

Before Starting the Special CoC Application

You must submit both of the following parts in order for us to consider your Special NOFO Consolidated Application complete:

1. the CoC Application, and
2. the CoC Priority Listing.

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

1. The Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (Special NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The Special NOFO Continuum of Care (CoC) Application Detailed Instructions for Collaborative Applicants 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.

CoC Approval is Required before You Submit Your CoC's Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application 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 the [Specific Attachment Name] attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.

- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with—if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.
- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: WA-508 - Vancouver/Clark County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Council for the Homeless

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Council for the Homeless

1A-5.	New Projects	
	Complete the chart below by indicating which funding opportunity(ies) your CoC applying for projects under. A CoC may apply for funding under both set asides; however, projects funded through the rural set aside may only be used in rural areas, as defined in the Special NOFO.	
1.	Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside	Yes
2.	Rural Homelessness Set Aside	No

1B. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking—Local Competition

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1B-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC Local Competition Deadline—Advance Public Notice. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project application submission for your CoC's local competition.	08/18/2022

1B-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected new project applications during your CoC's 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

1B-3.	Projects Rejected/Reduced—Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	1. Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	No
	2. Did your CoC inform the applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	
	3. If you selected yes, for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	

You must select a response for elements 1 and 2 – if you select Yes for element 1, you must enter a date in element 3 in question 1B-3.

1B-3a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/05/2022
1B-4.	Web Posting of the CoC-Approved Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC posted its Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or affiliate's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application, and 2. Priority Listings.	10/06/2022

2A. System Performance

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2A-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors.	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.b.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;	
	2. how your CoC addresses 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 or to end homelessness for individuals and families.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC examines risk factors such as income level and mainstream benefits access), as well as household access to other social services (e.g. food pantries). In addition to programs serving individuals experiencing homelessness, the CoC collects data for anti-poverty programs in the HMIS such as community service centers, food pantries, local public utilities, allowing us to identify risk factors in the community through available data. The CoC conducts a Community Needs Assessment every three years to determine community needs, including housing.

2. Over the past year, the CoC has seen a decrease in number of newly homeless households entering the system, likely due to the funds allocated towards Homeless Prevention & Diversion efforts across CoC . As a result of the pandemic, the CoC allocated additional ESG HP funding to assist HHs at risk of homelessness and has to date distributed over \$55 million in rental assistance (CARES, Dept. of Treasury, etc.) to over 6000 households impacted by COVID-19. These resource commitments significantly reduce the number of individuals entering the homeless service.

3. Council for the Homeless is the CE lead agency.

2A-2.	Length of Time Homeless—Strategy to Reduce. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.c.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's local vulnerability screening, the CCAT, includes length of time experiencing homelessness as a vulnerability factor. In addition, the CoC has focused on increasing staffing support for households in shelter, with particular focus on housing navigation support to ensure households are able to work on addressing and reducing housing barriers while in shelter. In particular, Housing Navigators work closely with households and landlords, developing strong relationships to ensure the household has long term stability once housed. In addition, the increase of Coordinated Outreach efforts in the CoC has increased wraparound supports for households who are less likely to engage with services and has shown successful outcomes for many chronically homeless households in the community.

2. The CoC's HMIS team updates a system dashboard each month with information captured by the CE team over the past month, including length of homelessness. This information is reviewed by the CoC work groups, including the CoC Steering and Coordinated Outreach teams to ensure prioritization of services and identification of gaps in system services.

3. Council for the Homeless is the CE lead agency

2A-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:

1.	emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and
2.	permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC saw a small decrease in system wide exits to permanent housing in the past year, likely tied to the ongoing impacts of pandemic and continually increasing rental costs with decreasing availability of units that are within most households' very tight budgets. With this in mind, the CoC has continued focusing on expanding Diversion supports, including housing navigation and landlord recruitment efforts. Diversion has expanded beyond the CE agency to include Coordinated Outreach teams and the approach is also used by local agencies running shelters as well.

2. The CoC efforts to support households accessing permanent housing programs and any potential exits from these programs is focused on increasing case management and connection to mainstream resources to ensure households are able to maintain their housing. In collaboration with the PHA in the CoC, 100 Emergency Housing Vouchers were received in Clark County and the CoC Steering Committee prioritized identification of households in PSH programs who no longer needed the ongoing case management and with a housing voucher could sustain their housing. With these vouchers, the CoC was able to increase positive exits and expand access to other households in need of PSH level supports.

