

Before Starting the CoC Application

The CoC Consolidated Application consists of three parts, the CoC Application, the CoC Priority Listing, and all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected. All three must be submitted for the CoC Consolidated Application to be considered complete.

The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for reviewing the following:

1. The FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2018 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.
6. Questions marked with an asterisk (*), which are mandatory and require a response.

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

Instructions:

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: CA-522 - Humboldt County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Humboldt County

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Humboldt County

1B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Engagement

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1B-1. CoC Meeting Participants. For the period from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018, using the list below, applicant must: (1) select organizations and persons that participate in CoC meetings; and (2) indicate whether the organizations and persons vote, including selecting CoC Board members.

Organization/Person Categories	Participates in CoC Meetings	Votes, including selecting CoC Board Members
Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes
CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Not Applicable	No
Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes
Local Jail(s)	No	No
Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes
EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes
Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes
Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes
Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes
CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes
Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	No
Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes
School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes
CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes
Non-CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	No
Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes
Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Advocates	Yes	Yes
LGBT Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Agencies that serve survivors of human trafficking	Yes	Yes
Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes
Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes
Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes

Other:(limit 50 characters)		
Univ Reps	Yes	Yes
Natv Amer Fam Svcs	Yes	Yes
Chmber of Comm	Yes	Yes

1B-1a. Applicants must describe the specific strategy the CoC uses to solicit and consider opinions from organizations and/or persons that have an interest in preventing or ending homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters)

1.THE COC SOLICITS OPINIONS from its diverse membership, including service providers, developers, government agencies & leaders, faith-based organizations & community members dedicated to ending homelessness, via well-attended BI-MONTHLY PUBLIC GENERAL MEETINGS & special meetings, advertised on the CoC’s website, on topics such as IMPLEMENTING NEW EMERGENCY SHELTER TO RESPOND TO OVERWHELMING NEED; STRATEGIES TO DECRIMINALIZE ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH HOMELESSNESS; UPDATING THE 2019 UNSHELTERED PIT COUNT METHODOLOGY & PLANNING PROCESS; DRAWING INSPIRATION FROM THE YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM (YHDP).

2.THE COC COMMUNICATES BI-MONTHLY INVITATIONS TO THE PUBLIC VIA LISTSERV to 150+ mostly non-CoC funded stakeholders, inviting interested community stakeholders to attend public meetings & join the CoC as a voting member. Notices of upcoming General CoC meetings & agendas are posted on the CoC main webpage, describing the focus for each meeting intended to attract diverse participants. For example, the August 2018 CoC general meeting advertised an educational presentation & workshop put on by Legal Services of Northern California on the topic of Fair Housing & the Equal Access Final Rule.

3.THE COC CONSIDERS OPINIONS GATHERED AT PUBLIC MEETINGS & incorporates attendee feedback into CoC-planning & agenda topics for future meetings, to ensure the community has an active part in shaping the CoC’s response to homelessness. The November 2017 General Meeting sought public input to support preparations for the 2019 Unsheltered PIT Count. As promised, the CoC Lead & CoC members conducted targeted outreach to strengthen partnerships & solicit feedback on strategies to strengthen PIT Count methodology. As a result, additional organizations from Southern Humboldt that have not previously participated in the CoC will lead South County PIT Count efforts, providing valuable insight & support in canvassing this portion of the CoC geographic area.

1B-2.Open Invitation for New Members. Applicants must describe:

- (1) the invitation process;**
- (2) how the CoC communicates the invitation process to solicit new members;**
- (3) how often the CoC solicits new members; and**
- (4) any special outreach the CoC conducted to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are**

**encouraged to join the CoC.
(limit 2,000 characters)**

1. INVITATION PROCESS: Potential new members are directed to email the CoC Lead who will add them to the listserv; all members of the community are welcome & receive information on meeting times & locations via the Public Invitation & listserv announcements. New voting members are approved by a quorum of the Executive Committee (CoC Board). To diversify membership, representatives from all sectors of housing & homelessness are encouraged to join (e.g., Victim Service Providers, Veteran Service Providers, Tribes, local University/Schools, Law Enforcement, etc.). Our CoC benefits from & builds on our small community's strong network of interested parties & is INCLUSIVE OF ALL COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS interested in joining the CoC.

2. THE COC INVITES NEW MEMBERS BY POSTING A PUBLIC INVITATION ON ITS WEBSITE ANNUALLY as well as bi-monthly meeting agendas & encourages CoC members to conduct direct outreach to all stakeholders & key strategic partners in ending homelessness.

3. COC SOLICITS NEW MEMBERS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY & AT LEAST ANNUALLY through a publicly posted invitation, & bi-monthly postings of meeting agendas on the CoC website. The ED of the Eureka Chamber of Commerce regularly conducts outreach to increase CoC participation among local businesses, in-person & through the Chamber's newsletter. Faith-based org'n members regularly outreach to solicit volunteers for the annual PIT Count, & to coordinate provision of resources.

4. COC CONDUCTS SPECIAL OUTREACH to invite persons with lived experiences of homelessness to join the CoC & to staff the Consumer Advisory Committee, begun in 2017. Consumer representatives are very involved in the local Board of Supervisor (BoS) meetings concerning the shelter crisis in Humboldt; through these & other community meetings, the CoC has identified persons with lived experiences of homelessness to regularly report out to the CoC through the Consumer Advisory Committee on matters related to consumer policy & advocacy.

**1B-3. Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. Applicants must describe how the CoC notified the public that it will accept and consider proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding, even if the CoC is not applying for new projects in FY 2018, and the response must include the date(s) the CoC publicly announced it was open to proposals.
(limit 2,000 characters)**

1. NOTICE OF PUBLIC SOLICITATION ENCOURAGES APPLICATIONS FROM ORGANIZATIONS NOT PREVIOUSLY AWARDED COC PROGRAM FUNDING. The CoC published an announcement of the funding opportunity & upcoming Technical Assistance (TA) workshop to a listserv reaching 150+ stakeholders, mostly non-CoC funded & on its website (7/18/2017). Interested agencies (including one new non-CoC-funded agency from underserved South Humboldt) attended the TA workshop (7/25/17) at which the funding opportunity, proposal submission method (LOI emailed to the Collaborative Applicant, DHHS), application, & review process were explained in detail. The Collab Applicant provides TA to new project applicants before, during, & after

the competition.

2. NEW PROJECT proposals are scored based on Consistency w/ Community Needs, Project Quality, Appropriateness & Readiness, Budget & Cost Effectiveness, & Agency Capacity (which DOES NOT require CoC experience). RENEWAL PROJECTS are scored using scaled-scoring for Performance Measures (e.g., Utilization, Housing Retention, etc.). New in 2018, ALL Projects were scored on projects' RESPONSIVENESS TO UNMET COMMUNITY NEED & fidelity to HOUSING FIRST (HF). All applicants have interviews with the non-conflicted Review & Rank (R&R) Panel, where they have the opportunity to describe day-to-day operations of their project(s), past/proposed outcomes, & to explain any irregularities that may affect scoring. The R&R Panel has discretion to award points to Renewal Projects above scaled-scores where performance was affected by factors beyond the applicant's control. Otherwise, due to consistently high performance, the R&R Panel maintains fidelity to the scaled-scores to ensure scoring & ranking of all projects is clear & transparent. Applicants opportunity to appeal to a non-conflicted Appeals Panel, & the list is confirmed by the Executive Committee.

3. The CoC publicly announced it was open to proposals June 27, 2018.

4. THE COC ACCEPTS ALL ELIGIBLE PROPOSALS.

1C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordination

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1C-1. CoCs Coordination, Planning, and Operation of Projects. Applicants must use the chart below to identify the federal, state, local, private, and other organizations that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness that are included in the CoCs coordination, planning, and operation of projects.

Entities or Organizations the CoC coordinates planning and operation of projects	Coordinates with Planning and Operation of Projects
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
Head Start Program	Yes
Funding Collaboratives	Yes
Private Foundations	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Funded Housing and Service Programs	Not Applicable
Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Funded Housing and Service Programs	Yes
Housing and service programs funded through other Federal resources	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
Housing and service programs funded through private entities, including foundations	Yes
Other:(limit 50 characters)	

1C-2. CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. Applicants must describe how the CoC:

- (1) consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG funds; and**
 - (2) participated in the evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. THE COC HAS BEEN AN ESG SUBRECIPIENT SINCE 2016 & IS NOT PART OF AN ENTITLEMENT JURISDICTION. Our CoC consults with HCD, the State ESG recipient, to solicit applications from potential Balance of State-grantees & hold fair & open local competitions. The State of CA HCD is the only

applicable ConPlan jurisdiction. The CoC provides the CA Statewide ConPlan jurisdiction with Humboldt County HIC, PIT & HMIS data by making all of this information available through public posting on the CoC’s website, & as requested by the recipient.

