted - Reduced - Rejected

Good morning CoC General Membership,

This email is to notify all CoC members and project applicants of the selection and ranking of all projects that applied in the 2023 CoC funding competition.

Attached to this email is the 2023 Projects Accepted Notification, the Projects Rejected-Reduced Notification and the 2023 Project Tiering List.

These documents related to the CoC's project selection and ranking process will be posted to the CoC website no later than 9/13/23.

The CoC webpage can be found at: Pages - Continuum of Care (http://countyofkane.org)
For additional information on the FY23 CoC Program Competition, please visit: CoC Program Competition | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Thank you to all who participated in this year's CoC funding application process, we appreciate your time, effort, and commitment to serving those experiencing homelessness in our community. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Nisreen Wakileh, Program Manager for Homeless Services

Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment 143 First Street | Batavia IL 60510 | Phone: 630-232-3428 | Fax: 630-232-3411



TO: Aurora/Elgin/Kane IL 517 CoC Members

DATE: September 1, 2023

FROM: Denise Momodu, Chair, Continuum of Care for Kane County

RE: NOTIFICATION OF 2023 PROJECTS REJECTED/REDUCED

The Aurora/Elgin/Kane Continuum completed the project selection and tiering process on August 23, 2023. This year 10 renewal projects and 1 new project were considered for inclusion on the 2023 Project Priority List.

All 10 renewal projects were accepted with the requested funding amount. No renewal projects were reduced. There were no reallocations.

Funds available for new projects included the bonus amount of \$179,522. There was 1 new project application totaling \$179,522. This bonus project was selected which was Light-House 10 for permanent supportive housing for 11 households.

The Light-House 10 project amount of \$179,522 met the HUD tiering threshold for Tier Two. The project was placed in the second position in Tier Two following the remaining amount of the last renewal in Tier One that was Community Crisis Center Rapid Rehousing for DV renewal.

All projects that were approved for inclusion are prioritized in a two tier approach. The tiers are financial thresholds. <u>Tier 1 is 93%</u> of the Annual Renewal Demand for current projects. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation and bonus funds available. (excluding the DV bonus amount). The Planning project is excluded from tiering.

Tier 2 project-level scoring is based on 100 points with 3 criteria – CoC Application score, ranked position of the project application in Tier 2, and the project application's commitment to Housing First. Up to 50 pts CoC Score + 40 pts Rank number in Tier 2 + 10pts. Housing First project.

Denise Momodu, Chairperson, Continuum of Care for Kane County



NOTIFICATION OF PROJECTS ACCEPTED

EMAIL NOTIFICATION TO COC

PROJECTS ACCEPTED NOTIFICATION SIGNED

PROJECT TIERING LIST

SCREENSHOT OF POSTING

From: Wakileh, Nisreen [mailto:WakilehNisreen@KaneCountyIL.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 7:26 AM

Cc: Peg White Lijewski

Subject: Notification of Projects Accepted - Reduced - Rejected

Good morning CoC General Membership,

This email is to notify all CoC members and project applicants of the selection and ranking of all projects that applied in the 2023 CoC funding competition.

Attached to this email is the 2023 Projects Accepted Notification, the Projects Rejected-Reduced Notification and the 2023 Project Tiering List.

These documents related to the CoC's project selection and ranking process will be posted to the CoC website no later than 9/13/23.

The CoC webpage can be found at: Pages - Continuum of Care (http://countyofkane.org)
For additional information on the FY23 CoC Program Competition, please visit: CoC Program Competition | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Thank you to all who participated in this year's CoC funding application process, we appreciate your time, effort, and commitment to serving those experiencing homelessness in our community. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Nisreen Wakileh, Program Manager for Homeless Services

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TO: Aurora/Elgin/Kane IL 517 CoC Members

DATE: September 1, 2023

FROM: Denise Momodu, Chair, Continuum of Care for Kane County

RE: NOTIFICATION OF 2023 PROJECTS ACCEPTED AND RANKING/TIERING

The Aurora/Elgin/Kane Continuum completed the project selection and tiering process on August 23, 2023. Ten renewal projects were considered for inclusion on the 2023 Project Priority Listing. All ten renewal projects were accepted at their full funding amount. One new bonus project was submitted and accepted at the full amount. No DV bonus project was submitted. The Kane CoC was eligible to apply for \$206,928 for a domestic violence bonus project.

The CoC Board scored each new and renewal application using the CoC Program NOFA Evaluation Criteria which contains objective ranking criteria. All projects submitted were placed in order of scoring on the CoC NOFA Scoring Summary. This summary with the final Tiering list is posted on https://www.countyofkane.org/Pages/ocr/continuumCare.aspx.

The final Tiering list also attached to this notification. All renewal projects were ranked in Tier One. Community Crisis Center Rapid Rehousing for DV project was the lowest scoring renewal project and was ranked partially in Tier One and Tier Two. The PADS Light House 10 new Permanent Supportive Housing project is placed after the Community Crisis Center renewal in Tier Two. Its full amount was \$179,522. This results in the exact amount needed for Tier Two of \$359,044.