2A-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC HMIS team updates the System Numbers Dashboard every month with numbers collected from programs and CE staff. Households returning to the system are captured and included in this system dashboard, which is regularly reviewed for outcomes and to ensure programmatic outcomes are meeting requirements.

2. The CoC continues to prioritize the expansion of prevention assistance. As the federal funding winds down, the CoC continues utilizing a vulnerability screening tool for prioritization of for households in need of rental assistance, which includes previous experiences of homeless as a risk factor.

3. Council for the Homeless is the CE lead agency

2A-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase employment cash sources;
2.	how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and

3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The HMIS team has ensured all program entry/exit information tracks income and benefits to ensure the CoC's System Dashboard reports provide trends on how successfully the system and programs are in increasing income supports for households receiving services.

2. The CoC works closely with several employment agencies, who utilize HMIS, increasing system collaboration and tracking of services accessed. The CoC regularly invites employment services agencies to present at the general CoC meeting and sends out flyers and resources regularly to ensure greater system collaboration and ensure program staff are aware of resources available in the community.

3. Council for the Homeless is the CE lead agency

	2A-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income—Strategy. (All Applicants)	
		Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	
		Describe in the field below:	
	1.	the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase non-employment cash income;	
	2.	your CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and	
	3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC regularly provides updates at work group meetings and the general CoC meeting regarding changes or access to non-cash benefits. In addition, the HMIS system provides non cash benefits on program entry and exit, regularly updated on the System Dashboard report, which is reviewed by work groups, the CoC general meeting, to ensure gaps are identified and additional resources are provided to CoC members to increase households' access to these resources.

2. Council for the Homeless is the CE lead agency

2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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2B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Sections VII.B.3.a.(1)	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

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

20.	Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	No	No
21.	Non-CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	No	No
22.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	No	No
23.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	No	No
24.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	No	No
25.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	No	No
26.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	No	No
27.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	No	No
29.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	No	No
30.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)			
33.				
34.				

By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

2B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(2), V.B.3.g.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	communicated the invitation process annually to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	conducted outreach to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join your CoC; and
4.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, other People of Color, persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Community members may join the CoC groups at any time, with the exception of the governing board. Members of the COC group are encouraged at every opportunity to invite colleagues, friends, and clients who may be interested in joining to attend the meetings. The large CoC meetings send out an email invitation broadly across the community prior to each meeting. In addition, the CoC shares the opportunity on social media and provides fliers to community agencies. The workgroup and ad hoc meetings are shared at the large CoC meeting and attendees are encouraged to attend. An invitation flyer is also on the public CoC website to share with nonmembers and those who CFTH trainings are also invited to attend. CFTH will also seek out groups or individuals when a gap has been identified or a new group has joined the community to issue invitation to join the CoC.

2. CoC meetings continue to be held virtually, which our community has found increase attendance at the meetings since before the pandemic. In the future, for any in person meetings, a hybrid option will continue to be offered. The large CoC general meeting agenda and one page invitation both specifies how people with disabilities can request accommodation. In the meeting, questions and comments can be provided via the chat option or verbal, the meeting summaries are posted on the website and sent out to attendees and the CoC listserv.

3. The CoC actively works to recruit and encourage attendance from people with lived experience at CoC meetings and ensures that any efforts to solicit feedback for system change is also focused on ensuring feedback from people with lived experiencing and those currently experiencing homelessness. While, remote meetings have increased attendance, the CoC also recognizes that can present a barrier for those without access to a computer, so is actively working to offer a hybrid meeting to increase accessibility.

4. Invitations to the large CoC group are shared annually, at a minimum, with local by and for agencies (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, peer focused, and People with disabilities). In addition, the CoC prioritizes extending invitations to all new by and for agencies starting the in community. The CoC regularly works with by and for partners to send out updates regarding community events held by by and for partners and regularly solicits feedback on topics and trainings to be held for the CoC meetings.

2B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(3)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information; and
3.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. When developing an action plan or soliciting feedback for major initiatives the CoC solicits information through targeted text surveys, virtual and in person forums, and individual or small group discussion virtually or in person. In text surveys, people are asked if they are willing to engage further, this provides a list of interested stakeholders who may be willing to gather virtually or in person for further discussion. In addition, the CoC works closely with the Coordinated Outreach teams to gather feedback and suggestions for any proposed projects or system changes from unhoused community members.