2.EVALUATING/REPORT PERFORMANCE OF ESG PROGRAM

RECIPIENTS: To ensure that local information on homelessness is clearly communicated & addressed in ConPlan updates, the COLLAB APPLICANT ATTENDS & PARTICIPATES IN ALL HCD ESG-WORKSHOPS OFFERED & a CoC-member sits on the HCD Advisory Committees for CDBG & HOME. The Committees for the CDBG program meet monthly, & the committees for the HOME program meet semi-annually. Committee members review proposed changes to regulations, policies & procedures, & give input when HCD solicits feedback from the CoC. **EVALUATING/REPORTING PERFORMANCE OF ESG PROGRAM SUBRECIPIENTS:** At the June 2018 CoC meeting, the CoC Lead announced the 2018 ESG NOFA and instructed applicants to submit Letters of Intent (LOI) for Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, & Rapid Re-Housing projects; Arcata House Partnership submitted an LOI for an Adult Shelter & Rapid Re-Housing project. The CoC used the same method used by HCD to evaluate proposals for the competitive allocation, ranking based on Experience, Ability to provide data on performance outcomes, etc. Where more than one applicant submits a proposal for ESG funds, the CoC will form a non-conflicted ESG Review & Rank Panel to evaluate proposals. Arcata House Partnership submitted proposals for its Adult Shelter & Rapid Re-Housing project, which the CoC recommended for ESG funding at the amounts requested.

1C-2a. Providing PIT and HIC Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions. Did the CoC provide Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area? Yes to both

1C-2b. Providing Other Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions. Did the CoC provide local homelessness information other than PIT and HIC data to the jurisdiction(s) Consolidated Plan(s)? Yes

1C-3. Addressing the Safety Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. Applicants must describe:

- (1) the CoC’s protocols, including the existence of the CoC’s emergency transfer plan, that prioritizes safety and trauma-informed, victim-centered services to prioritize safety; and**
 - (2) how the CoC maximizes client choice for housing and services while ensuring safety and confidentiality.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1.THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM (CES) WRITTEN STANDARDS

IMPLEMENT TRAUMA-INFORMED, VICTIM-CENTERED PRACTICES. COC ADOPTED A VAWA-COMPLIANT EMERGENCY TRANSFER PLAN (September 11, 2018; attached as Appendix B). The CoC CE Policies & Procedures ensure referrals & client information are secure; Victim Service Providers (VSPs) are required to use a SEPARATE DATABASE for client data. CES refers DV survivors to housing & services quickly & safely, & the location of DV programs & ES are kept CONFIDENTIAL. The main non-CoC-funded VSP, Humboldt Domestic Violence Services (HDVS) provides clients in crisis with ES in safe & undisclosed locations. DV survivors access CES by calling 2-1-1 (phone-based entry point for CES), which uses pre-screen questions to streamline referrals & determine if an assessment should be administered; based on responses, survivors are referred quickly & confidentially to appropriate housing/resources based on eligibility, using a HF approach (e.g., no barriers to entry for history of DV, low/no income, history of drug use, etc.). Where a survivor declines a resource, they remain at the same priority level & are offered different resources as available.

2.CE MAXIMIZES TRAUMA-INFORMED CLIENT CHOICE BY ENSURING SAFE ACCESS TO ALL HOUSING & RESOURCES available in the geographic area, whether dedicated to survivors of DV or are non-DV-dedicated. All CoC & non-CoC projects for CH Adults, Family & Transitional Aged Youth assess for needs of survivors of DV. If a family fleeing or with a history of DV presents at ES, Arcata House Partnership (AHP) screens for Domestic Violence risk factors & trauma for all families; if the family is eligible & appropriate to be matched with Transitional Housing, the family will be referred to Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA)'s secure Transitional Housing program for families fleeing DV called Safe Haven. 2-1-1 also conducts referrals to the non-CoC funded Women's Crisis Shelter in Southern Humboldt (WISH) & HDVS.

1C-3a. Applicants must describe how the CoC coordinates with victim services providers to provide annual training to CoC area projects and Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. (limit 2,000 characters)

1.COC PROVIDERS RECEIVE ANNUAL TRAININGS ON TRAUMA INFORMED CARE, SURVIVOR-DRIVEN MOBILE CARE, & HUD REQUIREMENTS REGARDING BEST PRACTICES FOR SERVING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. A DHHS (Collab Applicant) staff member coordinates the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC), a partnership of public & private agencies & individuals that holds quarterly general meetings to educate regional providers, including homelessness service providers, regarding the needs of survivors of DV & best practices regarding the provision of housing & services to meet their needs; DVCC works to ensure the response to DV is implemented w/o prejudice based on gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, class, age, citizenship status or disabilities. On September 11, 2018 CoC-funded providers attended a training regarding implementation of the Humboldt Emergency Transfer Plan for survivors of DV in Humboldt, adopted following discussion & training to CoC-funded providers in attendance. Additionally, CoC-funded staff attended CIBHS Rural Supportive Housing Training Workshops in Mammoth Lakes in August 2018 and in Sacramento in March 2018 which included Trauma Informed Care training.

2.CES OPERATORS RECEIVE ANNUAL TRAININGS ON TRAUMA INFORMED CARE, SURVIVOR-DRIVEN MOBILE CARE, & HUD REQUIREMENTS REGARDING BEST PRACTICES FOR SERVING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. The Collab Applicant is the agency coordinating &/or facilitating all trainings for CE Provider - Humboldt Information & Resource Center (HIRC). CE staff attend CoC Executive Meetings & trainings to all CoC-funded housing & service providers, & were involved in the implementation process for the Humboldt CoC Emergency Transfer Plan policy. CE staff receive training at least annually on best practices for providing Trauma Informed Care, safety & planning protocols as outlined in the CoC Written Standards, & administration of the VI-SPDAT assessment to survivors & persons fleeing DV.

1C-3b. Applicants must describe the data the CoC uses to assess the scope of community needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including data from a comparable database. (limit 2,000 characters)

HUMBOLDT COUNTY VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS PARTICIPATE IN COC MEETINGS AS VOTING MEMBERS & PRESENT INFORMATION BASED ON DE-IDENTIFIED AGGREGATE DATA to give updates to the County Board of Supervisors & at local City Council meetings each year. The main local Victim Service Provider (VSP) agency, HUMBOLDT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES (HDVS), analyzes & presents information related to the community's unmet need based on aggregate data collected through a client-centered software approved by HUD called Apricot. Data included in this system is collected in a variety of ways, with the majority being through one-on-one interactions with survivors and persons fleeing DV through provision of direct services, client intakes, crisis & support line calls. HDVS served over 9,000 clients in a 12-month period (July 2017 – June 2018). Aggregate data demonstrates that at least ninety percent of DV Survivors need housing &/or services in Humboldt County: Because CES in Humboldt prioritizes persons experiencing Chronic Homelessness for all CoC-funded Permanent Supportive, (which according to recent PIT Count data is the largest population of persons experiencing homelessness in Humboldt), survivors and persons fleeing DV often do not meet eligibility criteria for CoC-funded projects in Humboldt. Additionally, because other CoC-funded resources are often at maximum capacity, survivors and those fleeing DV are referred to non-CoC-funded Emergency Shelter (provided by HDVS) & Transitional Housing, (provided by Redwood Community Action Agency, called Safe Haven). Safe Haven is Humboldt County's only long-term transitional home for women & children fleeing DV. Because housing at Safe Haven is time limited, there is still need for additional, non-CH dedicated housing for survivors and persons fleeing DV in Humboldt. THE COC LEAD ENCOURAGED HDVS & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SERVING DV SURVIVORS TO APPLY FOR THE 2018 COC DV BONUS FUNDS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR ALL FUTURE DV-DEDICATED FUNDING.

1C-4. DV Bonus Projects. Is your CoC No applying for DV Bonus Projects?

1C-5. PHAs within CoC. Applicants must use the chart to provide information about each Public Housing Agency (PHA) in the CoC’s geographic areas:

- (1) Identify the percentage of new admissions to the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Programs in the PHA who were experiencing homelessness at the time of admission;**
- (2) Indicate whether the PHA has a homeless admission preference in its Public Housing and/or HCV Program; and**
- (3) Indicate whether the CoC has a move on strategy. The information should be for Federal Fiscal Year 2017.**

Public Housing Agency Name	% New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program during FY 2017 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	PHA has General or Limited Homeless Preference	PHA has a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g. move on?
County of Humboldt/City of Eureka Housing Authority	22.58%	No	

1C-5a. For each PHA where there is not a homeless admission preference in their written policy, applicants must identify the steps the CoC has taken to encourage the PHA to adopt such a policy. (limit 2,000 characters)

1. The COC TAKES ACTIVE STEPS TO ENCOURAGE HOMELESS PREFERENCE IN PUBLIC HOUSING: Our CoC has a strong working relationship with the County of Humboldt/City of Eureka Housing Authority (Eureka PHA), which holds all Public Housing/Housing Choice Voucher (Public Housing/HCV) beds in the region. As a result of outreach from the Collab Applicant, the Director of the Eureka PHA sits on the CoC Executive Committee & attends meetings to discuss the needs of persons experiencing homelessness & reasons for adopting a homeless preference in PH/HCV program in Humboldt. Although there is no formal homelessness preference in the Eureka PHA Administrative Plan, PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS REPRESENT A VERY LARGE PORTION OF NEW ADMISSIONS TO PUBLIC HOUSING. According to most recent data, nearly 23% of new Public Housing admissions & 16% of new HCV Program admissions were homeless at entry, demonstrating a strong commitment to housing the most vulnerable individuals & families in Humboldt County, in alignment with the CoC & community’s priorities. Additionally, THE COC HAS IMPLEMENTED A “MOVE ON” STRATEGY where participants of CoC-funded PSH/RRH are connected with the Public Housing/HCV vouchers; DHHS continues to provide appropriate levels of services to ensure the participant is supported in maintaining housing stability. The Collab Applicant continues to take ongoing steps to create a formal homeless preference, including 1) meetings with the Director of the Eureka PHA, on-on-one & with the CoC Executive Committee, 2) reaching out in writing to the Eureka PHA to encourage the adoption of a homeless preference in Public Housing, & 3)

supplying supporting data & resources to Eureka PHA leadership including the USICH Public Housing Authority Guidebook to Ending Homelessness to educate PHA leadership on the importance of adopting a homelessness preference.