Approximately \$3.13 billion is available. Of this, \$52 million is available for Domestic Violence bonus projects. HUD continues to require all CoCs to rank all projects, except Planning, into two tiers. The purpose of the two tiered approach is for the CoC to clearly indicate their funding priorities.

The tiers are financial thresholds. Tier 1 is 93% of the Annual Renewal Demand for current projects. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation and bonus funds available. (Excluding the DV bonus amount).

Specifically the CoC Board had to include project amounts in Tier One that would equal no more than \$2,385,085 and amounts in Tier Two that would equal no more than \$359,044. The Planning project of \$128,230 is separate in addition to these amounts. The Planning project is excluded from tiering.

HUD will select all project amounts in Tier One from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC before selecting any project amounts in Tier Two. Tier Two projects will be scored individually by HUD up to 100 points each. In Tier Two, HUD will select projects in order of point value from all CoCs. The DV bonus is scored individually on a different 100 point scale by HUD.

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Denise Momodu, Chairperson, Continuum of Care for Kane County



HUD 2023 COC Competition Info				
2023 ARD	\$2,564,607			
Bonus Funds	\$179,522			
Tier One Amount	\$2,385,085			
Tier Two Amount	\$359,044			
DV Bonus amount \$206,928				
Planning amount	\$128,230			

Tiering and Ranking Recommendation					
Tier 1					
Agency	Project	Request	Score		
Kane County	HMIS	111,945			
Lazarus House	PH3	225,356	91.5		
Ecker Center	Leasing	222,488	91.5		
Hesed	Harbor	248,622	91		
Ecker Center	Abbott	113,077	90.5		
Hesed	LH CON2	623,869	85		
Ecker Center	Hunter's Ridge	282,803	84.5		
360 Youth	RRH	138,292	72.5		
Hesed	Lighthouse 9	113,791	70		
CCC	DV RRH	304,842	67.5		
Total:		2,385,085			
	Ti	er 2			
CCC	DV RRH	179,522	67.5		
Hesed	LH10	179,522	98		
Total	Total 359,044				
Total Tier 1 & Tier 2		\$2,744,129 (ARD + Bo	nus)		



LOCAL COMPETITION SELECTION RESULTS

Table of Final Project Scores for all projects and status



	FINAL PROJECT SCORES FOR ALL PROJECTS								
RANK		Tier 1							
	APPLICANT NAME	Project Name	Request	Score					
1	Kane County	HMIS – ACCEPTED	111,945						
2	Lazarus House	PH3 – ACCEPTED	225,356	91.5					
3	Ecker Center	Leasing – ACCEPTED	222,488	91.5					
4	Hesed	Harbor – ACCEPTED	248,622	91					
5	Ecker Center	Abbott – ACCEPTED	113,077	90.5					
6	Hesed	LH Consolidated2 - ACCEPTED	623,869	85					
7	Ecker Center	Hunter's Ridge – ACCEPTED	282,803	84.5					
8	360 Youth	Rapid Rehousing – ACCEPTED	138,292	72.5					
9	Hesed	Lighthouse 9 – ACCEPTED	113,791	70					
10	Community Crisis	Rapid Rehousing for DV -	304,842	67.5					
	Center	ACCEPTED							
	Total:		2,385,085						
		Tier 2							
10	Community Crisis	Rapid Rehousing for DV -	179,522	67.5					
	Center	ACCEPTED							
11	Hesed	LightHouse10 -ACCEPTED	179,522	98					
	Total		359,044						
	Total Tier 1 & Tier 2		\$2,744,129 (ARD + Bonus)					

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PIT Count Data for IL-517 - Aurora, Elgin/Kane County CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	410	251	391	461
Emergency Shelter Total	328	195	318	399
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	17	5	16	11
Total Sheltered Count	345	200	334	410
Total Unsheltered Count	65	51	57	51

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	101	68	92	136
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	88	68	92	118
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	13	0	0	18

PIT Count Data for IL-517 - Aurora, Elgin/Kane County CoC

Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	24	19	22	38
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	24	19	22	38
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	0	0	0	0

Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011 PIT	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	29	14	5	5	10
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	25	12	5	5	7
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	4	2	0	0	3

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

HIC Data for IL-517 - Aurora, Elgin/Kane County CoC

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year- Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year- Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year- Round Beds	Total Year- Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year- Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	407	353	353	100.00%	26	54	48.15%	379	93.12%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	18	18	18	100.00%	0	0	NA	18	100.00%
RRH Beds	62	61	61	100.00%	1	1	100.00%	62	100.00%
PSH Beds	194	194	194	100.00%	0	0	NA	194	100.00%
OPH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
Total Beds	681	626	626	100.00%	27	55	49.09%	653	95.89%