2. The CoC often uses community wide events, including neighborhood association meetings, multicultural fairs, and other events, as opportunities to solicit feedback from a broad array of stakeholders, offering paper surveys, text based, and online options for anyone interested in providing feedback on system changes.

3. Feedback gathered from the public and CoC members, is reviewed and is included as a part of decision making by the CoC Steering committee and other work groups as decisions are made on system change efforts.

2B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(4)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC's local competition was open and accepting project applications;
2.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
3.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications;
4.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
5.	how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. When the applications were announced, the Collaborative Applicant sent out a CoC wide announcement and posted information on the CoC website, including all necessary timelines required for application.
2. The announcement, webpages, and request for application all specified that “New applicants were welcome to apply”. The Collaborative Applicant also hosted an interested parties webinar early in the RFA process and shared the recording on the CoC website, in order to provide coaching to agencies who may be new to the process.
3. The CoC website included step by step instructions for the application process, including important timelines to note. In addition to providing step by step guidelines, the CoC collaborative applicant also held an information session for any applicants, but specifically encouraged any new applicants to attend to answer questions and concerns. After the information session, the recording was posted to the CoC website for anyone who was unable to attend.
4. The CoC website included information about the all steps in the application process, including the internal community application and the esnaps application. The form used was available for review on the CoC website and scoring process was outlined for all applicants to review.
5. Throughout this process, invitations and communications were largely conducted via written word, including social media, email and website posting. The Collaborative Application website type can be expanded to any size font and the information can also be requested in braille.

2C. Coordination / Engagement—with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations

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2C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.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 Planning or Operations of Projects
1.	Funding Collaboratives	No
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	No
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	No
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.		

2C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG 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 Consolidated Plan update.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The local ESD and ESG-CV recipient is Clark County, who is an active member of the COC and its associated groups. The County utilized the communities Homeless Action Plan, HMIS data, Pit County, and identified needs from the CoC committees to allocate ESG and ESG-CV funds.
2. Members of the CoC Steering Committee are able to receive a summary of ESG monitoring reports from the County and provide feedback regarding next steps, focus areas or needs.
3. The CoC provides the PIT county numbers and HIC data to the two CON Plan jurisdictions on an annual basis. Both jurisdictions are actively involved in the COC and the gathering of data for both reports.
4. The CoC provides detailed information annually regarding the CoC projects and the overall homeless crisis response system to the two jurisdictions in the CoC regions. In addition, the CoC provides specific information via HMIS when requested to support the Con Plan goals.

2C-3.	Discharge Planning Coordination. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the systems of care listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs.		
1.	Foster Care	Yes
2.	Health Care	Yes
3.	Mental Health Care	Yes
4.	Correctional Facilities	Yes

2C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, School Districts. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the entities your CoC collaborates with:		
1.	Youth Education Provider	Yes
2.	State Education Agency (SEA)	Yes
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Yes
4.	School Districts	Yes

2C-4a.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, School Districts—Formal Partnerships. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC collaborates with the entities checked in Question 2C-4; and
2.	the formal partnerships your CoC has with the entities checked in Question 2C-4.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC works closely with youth education providers and this includes LEA representation in CoC work groups and on the CoC Steering Committee. Representatives from two local school districts are voting members of the CoC Steering Committee and provide regular input and recommendations for CoC policy creation.

In addition, the CoC has formal partnerships with all school districts via our Family Community Resource Centers and their McKinney-Vento liaisons to participate in our annual point in time count, direct and referral for families who meet the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness to services through our Coordinated Entry system.

2C-4b.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Projects that serve households with children are required to ensure regular update of information on the educational liaison that will ensure children are enrolled in school and connected to appropriate services in the community including early childhood programming, Head Start, and McKinney Vento Educational Services. Projects that serve households with children are also expected to incorporate the following within the service model and/or through policies and procedures, as appropriate: A case management model that includes developmentally appropriate intake and service planning for each member of the family; Services are provided where the child is living or the project provides space for home-based, early childhood services; Facilitation of on-site development screening for all children that enter the program; Actively assist families in accessing child care options; Assess, track, and monitor the health of children in the program, including providing connection to health care providers. These expectations are reviewed through the annual CoC Evaluation process and monitoring.