2. N/A

1C-5b. Move On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers. Does the CoC have a Move On strategy with affordable housing providers in its jurisdiction (e.g., multifamily assisted housing owners, PHAs, Low Income Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments, or local low-income housing programs)? Yes

Move On strategy description. (limit 2,000 characters)

THE COC HAS IMPLEMENTED A "MOVE ON" STRATEGY where participants of CoC-funded PSH/RRH are connected with the Public Housing/HCV vouchers; DHHS continues to provide appropriate levels of services to ensure the participant is supported in maintaining housing stability.

1C-6. Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT). Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to address the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender individuals and their families experiencing homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters)

THE COC TAKES ACTIVE STEPS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF LGBTQ+ HOUSEHOLDS.

1. The CoC membership includes advocates for LGBTQ+ adults & youth experiencing homelessness. The CoC Chair is a member of the LGBTQ+ community; CoC-voting membership includes leadership of various CoC housing & service provider agencies who participate regularly in CoC meetings, including ED of LGBTQ+ homeless & at-risk youth housing & service provider, Redwood Community Action Agency's (RCAA). RCAA provides a drop-in center for homeless & at-risk youth called Raven Project (Raven); Raven staff (many of whom are youth employed by Raven as Peer Educators) provide youth with support for challenges contributing to risk factors for homelessness, & referrals to additional services & resources as necessary. Raven's atmosphere is safe & supportive, enforcing a "hate free zone" for youth who identify as LGBTQ+. RCAA also hosts the Queer Coffee House youth group – a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth to discuss their experiences & receive information & referrals to other resources. For adults, the Collab Applicant (DHHS) pioneered Project HART, a CoC-funded PSH program for CH adults that responds to the needs of LGBTQ+ & non-LGBTQ+ persons living with HIV/AIDS. Project HART staff participate in CoC meetings & advocate for resources on behalf of LGBTQ+ persons experiencing homelessness.

2. The CoC held a training on 8/2/2018 provided by Legal Services of Northern California on implementing Fair Housing & Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity, including Equal Access in Accordance with an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning & Development Programs at the CoC General meeting attended by CoC- & Non-CoC-funded housing & service providers; the CoC will continue to hold these trainings annually.

3. The CoC Executive Committee approved a CoC-wide Anti-Discrimination Policy on 9/20/17, included as Attachment A in the CoC's Written Standards.

1C-6a. Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training. Applicants must indicate if the CoC implemented a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy and conducted CoC-wide anti-discrimination training on the Equal Access Final Rule and the Gender Identity Final Rule.

1. Did the CoC implement a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy that applies to all projects regardless of funding source?	Yes
2. Did the CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	Yes
3. Did the CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs in Accordance with an Individual's Gender Identity (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

1C-7. Criminalization of Homelessness. Applicants must select the specific strategies the CoC implemented to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in the CoC's geographic area. Select all that apply.

Engaged/educated local policymakers:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Engaged/educated law enforcement:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Engaged/educated local business leaders:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implemented communitywide plans:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No strategies have been implemented:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:(limit 50 characters)	
PD hl advct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PD MH Trng	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Incr RA for jail lvrs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1C-8. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System. Applicants must: (1) demonstrate the coordinated entry system covers the entire CoC geographic area;

(2) demonstrate the coordinated entry system reaches people who are least likely to apply homelessness assistance in the absence of special outreach;

(3) demonstrate the assessment process prioritizes people most in need of assistance and ensures they receive assistance in a timely manner; and

(4) attach CoC’s standard assessment tool.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1. THE COC’S COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM SERVES THE ENTIRE HUMBOLDT COUNTY COC GEOGRAPHY: Persons experiencing/at-risk of homelessness from all across the County can access CE by 1) calling 2-1-1; 2) walking into Arcata House Partnership’s ES or Drop-In Center; 3) engaging with Street Outreach Teams operating throughout Eureka, Arcata, & Fortuna, & 4) Being ID’d by Outreach staff embedded w/ Law Enforcement, who conduct referrals. CE staff conduct the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision-making Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) to assess for vulnerability & appropriateness for referral to housing & resources.

2. CE REACHES PEOPLE LEAST LIKELY TO APPLY: Info regarding resources for persons experiencing/ at-risk of homelessness is posted at mainstream benefits offices, schools, & faith-based organizations. Because Humboldt is a Rural CoC, information for accessing 2-1-1 is posted in places where these populations often frequent (e.g., libraries, grocery stores, hospitals, etc.). Outreach Teams conduct consistent engagement using a trauma-informed, harm reduction approach to persons otherwise disconnected from the system. Outreach staff are trained to administer VI-SPDAT assessments & are Multi-lingual, prepared to address the needs of non-English speaking persons.

3. COC PRIORITIZES ALL PARTICIPANTS USING THE VI-SPDAT – A WIDELY USED/TRUSTED, EVIDENCE-BASED, TRAUMA-INFORMED ASSESSMENT TOOL; all participants are prioritized using the VI-SPDAT score for the head of household. CE uses a Universal System Management approach; persons with highest VI-SPDAT score + longest time homeless are placed in the First Priority Category, from which CoC-funded housing providers match & place participants with CoC-funded PSH when a unit becomes available. Persons with lower scores who are not CH are prioritized for ESG-funded RRH. CE ensures that all persons experiencing homelessness are matched as soon as possible & receive other service connections in the interim.

1D. Continuum of Care (CoC) Discharge Planning

Instructions:

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1D-1. Discharge Planning–State and Local. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has a discharge policy to ensure persons discharged from the systems of care listed are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs. Check all that apply (note that when "None:" is selected no other system of care should be selected).

Foster Care:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Correctional Facilities:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

1D-2. Discharge Planning Coordination. Applicants must indicate whether the 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. Check all that apply (note that when "None:" is selected no other system of care should be selected).

Foster Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Correctional Facilities:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

1E. Continuum of Care (CoC) Project Review, Ranking, and Selection

Instructions

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1E-1. Project Ranking and Selection. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC used the following to rank and select project applications for the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition:

- (1) objective criteria;**
- (2) at least one factor related to achieving positive housing outcomes;**
- (3) a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim services providers; and**
- (4) attach evidence that supports the process selected.**

Used Objective Criteria for Review, Rating, Ranking and Section	Yes
Included at least one factor related to achieving positive housing outcomes	Yes
Included a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim service providers	Yes

1E-2. Severity of Needs and Vulnerabilities. Applicants must describe:

- (1) the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities the CoC considered when reviewing, ranking, and rating projects; and**
- (2) how the CoC takes severity of needs and vulnerabilities into account during the review, rating, and ranking process.**

(limit 2,000 characters)

1. OUR COC CONSIDERS THE NEEDS & VULNERABILITIES OF CLIENTS WITH LOW/NO INCOME, HISTORY OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, DV, SEXUAL ASSAULT, CRIMINAL HISTORY, &/OR ARE EXPERIENCING CH. The CoC New Project Scoring Tool uses an Eligibility Threshold to ensure New Projects for PSH are dedicated to persons experiencing CH, & all new projects must participate in CE, which prioritizes participants based on vulnerability & longest length of time homeless. Scored criteria for New Projects prioritize projects that will use a HF design approach, with no barriers based on any of the above needs & vulnerabilities (excluding applicable federal & state restrictions). New this year, BOTH Renewal & New Projects received 10 out of 100 points based on RESPONSIVENESS TO/ALIGNMENT WITH UNMET COMMUNITY NEED, ensuring that projects that address an underserved population/ geographic region are given higher priority during the Review & Ranking process. This gave projects the opportunity to explain the impacts of high needs clients on project performance, & the Review & Rank panel were allowed to take the impact of challenges associated with participants served into account while scoring.

2.The Review & Rank Panel takes these needs & vulnerabilities into account by considering the acuity of the population served in their analysis, including the information collected through applicant project narratives, Review & Rank interviews, & Annual Performance Report data (e.g., number of disabilities at entry, number of seniors, veterans, &/or persons with experience of domestic violence served, etc.). In the 2018 CoC Competition, Project HART was the only scored project in the CoC area dedicated to serving participants with HIV/AIDS, which was an additional consideration the Review & Rank panel included in its decision-making process. Project Applications also included expansions for projects serving low/ no-income CH households with Serious Mental Illness & Substance Use Disorder.