2023 HDX Competition Report HIC Data for IL-517 - Aurora, Elgin/Kane County CoC

HIC Data for IL-517 - Aurora, Elgin/Kane County CoC

Notes

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

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

PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	85	90	93	85

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

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	1	1	13	12

Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	9	11	65	62

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

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2023 HDX Competition Report HIC Data for IL-517 - Aurora, Elgin/Kane County CoC

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Summary Report for IL-517 - Aurora, Elgin/Kane County CoC

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

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

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

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

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

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	829	1338	99	83	-16	53	50	-3
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	841	1349	114	95	-19	62	52	-10

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

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

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

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	849	1354	449	323	-126	151	90	-61
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	958	1476	451	324	-127	194	97	-97

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2		lomelessness n 6 Months		lomelessness 12 Months		lomelessness 24 Months		of Returns Years
	Years Prior)	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from ES	253	29	11%	7	3%	17	7%	53	21%
Exit was from TH	8	0	0%	0	0%	1	13%	1	13%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	14	0	0%	0	0%	2	14%	2	14%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	275	29	11%	7	3%	20	7%	56	20%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	251	391	140
Emergency Shelter Total	195	318	123
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	5	16	11
Total Sheltered Count	200	334	134
Unsheltered Count	51	57	6

Metric 3.2 - Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	848	1360	512
Emergency Shelter Total	836	1349	513
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	28	23	-5

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	111	132	21
Number of adults with increased earned income	8	6	-2
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	7%	5%	-2%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	111	132	21
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	28	24	-4
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	25%	18%	-7%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	111	132	21
Number of adults with increased total income	32	30	-2
Percentage of adults who increased total income	29%	23%	-6%

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	24	24	0
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	7	5	-2
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	29%	21%	-8%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	24	24	0
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	7	4	-3
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	29%	17%	-12%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	24	24	0
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	13	9	-4
Percentage of adults who increased total income	54%	38%	-16%

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	839	1270	431
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	334	316	-18
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	505	954	449

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	849	1296	447
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	341	335	-6
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	508	961	453

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	0	0	0
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	0	0	0
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	0	0	0
% Successful exits			

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

FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	572	757	185
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	153	170	17
% Successful exits	27%	22%	-5%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	141	183	42
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	141	175	34
% Successful exits/retention	100%	96%	-4%

FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality

IL-517 - Aurora, Elgin/Kane County CoC

	All ES, SH		All TH			All PSH, OPH		All RRH			All Street Outreach				
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non- DV Beds on HIC	371	353	353	18	18	18	184	189	192	9	11	65			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	336	318	318	18	18	18	184	189	192	9	11	61			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	90.57	90.08	90.08	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	93.85			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	1040	838	1349	28	28	23	131	204	204	24	53	85	195	188	187
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	888	613	803	14	15	16	19	13	17	9	16	36	80	117	120
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	317	144	171	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	1	2	2	2
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	35.70	23.49	21.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.76	55.56	0.00	2.78	2.50	1.71	1.67

FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality

Submission and Count Dates for IL-517 - Aurora, Elgin/Kane County CoC

Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/26/2023	

Report Submission Date in HDX

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



HOUSING LEVERAGING COMMITMENT

Public Action to Deliver Shelter letter for Light House10 new PSH project

11 units x 25% = 3 new PSH units



Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc. (PADS®)

Inter-Congregational Ministries Providing Food, Clothing, Shelter and Hope to Homeless Persons at Hesed House.

August 14, 2023

Letter of Commitment

This letter of commitment is being utilized in the FY 2023 HUD CoC NOFO, in order to add additional housing capacity to the LIGHT-House 10 new project application, allowing for the expansion of the permanent supportive housing project serving highly vulnerable chronically homeless households.

Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc. commits to providing 3 privately funded additional units of permanent supportive housing to the LIGHT-House 10 project (HUD CoC PSH). No federal, state or other government funds will be utilized to provide the subsidy for this additional PSH unit.

These privately subsidized housing units, over the time period of Dec. 1st, 2024, through Nov. 30th, 2025, will be valued at \$36,000 (\$1,000/month x 3 units x 12 months).

In addition, Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc. commits that its LIGHT-House 10 program staff will provide supportive services to the household in these privately funded units.

Sincerely,

Joe Jackson, Executive Director Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc.



Healthcare Formal Agreements

MOU between Public Action to Deliver Shelter and Association for Individual Development

Total project cost = \$179,522 x 25% = \$44,881

MOU = \$45,000 for mental health services



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August 14, 2023

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of locations, programs and services.

Joseph Jackson Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc. 659 South River Street Aurora, IL 60506

Dear Joe:

When the LIGHT-House 10 program is initially funded through the Kane County Continuum of Care, the Association for Individual Development commits to provide mental health services. substance use counseling, case management, housing location assistance, assistance with financial benefits, rental assistance, crisis intervention, developmental assessments, employment services for persons with disabilities and referrals to the LIGHT-House 10 program of Public Action to Deliver Shelter for the period of December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025. These services have a minimum value of \$45,000.

Sincerely

Lore Baker President/CEO

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