2C-5.	Mainstream Resources—CoC Training of Project Staff. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

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

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

You must select a response for elements 1 through 6 in question 2C-5.

2C-5a.	Mainstream Resources—CoC Collaboration with Project Staff Regarding Healthcare Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance;
3.	provides assistance to project staff with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits; and
4.	works with projects to promote SOAR certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC collaborative applicant methodically tracks updates regarding mainstream resources and has close relationships with DSHS, Social Security, and other local agencies. The CA shares information through its CoC email newsletter, through the CFTH blog, Facebook, and Instagram. When a major change occurs, the Coalition is provided with information regarding the change and how it will impact clients. There is time during each Coalition meeting to provide updates from members to members and minutes/materials are shared at the meeting.

2. The CoC can identify if the household does not have health insurance and connect the client with any Medicaid service provider to enroll. This information is accessible via CE, including homeless outreach teams, community health workers, and peer agencies.

3. The CoC has worked to develop several case management model programs for households with significant health issues to receive wraparound supports to address barriers to stabilize their housing and increasing access to the health care system to address barriers to health. In addition to an increase in collaboration between the HCRS and health care agencies, the CoC also provides updates to Medicaid funding and health care resources at CoC general meetings and work group meetings on a regular basis.

4. CoC regularly provides trainings from SOAR certified trainers to expand the number of staff across the CoC able to provide this service, with a particular focus on Coordinated Outreach teams over the past year.

3A. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

The CoC Special NOFO page provides HUD-approved resources to assist you in completing the Special NOFO CoC Application, including:

- Special Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness
- 24 CFR part 578
- Special NOFO CoC Application Navigational Guide
- Section 3 Resources
- Frequently Asked Questions

3A-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects. (Rural Set Aside Only). Special NOFO Section VII.A.	
If the answer to the question below is yes, you must upload the CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.		
Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project(s) under the Rural Set Aside for housing rehabilitation or new construction costs?		No

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

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3B-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	

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

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4A. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

Please read the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:

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| | 1. | You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete. |
| | 2. | You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes' |
| | 3. | We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images and reduces file size. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print Option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube. |
| | 4. | Attachments must match the questions they are associated with. |
| | 5. | Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. |
| | 6. | If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).
- We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment. |
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Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1B-1. Local Competition Announcement	Yes		
1B-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes		
1B-3. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes		
1B-3a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes		
1B-4. Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1. CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs	No		
3B-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
P-1. Leveraging Housing Commitment	No		
P-1a. PHA Commitment	No	VHA Letter of Sup...	10/12/2022
P-3. Healthcare Leveraging Commitment	No		
P-9c. Lived Experience Support Letter	No		
Plan. CoC Plan	Yes	CoC Plan	10/14/2022

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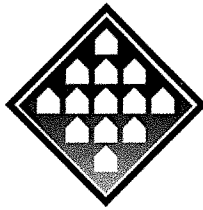
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Document Description: CoC Plan

Submission Summary

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

Page	Last Updated
1A. CoC Identification	10/10/2022
1B. Project Review, Ranking and Selection	Please Complete
2A. System Performance	10/13/2022
2B. Coordination and Engagement	10/13/2022
2C. Coordination and Engagement–Con't.	Please Complete
3A. New Projects With Rehab/New Construction	No Input Required
3B. Homelessness by Other Federal Statutes	10/13/2022
4A. Attachments Screen	Please Complete
Submission Summary	No Input Required



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HOUSING AUTHORITY

October 12, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of commitment from the Housing Authority of the City of Vancouver to collaborate with the Vancouver/Clark County Continuum of Care (WA-508) for the Stability Voucher Program and the Continuum of Care Special NOFO. Specifically, we commit to:

- 1) work with our CoC to pair vouchers with CoC-funded supportive services; and
- 2) work with our CoC and other stakeholders to develop a prioritization plan for a potential allocation of stability vouchers.

We are very excited for this opportunity and have already started discussing potential prioritization plans, as well as, how to pair supportive services with the stability vouchers. We are able to build upon our very successful collaboration with the Emergency Housing Voucher program and our current preference for Coordinated Entry on our Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Sincerely,

Roy Johnson
Executive Director

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