1E-3. Public Postings. Applicants must indicate how the CoC made public:

- (1) objective ranking and selection process the CoC used for all projects (new and renewal);**
- (2) CoC Consolidated Application—including the CoC Application, Priority Listings, and all projects accepted and ranked or rejected, which HUD required CoCs to post to their websites, or partners websites, at least 2 days before the CoC Program Competition application submission deadline; and**
- (3) attach documentation demonstrating the objective ranking, rating, and selections process and the final version of the completed CoC Consolidated Application, including the CoC Application with attachments, Priority Listing with reallocation forms and all project applications that were accepted and ranked, or rejected (new and renewal) was made publicly available, that legibly displays the date the CoC publicly posted the documents.**

Public Posting of Objective Ranking and Selection Process		Public Posting of CoC Consolidated Application including: CoC Application, Priority Listings, Project Listings	
CoC or other Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	CoC or other Website	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertising on Radio or Television	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertising on Radio or Television	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>

1E-4. Reallocation. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has cumulatively reallocated at least 20 percent of the CoC’s ARD between the FY 2014 and FY 2018 CoC Program Competitions.

Reallocation: No

1E-4a. If the answer is “No” to question 1E-4, applicants must describe how the CoC actively reviews performance of existing CoC Program-

funded projects to determine the viability of reallocating to create new high performing projects. (limit 2,000 characters)

THE COC ACTIVELY REVIEWS PERFORMANCE OF EXISTING COC-FUNDED PROJECT DURING THE ANNUAL REVIEW & RANKING PROCESS USING LOCAL COMPETITION POLICIES.

1. The Review & Ranking panel is instructed to use the Local Competition Policies, re-approved annually prior to the Review & Rank panel convening, to guide Panelist’s weeklong review of project applications & additional materials to evaluate the projects’ contribution to system performance. Project outcome data from projects’ Annual Performance Reports (APRs) are turned into Evaluation Reports for each project; performance outcome measures reviewed include UTILIZATION RATE, HOUSING RETENTION, MAINTAINING/INCREASING CASH INCOME, & CONNECTION TO MAINSTREAM BENEFITS/HEALTH INSURANCE. The Local Policies require Panelist’s to AUTOMATICALLY CONSIDER PROJECTS SCORING 60 POINTS OR BELOW (out of a total of 100 points possible) FOR REALLOCATION. All Performance Outcomes factors used in the 2018 Scoring Tool have been updated to maximize objectivity in the scoring process by including community-approved SCALED-SCORES FOR ALL PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES LISTED ABOVE to guide project scoring.

2. THE COC HAS REALLOCATED 13% OF THE COC’S ARD between FY2014 & FY2018. Through reallocating Renewal Projects that were lower-performing or otherwise not as closely aligned with HUD & CoC priorities, the CoC has prioritized the creation of new PSH & a new Coordinated Entry project to better coordinate housing & service provision & respond to the unmet need in the community to increase the stock of housing for persons experiencing Chronic Homelessness. Because all Renewal Projects in Humboldt are PSH, CE, & HMIS, overall contribution to system performance is very high. In addition, the CoC is experiencing INCREDIBLY HIGH PROJECT PERFORMANCE FOR UTILIZATION, HOUSING RETENTION, MAINTAINING/INCREASING CASH INCOME, & CONNECTION TO MAINSTREAM BENEFITS/HEALTH INSURANCE ACROSS ALL RENEWAL PROJECTS.

1E-5. Local CoC Competition. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC:

- (1) established a deadline for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline—attachment required;**
- (2) rejected or reduced project application(s)—attachment required; and**
- (3) notify applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline—attachment required. :**

(1) Did the CoC establish a deadline for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline? Attachment required.	Yes
(2) If the CoC rejected or reduced project application(s), did the CoC notify applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline? Attachment required.	Did not reject or reduce any project
(3) Did the CoC notify applicants that their applications were accepted and ranked on the Priority Listing in writing outside of e-snaps, at least 15 before days of the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline?	Yes

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

Intructions:

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

2A-1. Roles and Responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead. Does your CoC have in place a Governance Charter or other written documentation (e.g., MOU/MOA) that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead? Attachment Required. Yes

2A-1a. Applicants must: 1. 6-7; 2. MOU
(1) provide the page number(s) where the roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead can be found in the attached document(s) referenced in 2A-1, and (2) indicate the document type attached for question 2A-1 that includes roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead (e.g., Governance Charter, MOU/MOA).

2A-2. HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual. Does your CoC have a HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual? Attachment Required. Yes

2A-3. HMIS Vender. What is the name of the HMIS software vendor? Mediware

2A-4. HMIS Implementation Coverage Area. Using the drop-down boxes, applicants must select the HMIS implementation Coverage area. Single CoC

**2A-5. Bed Coverage Rate. Using 2018 HIC and HMIS data, applicants must report by project type:
(1) total number of beds in 2018 HIC;
(2) total beds dedicated for DV in the 2018 HIC; and**

(3) total number of beds in HMIS.

Project Type	Total Beds in 2018 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	251	0	106	42.23%
Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
Transitional Housing (TH) beds	107	0	97	90.65%
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	49	0	49	100.00%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	56	0	56	100.00%
Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

2A-5a. To receive partial credit, if the bed coverage rate is 84.99 percent or lower for any of the project types in question 2A-5., applicants must provide clear steps on how the CoC intends to increase this percentage for each project type over the next 12 months. (limit 2,000 characters)

COC WORKS ACTIVELY TO INCLUDE ALL BEDS (INCLUDING EMERGENCY SHELTER) IN THE HIC & HMIS:

1.PSH & RRH coverage is at 100% & TH at 91% due to active engagement of local providers. While ES coverage decreased since 2016, it is due to the CoC’s successful persuasion of the largest ES provider in Humboldt County, the Eureka Rescue Mission, to include its beds in the HIC & 2017 sheltered PIT Count; as a result, the CoC was able to conduct a complete survey count of all sheltered participants on the night of the PIT Count in the geographic region, & was able to extrapolate more accurate demographic & subpopulation data than in years prior. Before the Rescue Mission’s beds were included in the HIC, in 2016 ES BED COVERAGE WAS AT 100% ONLY BECAUSE LESS THAN HALF OF ES BEDS IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY WERE INCLUDED IN THE HIC. The CoC Lead wrote to Rescue Mission Leadership on 5/9/2018 to provide education on CE operations in Humboldt, clarify the many benefits of having all CoC- & Non-CoC-funded Emergency Shelter beds participating in Humboldt’s HMIS, & to plead with Rescue Mission Leadership to include its ES beds in HMIS (as it now does in the HIC). To increase bed coverage rate to 100%, the CoC has outlined the following STEPS TO INCENTIVIZE FULL PARTICIPATION OF EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS IN HMIS: The Collab Applicant, DHHS, will continue to A) Follow-up on direct outreach to Rescue Mission Leadership; B) Cover 100% of costs of administering HMIS to reduce the financial barriers to participation for Rescue Mission & other providers; C) Conduct education to Rescue Mission & all providers on the importance of data to understanding and demonstrating unmet need of this population in Humboldt.

2.IMPLEMENTATION OF STEPS A, B, & C ABOVE: In the next 12 months, the CoC Coordinator will call & email Rescue Mission Leadership quarterly to encourage its participation in HMIS, CoC meetings, & trainings regarding the above priorities, to ensure ES participation in HMIS reaches 100%.

2A-6. AHAR Shells Submission: How many 2017 Annual Housing Assessment Report (AHAR) tables shells did HUD accept? 8

2A-7. CoC Data Submission in HDX. 04/30/2018
Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted the 2018 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data into the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX).
(mm/dd/yyyy)

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

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

2B-1. PIT Count Date. Applicants must enter the date the CoC conducted its 2018 PIT count (mm/dd/yyyy). 01/30/2018

2B-2. HDX Submission Date. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted its PIT count data in HDX (mm/dd/yyyy). 04/30/2018

2C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count: Methodologies

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

**2C-1. Change in Sheltered PIT Count Implementation. Applicants must describe any change in the CoC’s sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology and data quality changes from 2017 to 2018. Specifically, how those changes impacted the CoC’s sheltered PIT count results.
 (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. Our CoC improved its methodology from the 2017 Sheltered Count to the 2018 Sheltered Count; instead of relying on HMIS data as the main data source (in 2016, 100% of the data came from HMIS), the CoC continues to use more data from client surveys to enhance the accuracy of the 2018 Sheltered Count (balancing b/w 56% HMIS & 44% client-level surveys; 27% was extrapolated from client-level surveys, represented by “Other” in HDX). The CoC improved data quality in 2018 by deduplicating using a blitz count of persons in shelters & interview/survey questions w screening questions (strategies not used in 2016 Sheltered Count). The CoC was also able to improve count accuracy by maintaining its agreement with the largest-capacity, Non-ESG-funded Emergency Shelter, Eureka Rescue Mission, to participate in the 2018 Count (not willing to participate in 2016 HIC or PIT Counts in previous years, & participating for the first time in 2017).

2. Despite the change in Emergency Shelter bed coverage, THE COC EXPERIENCED A 6.63% DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SHELTERED HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES IN THE MOST RECENT PIT COUNT COMPARED TO 2017.

2C-2. Did your CoC change its provider coverage in the 2018 sheltered count? Yes

2C-2a. If “Yes” was selected in 2C-2, applicants must enter the number of beds that were added or removed in the 2018 sheltered PIT count.

Beds Added:	2
Beds Removed:	42
Total:	-40

2C-3. Presidentially Declared Disaster Changes to Sheltered PIT Count. Did your No

CoC add or remove emergency shelter, transitional housing, or Safe Haven inventory because of funding specific to a Presidentially declared disaster, resulting in a change to the CoC’s 2018 sheltered PIT count?

2C-3a. If “Yes” was selected for question 2C-3, applicants must enter the number of beds that were added or removed in 2018 because of a Presidentially declared disaster.

Beds Added:	0
Beds Removed:	0
Total:	0

2C-4. Changes in Unsheltered PIT Count Implementation. Did your CoC change its unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology and data quality changes from 2017 to 2018? If your CoC did not conduct and unsheltered PIT count in 2018, select Not Applicable. Not Applicable

2C-5. Identifying Youth Experiencing Homelessness in 2018 PIT Count. Did your CoC implement specific measures to identify youth experiencing homelessness in its 2018 PIT count? Yes

2C-5a. If “Yes” was selected for question 2C-5., applicants must describe: (1) how stakeholders serving youth experiencing homelessness were engaged during the planning process; (2) how the CoC worked with stakeholders to select locations where youth experiencing homelessness are most likely to be identified; and (3) how the CoC involved youth experiencing homelessness in counting during the 2018 PIT count. (limit 2,000 characters)

OUR COC IS COMMITTED TO IDENTIFYING & SERVING THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS OF PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, INCLUDING UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH & TAY.

1.The CoC did not conduct an Unsheltered PIT Count in 2018; the planning process for the 2019 Unsheltered PIT Count is underway, & the CoC will discuss special considerations for counting youth in addition to those implemented in the 2017 Unsheltered PIT Count. In 2017, the CoC held the Unsheltered PIT Count in February specifically to increase the number of youth volunteers participating in the Count. The Collab Applicant continues to reach out to program managers of projects that serve TAY for nominations of volunteers. Additionally, the Office of Education Homelessness Liaison also

conducts outreach to schools to identify homeless students & their families.

2.The CoC consistently collaborates with homeless youth housing & services providers in the planning process for the Count, including RCAA’s Raven Project, to select locations where youth experiencing homelessness are likely to be identified. In February 2018, the CoC Lead sent an invitation to the entire CoC Listserv, including youth providers, to participate in the PIT Count Committee to discuss ways to improve PIT Count methodology; in March 2018, the PIT Count Committee issued recommendations to the CoC, including strategies for soliciting input from formerly homeless youth to identify locations homeless youth frequent, which will be targeted during the 2019 PIT Count. Prior to the 2019 PIT Count, the CoC will again hold volunteer trainings informed by youth housing & service providers & clients.

3.In 2017, youth volunteers accompanied volunteer teams the night of the Count to assist in the identifying locations where youth experiencing homelessness could be found. The CoC is currently discussing ways to further incentivize participation of youth volunteers prior to the 2019 PIT Count.

2C-6. 2018 PIT Implementation. Applicants must describe actions the CoC implemented in its 2018 PIT count to better count:

- (1) individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness;**
- (2) families with children experiencing homelessness; and**
- (3) Veterans experiencing homelessness.**

(limit 2,000 characters)

THE COC TAKES ACTIVE STEPS TO IMPROVE COUNTING OF ALL POPULATIONS OF PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. The CoC did not conduct an Unsheltered PIT Count in 2018; in the 2017 PIT Unsheltered PIT Count, the CoC continued to incorporate various actions to collect higher quality data, including A) Utilizing the HUD Model Survey for use in the Count, B) Gathering input & collaborating with homeless housing & services providers, & C) Continuing to include the participation of the highest-capacity Emergency Shelter, the Eureka Rescuse Mission, in the sheltered PIT Count after four years of previous non-participation. In February 2018, the CoC Lead sent an invitation to the entire CoC Listserv, including providers serving persons experiencing Chronic Homelessness, Families with Children, and Veterans, to participate in the PIT Count Committee to discuss ways to improve PIT Count methodology to serve these populations; in March 2018, the PIT Count Committee issued recommendations to the CoC, including the following:

1)TO BETTER COUNT CH PERSONS: The CoC charged Street Outreach teams to identify locations where persons are living in places not suitable for habitation, (e.g. encampments).

2)TO BETTER COUNT FAMILIES: The CoC charged homeless family housing & service providers, Arcata House Partnership and Redwood Community Action Agency, as well as the Office of Education Foster and Homeless Youth Liaison, with reaching out to schools to identify families with children experiencing homelessness.

3)TO BETTER COUNT VETS: The CoC charged the main Non-CoC-funded homeless Veteran housing and service provider, North Coast Veterans

Resource Center (NCVRC), as well as other providers serving Veterans (AHP & DHHS, CoC-funded PSH providers for Veteran adults and families with children) with providing insight to better prepare volunteers to count Veterans during the 2019 PIT Count.

3A. Continuum of Care (CoC) System Performance

Instructions

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

3A-1. First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX. In the box below, applicants must report the number of first-time homeless as reported in HDX.

Number of First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX.	592
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3A-1a. Applicants must:

(1) describe how the CoC determined which risk factors the CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;
(2) describe the CoC's strategy 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 the CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1. THE COC USES HMIS DATA TO DETERMINE RISK FACTORS USED TO IDENTIFY PERSONS AT RISK OF FIRST-TIME HOMELESSNESS: The Collab Applicant analyzes HMIS data on a monthly basis, & presents findings to the CoC at the quarterly CoC Executive Committee meeting, where members identified risk factors & discuss solutions to prevent first-time homelessness. Risk factors identified include: 1) eviction, 2) rent exceeding a reasonable portion of income, 3) unemployment, 4) high medical bills, 5) domestic violence, and 6) substance use disorder (SUD), among others.

2. FIRST TIME HOMELESSNESS DECREASED BY 5% SINCE 2016 DUE TO COC STRATEGIES: The Humboldt Information & Resource Center (HIRC), the CoC-funded CE 2-1-1 provider, is the main entry point to the Humboldt CES for persons both currently & at risk of becoming homeless; 2-1-1 is advertised throughout the geographic area in places where persons at risk of homelessness are likely to be. HIRC/2-1-1 pre-screens & refers persons at risk to DHHS for connection to appropriate housing or benefits interventions (e.g. TANF, security deposits, first/last month's rent, employment assistance, etc.); Outreach teams also seek out/make contact with persons at risk of homelessness to assess needs & make referrals as above. Probation also provides costs for housing through a Diversion Program for criminal justice-involved persons. To respond to significant risks posed by SUD, RCAA transitioned its Multi-Service Center (MAC) into a Medi-Cal eligible treatment facility for persons at risk of/experiencing homelessness. The CoC also engages School Admin & the Foster/Homeless Youth Services Coordinator to assist with identifying families & youth at risk of homelessness. DHHS coordinates discharge planning for Foster youth, and provides income for

housing/case management to support housing stability.

3.The Collab App, Humboldt DHHS, is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce/end first time homelessness.

3A-2. Length-of-Time Homeless as Reported in HDX. Applicants must:
(1) provide the average length of time individuals and persons in families remained homeless (i.e., the number);
(2) describe the CoC’s strategy to reduce the length-of-time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
(3) describe how the CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and
(4) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.
(limit 2,000 characters)

1.The Average Length of Time Homeless (LOTH) in FY2017 was 124 nights (a decrease of one night);

2.COC STRATEGIES LED TO DECREASE IN AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME HOMELESS FROM 2016: 1) CE quickly assesses, prioritizes, matches, & places all persons experiencing homelessness into available housing for which the individual/family is eligible as quickly as possible; 2) PARTICIPANTS ARE PRIORITIZED BASED UPON FACTORS INCLUDING LONGEST LENGTH OF TIME HOMELESS. 3) Through analysis of HMIS data, the CoC has identified the greatest unmet need among persons experiencing chronic homelessness (CH) in Humboldt County. For this reason, through the CoC Program Competition, nearly all housing for persons experiencing homelessness has transitioned to PSH dedicated/prioritized for persons experiencing CH to respond to the unmet need. Participants in PSH thankfully experience high rates of Housing Stability; however, this may result in reduced availability for PSH beds. 4) The CoC employs a Moving On Strategy to connect participants of PSH/RRH ready for less-service intensive housing to transition to a Public Housing/HCV voucher, where the Collab Applicant maintains an appropriate level of services, which helps to increase flow of participants to stable housing and capacity in PSH, to reduce the average number of nights homeless. As soon as there is availability in Permanent Housing, CE staff and CoC-funded providers work as quickly as possible to match & place participants in housing with HIGH FIDELITY TO CLIENT CHOICE.

3.The CoC CES uses the VI-SPDAT 2.0 to assess & prioritize participants for referral to appropriate housing & benefits. Participants with scores indicating the HIGHEST ACUITY (WHO ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS WITH LONGEST LENGTH OF TIME HOMELESS) are selected & offered PSH housing when it comes available.

4.The Collab App, Humboldt DHHS, is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time homeless for individuals & families.

3A-3. Successful Permanent Housing Placement and Retention as Reported in HDX. Applicants must:

- (1) provide the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing that exit to permanent housing destinations; and**
- (2) provide the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.**

	Percentage
Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid re-housing that exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.	45%
Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid re-housing, that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.	90%

3A-3a. Applicants must:

- (1) describe the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and**
- (2) describe the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.**

(limit 2,000 characters)

1. COC STRATEGIES TO INCREASE RATE OF SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT IN PERMANENT HOUSING DESTINATIONS: Humboldt County has experienced a 4% INCREASE IN SUCCESSFUL EXITS FROM ES/TH/RRH TO PERMANENT HOUSING DESTINATIONS due to strategies implemented over the last 12 months. CES, which launched in 2017, has experienced significant success in coordinating appropriate housing & service interventions for persons entering the system of care. To increase the rate at which highly vulnerable individuals & families are connected to PH destinations, CE & the CoC will continue to 1) streamline referrals from ES/TH to PSH/RRH, 2) lower barriers to exits from ES/TH through fidelity to HF, 3) assess using motivational interviewing, & 4) provide intensive housing-focused case management at ES & RRH.

2. COC STRATEGIES TO INCREASE RATE OF HOUSING RETENTION/EXITS TO PH: CoC-funded PSH providers will continue to provide intensive case management & wrap-around services to support participants in PSH to retain their housing. To prepare to respond to requests for transfers (including Emergency Transfer requests from DV survivor participants), case managers will continue to receive support & training needed to prepare warm-handoffs from one PSH program to the another, to maximize participant satisfaction & successful placements. The CoC will also continue to promote client choice & discourage terminations, avoiding evictions through continued Landlord Engagement.

3. The Collab App, Humboldt DHHS, is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals & families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing & rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations.

4. The Collab App, Humboldt DHHS, is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s

strategy to increase the rate at which individuals & families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.

3A-4. Returns to Homelessness as Reported in HDX. Applicants must report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6- and 12-month period as reported in HDX.

	Percentage
Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6- and 12-month period as reported in HDX	5%

3A-4a. Applicants must:

- (1) describe how the CoC identifies common factors of individuals and persons in families who return to homelessness;**
- (2) describe the 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 the CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families returns to homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters)**

COC CONTINUES TO HAVE SUCCESS WITH LOW RATE OF RETURNS TO HOMELESSNESS (TOTAL – 5%; PERMANENT HOUSING – 0%):

1. The CoC uses HMIS to assess previous episodes of homelessness & destination at exit, which is reviewed & discussed at quarterly CoC meetings. Through CE, the CoC uses participant assessments & data gathered in HMIS to identify households who touch back into the system (e.g., client ID entries in HMIS via 2-1-1, Emergency Shelter, Outreach Teams, etc.) after exiting to a Permanent Housing Destination. During Case Conferencing, CoC-funded providers discuss these participants & identify the risk factors that contributed to their loss of housing stability. Common factors include struggles with on-going Substance Use Disorder (SUD), Serious Mental Illness (SMI), & challenges with prior placements.

2. COC STRATEGIES TO REDUCE RETURNS TO HOMELESSNESS: A) The CoC has implemented best practice approaches such as Progressive Engagement administered by DHHS (e.g. move-in costs, security deposits, and first month’s rent, etc.). B) The CoC uses HMIS & CE to track persons who have touched back into the system after exiting to a permanent destination, who are then prioritized for housing & service interventions that would best meet their needs, informed by client choice. C) Providers use feedback & data to inform project design to better respond to risk factors; for example, in response to client feedback & data demonstrating that participants struggling with SMI/SUD remain more stably housed in single vs. shared-housing, Arcata House Partnership committed to re-configuring project SVK house into separate units to better support the needs of participants in recovery. D) Persons graduating from PSH to less support-intensive permanent destinations are supported with links to employment services & income benefits.

3. The Collab App, Humboldt DHHS, is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals & families returns to homelessness.

3A-5. Job and Income Growth. Applicants must:

(1) describe the CoC’s strategy to increase access to employment and non-employment cash sources;

(2) describe how the 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 the CoC’s strategy to increase job and income growth from employment.

(limit 2,000 characters)

COC CONTINUES TO HAVE SUCCESS INCREASING PARTICIPANT CASH INCOME – 42% IN 2017 (INCREASED FROM 22% IN 2016):

1.The CoC Lead works to enhance systemic partnerships & conducts extensive training to CoC-funded providers on best practices for enhancing/streamlining connections to employment & mainstream benefits. STRATEGIES TO INCREASE ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT & NON-EMPLOYMENT CASH SOURCES: 1) This year, Humboldt DHHS Mental Health & Social Services departments are collaborating on the California Department of Social Services Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP); in addition to housing, this program assists disabled individuals experiencing homelessness apply for disability benefits, and in Humboldt beneficiaries will be prioritized through the Coordinated Entry System. 2) CoC-funded housing & service providers also refer clients to DHHS for connections to SSI/SSDI, TANF, General Assistance, WIC, Food Stamps, Medi-Cal, Medicare, and other cash sources. No income is required for entry into any CoC-PSH program. 3) The CoC prioritizes CoC Competition applicants who demonstrate high performance for maintaining/increasing cash income & connections to mainstream non-cash benefits/health insurance.

2.CONNECTIONS TO EMPLOYMENT: The CoC introduces participants to mainstream employment organizations through DHHS’s Job Market, a one-stop workforce system that connects individuals to job search assistance, workshops, training, & counseling, including resources for seniors, youth, & veterans. In 2018, the CoC Lead conducted outreach to leadership of the DHHS Employment Training Division, to develop strategies to increase collaboration & create new employment opportunities for persons exiting homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

3.The Collab App, Humboldt DHHS, is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to increase job & income growth from employment & non-employment cash sources, including mainstream employment organizations.

3A-6. System Performance Measures Data Submission in HDX. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted the System Performance Measures data in HDX, which included the data quality section for FY 2017 (mm/dd/yyyy) 04/30/2018

3B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Performance and Strategic Planning Objectives

Instructions

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- 3B-1. DedicatedPLUS and Chronically Homeless Beds. In the boxes below, applicants must enter:**
- (1) total number of beds in the Project Application(s) that are designated as DedicatedPLUS beds; and**
 - (2) total number of beds in the Project Application(s) that are designated for the chronically homeless, which does not include those that were identified in (1) above as DedicatedPLUS Beds.**

Total number of beds dedicated as DedicatedPLUS	0
Total number of beds dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness	56
Total	56

3B-2. Orders of Priority. Did the CoC adopt the Orders of Priority into their written standards for all CoC Program-funded PSH projects as described in Notice CPD-16-11: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing? Attachment Required. Yes

3B-2.1. Prioritizing Households with Children. Using the following chart, applicants must check all that apply to indicate the factor(s) the CoC currently uses to prioritize households with children during FY 2018.

History of or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number of previous homeless episodes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unsheltered homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criminal History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bad credit or rental history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Head of Household with Mental/Physical Disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3B-2.2. Applicants must:

- (1) describe the CoC’s current strategy to rapidly rehouse every household of families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless;**
 - (2) describe how the CoC addresses both housing and service needs to ensure families successfully maintain their housing once assistance ends; and**
 - (3) provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing the CoCs strategy to rapidly rehouse families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. CES provides swift access to appropriate housing & services to stabilize & re-house families experiencing homelessness. Through 2-1-1, families experiencing homelessness receive VI-SPDAT assessments to be prioritized for Rapid Rehousing (RRH), & are referred to housing &/or other appropriate resources, including housing location services, credit repair, criminal history expungement, & others to assist families to obtain & maintain stable housing. In addition to Measure Z & non-CoC funded RRH assistance, DHHS uses CalWORKS to provide families up to 6 months of rental assistance & services. CoC-/non-CoC funded RRH providers actively conduct landlord engagement to find & recruit landlords willing to rent to those served by RRH programs. School staff alert the CoC when it is discovered that children & their families are at risk of or experiencing homelessness, who then speeds connection to 2-1-1 to administer the VI-SPDAT to assess families for appropriate housing &/or service interventions. All CoC-funded programs serving families are Housing First & DO NOT SCREEN OUT FAMILIES based on income, criminal history, substance use disorder, or other factors that have no bearing on their future housing success.

2. All CoC- & non-CoC funded RRH projects provide intensive wrap-around services & best practice methods of soliciting feedback regarding housing placement satisfaction & other concerns (e.g. Motivational Interviewing), to assist families in housing programs, as well as connections to resources to assist families maintain their housing stability once assistance ends; services include: 1) connections to benefits, 2) employment support, 3) connections to mainstream organizations & faith based entities, 4) food bank, 5) substance treatment, 6) legal & credit services, 7) childcare, etc.

3. The Collab App, Humboldt DHHS, is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to rapidly rehouse families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless.

3B-2.3. Antidiscrimination Policies. Applicants must check all that apply that describe actions the CoC is taking to ensure providers (including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing (PSH and RRH) within the CoC adhere to antidiscrimination policies by not denying admission to or separating any family members from other members of their family or caregivers based on age, sex, gender, LGBT status, marital status, or disability when entering a shelter or housing.

CoC conducts mandatory training for all CoC and ESG funded service providers on these topics.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CoC conducts optional training for all CoC and ESG funded service providers on these topics.	<input type="checkbox"/>

CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC and ESG funded facilities within the CoC geographic area that may be out of compliance, and taken steps to work directly with those facilities to come into compliance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CoC has sought assistance from HUD through submitting AAQs or requesting TA to resolve non-compliance of service providers.	<input type="checkbox"/>

3B-2.4. Strategy for Addressing Needs of Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC’s strategy to address the unique needs of unaccompanied homeless youth includes the following:

Human trafficking and other forms of exploitation	Yes
LGBT youth homelessness	Yes
Exits from foster care into homelessness	Yes
Family reunification and community engagement	Yes
Positive Youth Development, Trauma Informed Care, and the use of Risk and Protective Factors in assessing youth housing and service needs	Yes

3B-2.5. Prioritizing Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness Based on Needs. Applicants must check all that apply from the list below that describes the CoC’s current strategy to prioritize unaccompanied youth based on their needs.

History or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number of Previous Homeless Episodes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unsheltered Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criminal History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bad Credit or Rental History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**3B-2.6. Applicants must describe the CoC's strategy to increase:
 (1) housing and services for all youth experiencing homelessness by providing new resources or more effectively using existing resources, including securing additional funding; and
 (2) availability of housing and services for youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness by providing new resources or more effectively using existing resources.
 (limit 3,000 characters)**

1. INCREASING HOUSING & SERVICES FOR YOUTH: In the 2017 Unsheltered Count, the CoC saw REDUCTION OF 40 YOUTH IN THE NUMBER OF TOTAL UNSHELTERED UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH from the 2015 Count (44 down from 84). This year, the CoC plans to continue this success and increase the available stock of resources for homeless youth through newly available California State Funding Opportunities: 1) The CoC intends to apply for the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Block Grant funding, which includes a \$128,262 minimum set aside for homeless youth

housing & services. As evidence of commitment to increasing the stock of resources for unsheltered youth through the HEAP funds, the CoC will hold a public meeting in order to consult with a wide range of participants on October 4th to determine who will be recommended to receive & administer these funds. Youth-Provider, Redwood Community Action Agency, has expressed interest in using funds to expand Outreach services to unsheltered youth, to enhance access to the CES & support efforts to better identify & prioritize this population.

2) The CoC also intends to apply for funds to increase the stock of available housing for youth with Serious Mental Illness/Serious Emotional Disturbance who are homeless or at-risk of chronic homelessness through the No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program, administered by HCD; through NPLH, Humboldt is eligible to receive \$1,032,744 in over-the-counter funds, & to compete with other small counties (population less than 200,000) for a portion of approx.. \$134 million, with a minimum allocation of \$500,000. At the February 2018 CoC general meeting, membership discussed expanding housing & services for all populations, including Transition Aged Youth, as part of updates to the Humboldt County Plan to End Homelessness to prepare the system of care to incorporate housing & services for members of the NPLH Target Population. Following this meeting, the community has committed to implementing all requirements of the application processes for HEAP & NPLH, & will prioritize the upcoming General & Executive Committee meetings to further analyze the unmet need of homeless youth & gather community stakeholder input regarding implementation of funds to house & serve this population.

2.INCREASING AVAILABILITY FOR UNSHELTERED YOUTH: 1) In the next 12 months, the CoC will continue engaging in strategic planning to better integrate CoC- & Non-CoC-funded programs serving youth into the CES to streamline connection for unsheltered homeless youth with housing & services; 2) Considerations for the needs of unsheltered will be prioritized in applications to State funding opps above, and as more become available. Input from youth with lived experience of homelessness will continue to be prioritized in the PIT Count planning process & planning process to increase available housing & services for unsheltered youth.

3B-2.6a. Applicants must:

- (1) provide evidence the CoC uses to measure both strategies in question 3B-2.6. to increase the availability of housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness;**
 - (2) describe the measure(s) the CoC uses to calculate the effectiveness of the strategies; and**
 - (3) describe why the CoC believes the measure it uses is an appropriate way to determine the effectiveness of the CoC’s strategies.**
- (limit 3,000 characters)**

1.EVIDENCE: The CoC uses HMIS & PIT Count data as evidence of the effectiveness of CoC strategies to increase availability of housing & services to youth experiencing homelessness. The CoC Lead analyzes both sources of data quarterly, & reports out to the CoC at General and Executive Committee meetings concerning the number of youth counted in the Sheltered & Unsheltered PIT Counts, & measures the effectiveness of recent strategies in decreasing the number of homeless youth by comparing data from these sources with numbers from the previous quarter. Sheltered & Unsheltered PIT Count data is used as evidence of progress in the goal to end homelessness

among youth through annual (Sheltered) and bi-annual (Unsheltered) comparisons to the most recent Counts.

2.MEASURES: The CoC measures the difference in the number of total homeless unaccompanied youth, parenting youth, & youth experiencing chronic homelessness from year to year to gain a better understanding of whether the strategies implemented have had an effect on decreasing the amount of youth experiencing homelessness in the CoC geographic area. The CoC also measures progress in improving System Performance Measures for successes in Housing Retention and Exits to Permanent Housing for unaccompanied and Transition Aged Youth. To measure reductions in the amount of youth experiencing homelessness in the geographic region, the CoC Lead subtracts the amount of youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness from the most recent odd-numbered year PIT Count from the previous Unsheltered PIT Count to get the difference in number, or dividing this number by the number of homeless youth from the previous year’s count to produce the percentage of difference to measure performance. Similarly, to measure change in percentage of successful rates of Housing Retention & Exits to Permanent Housing, the CoC Lead uses HMIS to pull forward the number of youth 18-24 who have maintained housing or exited to a Permanent Housing destination as compared to the previous quarter.

3.EFFECTIVENESS: In 2017 Unsheltered Count, the CoC saw a REDUCTION OF 40 IN THE NUMBER OF TOTAL UNSHELTERED UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH from 2015 Unsheltered Count (44 down from 84). Comparing the most recent Unsheltered PIT Count with the previous year’s Unsheltered Count numbers is a strategy employed by HUD in the annual CoC Application to measure progress in implementing strategies to reduce & end homelessness among various subpopulations of persons experiencing homelessness, for which reason the CoC has continued to use this method of measuring reductions in unsheltered youth homelessness.

3B-2.7. Collaboration–Education Services. Applicants must describe how the CoC collaborates with:

- (1) youth education providers;**
 - (2) McKinney-Vento State Education Agency (SEA) and Local Education Agency (LEA);**
 - (3) school districts; and**
 - (4) the formal partnerships with (1) through (3) above.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1.All CoC-funded family providers designate staff to coordinate with the McKinney Liaisons, teachers & school-based Family Resource Centers, which meet regularly with school administrators to identify students & families experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Additionally, the local Head Start & Early Start representatives give annual trainings to educate CoC – and non-CoC funded family providers on the process for accessing & connecting families with children experiencing homelessness with their services. To support TAY students experiencing homelessness, the CoC collaborates with the Humboldt State University Homeless Student Advocate Alliance club, alerting CoC membership to all upcoming Homeless Summits hosted by the club through a listserv that reaches 150+ community stakeholders.

2.Chair of the CoC Executive Committee actively collaborates w/ local education agencies (LEAs) through regular participation in LEA meetings to discuss how the CoC may better serve students & families experiencing homelessness. The County Office of Education Foster/Homeless Education Coordinator is a voting CoC Executive Committee member, who conducts annual trainings to CoC- and non-CoC funded family providers on the Education Services available for students and their families who are experiencing homelessness. Trainings focus on best practices to identify & refer families who may be eligible to receive a housing &/or service intervention to Homelessness Liaisons in schools across Humboldt County. Additionally, the Mobile Intervention & Services Team (MIST), which conducts outreach across the county, works closely with LEAs to identify students & families experiencing homelessness who are least likely to seek out assistance/ resources.

3.CoC-funded providers conduct referrals to all schools districts in Humboldt County.

4.CoC has formal partnerships w/ all above entities.

3B-2.7a. Applicants must describe the policies and procedures the CoC adopted to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for education services. (limit 2,000 characters)

THE COC HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING POLICIES & PROCEDURES TO INFORM INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES WHO BECOME HOMELESS OF THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATION SERVICES:

- Consistent with the CoC Program Interim Rule 24 CFR §578.23, all CoC and ESG programs assisting families with children or unaccompanied youth must:
- 1)Take the educational needs of children into account when placing families in housing and will, to the maximum extent practicable, place families with children as close as possible to their school of origin so as not to disrupt such children's education
 - 2)Inform families with children and unaccompanied youth of their educational rights, including providing written materials, help with enrollment, and linkage to McKinney Vento Liaisons as part of intake procedures.
 - 3)Not require children and unaccompanied youth to enroll in a new school as a condition of receiving services.
 - 4)Allow parents or the youth (if unaccompanied) to make decisions about school placement.
 - 5)Not require children and unaccompanied youth to attend after-school or educational programs that would replace/interfere with regular day school or prohibit them from staying enrolled in their original school.
 - 6)Post notices of student’s rights at each program site that serves homeless children and families in appropriate languages.
 - 7)Designate staff that will be responsible for:
 - 1.ensuring that homeless children and youth in their programs are in school and are receiving all educational services they are entitled to.
 - 2.coordinating with the CoC, the Department of Social Services, the County Office of Education, the McKinney Vento Coordinator, the McKinney Vento

Educational Liaisons, and other mainstream providers as needed. In order to ensure compliance and to assist providers in meeting these requirements, the CoC will provide training on these issues annually and will include these in the funding competition review and ranking process.

3B-2.8. Does the CoC have written formal agreements, MOU/MOAs or partnerships with one or more providers of early childhood services and supports? Select “Yes” or “No”. Applicants must select “Yes” or “No”, from the list below, if the CoC has written formal agreements, MOU/MOA’s or partnerships with providers of early childhood services and support.

	MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
Early Childhood Providers	No	No
Head Start	No	Yes
Early Head Start	No	Yes
Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
Federal Home Visiting Program	No	No
Healthy Start	No	No
Public Pre-K	No	No
Birth to 3 years	No	No
Tribal Home Visting Program	No	No
Other: (limit 50 characters)		

3B-3.1. Veterans Experiencing Homelessness. Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to identify, assess, and refer Veterans experiencing homelessness, who are eligible for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) housing and services, to appropriate resources such as HUD-VASH, Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program and Grant and Per Diem (GPD). (limit 2,000 characters)

1.To identify homeless Veterans, information on accessing the CES (through 2-1-1) is posted in locations Veterans are likely to be found. Additionally, the CoC conducts outreach through the Mobile Intervention Services Team (MIST), to seek out Veterans experiencing homelessness who are least likely to seek out assistance/resources, & conducts referrals through 2-1-1 (CES) who assesses & refers Veterans to all available CoC- & non-CoC funded housing & services, including the CoC-member North Coast Veterans Resource Center (NCVRC); NCVRC works with a Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Social Worker working out of the Eureka Community Based Outpatient Clinic, & the Collab Applicant, DHHS, to identify homeless Veterans as they touch the CES. NCVRC maintains a “By Name” list to assist with tracking & monitoring of Veterans to prioritize for engagement, housing & services.

2.Through CES, Veterans are assessed for housing/resources interventions using the VI-SPDAT; all Veterans, including those who may be eligible to receive VA housing & services, are connected with NCVRC for veteran resources in the CoC geographic area, which performs further needs

assessments & Critical Time Intervention to Veterans experiencing homelessness Mondays through Fridays.

3.2-1-1 refers highly-vulnerable Veterans, as indicated by scoring highly on the VI-SPDAT, to all CoC- & non-CoC funded housing & any resources for which they may be eligible; Veterans scoring in the First Priority Category of CE are matched & placed in available units. Veterans are prioritized for housing provided by the VA (HUD-VASH) & NCVRC, including a 36 bed Supportive Housing Program (SHP formerly known as GPD), a 15 bed Healthcare for Homeless Veteran Program (HCHV), & a Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Rapid Rehousing & homelessness prevention program.

3B-3.2. Does the CoC use an active list or by name list to identify all Veterans experiencing homelessness in the CoC? Yes

3B-3.3. Is the CoC actively working with the VA and VA-funded programs to achieve the benchmarks and criteria for ending Veteran homelessness? Yes

3B-3.4. Does the CoC have sufficient resources to ensure each Veteran experiencing homelessness is assisted to quickly move into permanent housing using a Housing First approach? No

3B-5. Racial Disparity. Applicants must: Yes
 (1) indicate whether the CoC assessed whether there are racial disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance;
 (2) if the CoC conducted an assessment, attach a copy of the summary.

3B-5a. Applicants must select from the options below the results of the CoC's assessment.

People of different races or ethnicities are more or less likely to receive homeless assistance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
People of different races or ethnicities are more or less likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
There are no racial disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The results are inconclusive for racial disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>

3B-5b. Applicants must select from the options below the strategies the CoC is using to address any racial disparities.

The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC has staff, committees or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national non-profit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

4A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Accessing Mainstream Benefits and Additional Policies

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- 4A-1. Healthcare. Applicants must indicate, for each type of healthcare listed below, whether the CoC:**
- (1) assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in health insurance; and**
 - (2) assists persons experiencing homelessness with effectively utilizing Medicaid and other benefits.**

Type of Health Care	Assist with Enrollment	Assist with Utilization of Benefits?
Public Health Care Benefits (State or Federal benefits, Medicaid, Indian Health Services)	Yes	Yes
Private Insurers:	No	No
Non-Profit, Philanthropic:	No	No
Other: (limit 50 characters)		

- 4A-1a. Mainstream Benefits. Applicants must:**
- (1) describe how the CoC works with mainstream programs that assist persons experiencing homelessness to apply for and receive mainstream benefits;**
 - (2) describe how the CoC systematically keeps program staff up-to-date regarding mainstream resources available for persons experiencing homelessness (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs); and**
 - (3) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy for mainstream benefits. (limit 2,000 characters)**

Approx 95% of CoC Renewal Project clients are connected to mainstream benefits (5 out of 7 programs had 100% of clients connected), up from 85% in 2017.

1. COC WORKS WITH MAINSTREAM PROGRAMS: The Collab Applicant, DHHS, is the primary organization enrolling clients in Medi-Cal, & supplies grants to non-profit organizations to conduct benefits outreach. As clients are referred by projects, the Eligibility Department & the DHHS Mental Health Case Management Department work together to ensure a streamlined enrollment process. Once a client is connected to healthcare benefits, the CoC agency partnership with Open Door Community Health Center ensures the client has an

established primary care center.

2.COC KEEPS PROGRAM STAFF UP TO DATE: The CoC’s partnership with the MediCal Enrollment Division has led to significant increases in MediCal enrollment among clients in CoC projects as DHHS & partner organizations have made significant efforts to enroll all eligible participants in MediCal, in addition to connecting clients with TANF, CalFresh (food stamps), SSI/SSDI & SOAR. DHHS keeps Mobile Outreach team staff up-to-date with mainstream benefits information to connect homeless individuals & families with mainstream benefits & health insurance.

3.ORG RESPONSIBLE: The Collab Applicant, DHHS, is responsible for the CoC’s strategy for mainstream benefits.

4A-2.Housing First: Applicants must report:

- (1) total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition; and**
- (2) total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach—meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements.**

Total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition.	11
Total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach—meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements.	11
Percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, Safe-Haven, SSO non-Coordinated Entry projects in the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that will be designated as Housing First.	100%

4A-3. Street Outreach. Applicants must:

- (1) describe the CoC’s outreach;**
- (2) state whether the CoC's Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC’s geographic area;**
- (3) describe how often the CoC conducts street outreach; and**
- (4) describe how the CoC tailored its street outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance. (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. This year, Collab Applicant DHHS combined its Street Outreach Services with the Mobile Intervention and Services Team (MIST) under a single Mobile Outreach umbrella in order to improve assistance to persons experiencing homelessness across the entire county. This has allowed the CoC to redouble its efforts with a single, organized team, and minimize inefficiencies created by separate staff serving the same clients. Mobile Outreach now includes two mental health clinicians, three mental health case managers, two community health outreach workers and four peer coaches. Peer coaches have experience with substance abuse, homelessness or mental illness themselves or with family members. MIST maintains ride-a-longs with the Eureka Police

Department, and Street Outreach Services teams travel beyond Eureka to impacted areas in McKinleyville, Arcata & Fortuna.

2. CoC Street Outreach covers 100% of the geographic region, aside from densely-forested rural areas where persons experiencing homelessness are seen very infrequently.

3. DHHS Street Outreach workers provide mobile outreach 3 days a week, alternating between Wednesday to Friday, Tuesday to Thursday, & Wednesday to Thursday schedules.

4. The CoC tailors outreach to the hardest to reach persons by providing mobile outreach in 13 different locations across Humboldt (including food pantries, supermarkets, libraries, parks, faith-based organizations, Family Resource Centers, & Native American Tribal Offices). The Mobile Intervention & Services Team (MIST) receives SAMHSA PATH-funding to fund Street Outreach to help persons experiencing homelessness with Serious Mental Illness to access homeless housing & services through the Coordinated Entry System. DHHS & MIST Street Outreach includes staff who are fluent in Spanish & ASL, & can connect to Language Line Solutions to provide interpreter services 24/7 in 240+ languages to assist those for whom English is a second language.

4A-4. Affirmative Outreach. Applicants must describe:

- (1) the specific strategy the CoC implemented that furthers fair housing as detailed in 24 CFR 578.93(c) used to market housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identify, sexual orientation, age, familial status or disability; and**
 - (2) how the CoC communicated effectively with persons with disabilities and limited English proficiency fair housing strategy in (1) above.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

1. STRATEGIES: Our CoC holds annual trainings on implementing Fair Housing requirements & the Equal Access Final Rule (this year held on 8/2/2018); notices of the trainings are posted on the CoC website & in listserv announcements to 150+ community stakeholders. DHHS conducts outreach and marketing through the newly-merged Mobile Outreach Program, the Arcata House Partnership drop-in center (a CE access point), & 2-1-1 (the CE Provider) to market our housing & supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, nationality, religion, sex, age, familial status, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status. The drop-in center is accessible to persons with disabilities & street outreach workers seek out people living in places not meant for habitation.

2. EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION MEASURES: DHHS Mobile Outreach includes staff that are fluent in Spanish & ASL; Mobile Outreach staff & 2-1-1 use Language Line Solutions to provide interpreter services 24/7 in 240+ languages to assist those for whom English is a second language. Outreach workers ensure CE is also accessible to persons with physical disabilities.

4A-5. RRH Beds as Reported in the HIC. Applicants must report the total number of rapid rehousing beds available to serve all household types as reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for 2017 and 2018.

	2017	2018	Difference
RRH beds available to serve all populations in the HIC	59	49	-10

4A-6. Rehabilitation or New Construction Costs. Are new proposed project applications requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction? No

4A-7. Homeless under Other Federal Statutes. Is the CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO or TH projects to serve families with children or youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes? No