

## Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

### Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

### Attachments

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

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

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

## 1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** CA-531 - Nevada County CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras

**1A-3. CoC Designation:** CA

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras

## 1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC acknowledges the fact that it needs to more adequately address the needs of underserved communities who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population. The California Department of Housing and Community Development has set forth requirements to improve on system performance measures (SysPM) as it relates to racial equity. The CoC strives to increase accessibility to services by providing additional resources in different languages. Additionally, target outreach to agencies and/or committees currently serving Black and Brown communities will be provided to get additional representation on the CoC.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

CA-531 solicits new members by identifying a gap in representation and approaches agencies or individuals who are willing to fill the need. CA-531 is still a relatively new continuum of care, and meetings are posted on the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras' website, as well as through the CoC email list. Meeting packets are emailed five (5) days before the scheduled meeting, and all minutes are posted on the HRCS website. The meeting is always open to the public, and a special community-focused meeting is held on a quarterly basis. Nevada County's outreach team, comprised of staff from the local emergency shelter and the Behavioral Health Department, encourages homeless individuals to participate in the CoC. The CoC acknowledges that additional outreach is needed to invite organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(3)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information;
3.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
4.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC has a committee structure in place addressing all major needs the CoC has identified. The committees are aligned with HUD-funded activities and system performance tracking in HMIS. The four committees are: 1) Prevention and Youth, 2) Shelter, 3) Housing, and 4) Best Practices - Evidence Based Practices/HMIS/Coordinated Entry. These committees draw membership from service providers and advocates, with any interest party being able to join. Each committee has a one-year work plan decided upon by the respective committee. The committees present its recommendations related to service needs, gaps and funding suggestions to the CoC's governing board. The feedback gathered during these committee meetings help the CoC identify funding priorities and begin discussions on how to improve the homeless response system. Additionally, the CoC regularly communicates with CoC members, advocates and community leaders providing information about upcoming funding, CoC goals and objectives, as well as opportunities to participate in collaborative efforts to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness. CoC leadership presents annually to the county Board of Supervisors and also presents as needed to local city councils. The CoC works closely with the County of Nevada to solicit public input on housing needs, service gaps, and funding opportunities.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC published the 2024-2025 NOFO on August 14, 2024 to the CoC via email. This notice provided information on the types of projects that will be considered for funding, as well as guidance for agencies that had not previously received CoC Program Competition.
2. An "Intro to the CoC Competition" was provided to all interested agencies on August 21, 2024. This webinar provided information on how to register for eSNAPS and access a new project application. Renewal agencies were also encouraged to attend.
3. The notice sent via email included criteria on the criteria in which agencies would be scored.
4. All CoC Program competition documents was provided in electronic format. Following the webinar hosted by the CoC Consultant, the video recording and powerpoint slides were emailed to the CoC membership. Additionally, the Consultant provided one-on-on TA for agencies needing further assistance.

# 1C. Coordination and Engagement

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<b>1C-1.</b>	<b>Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	
	In the chart below:	
	1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC’s coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC’s geographic area.	

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

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

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

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

<b>1C-3.</b>	<b>Ensuring Families are not Separated.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.c.	

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

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

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

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

1.	Youth Education Provider	Yes
2.	State Education Agency (SEA)	No
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Yes
4.	School Districts	Yes

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



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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC governing board includes a representative from the local Superintendent of Schools and Bright Futures for youth, a local non-profit dedicated to service local youth in overcoming housing challenges. Having representation from the school district allows for collaboration and better understanding of youth and families' issues related to poverty and homelessness. The schools have Foster Youth (THP+) and McKinney Vento programs. The local school district also receives funding from the CoC through the ESG-CV grant program to address youth homelessness in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CoC has a specific committee comprised of all youth service providers in the area who are tasked with collecting and presenting data and making specific recommendations for funding opportunities for youth and families-focused funding. The Youth Committee has been awarded 10% (more than \$100,000) of state funds to address youth homelessness resulting in program expansions for foster-age youth and unaccompanied minors. Additional funds are being utilized to create a "State of Youth Homeless in Nevada County" report that will examine data from youth providers all over the area to provide a set of specific, actionable recommendations supported by the providers to expand and enrich local services. The CoC will continue to set aside 10% of incoming local and state funding to support these efforts.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras has established the Education Connection policy, ensuring that the Coordinated Entry System enquires about families' education, housing and supportive needs. Families are informed of the types of educational services available and appropriate referrals are made. The CoC-affiliated agencies work directly with the local liaisons to connect children to education services, as well as enrolling them in First 5 programs or in school. With a representative of the local school district sitting on the CoC governing board, education updates are provided at the monthly CoC meetings. Clients are provided with up-to-date information through their individual sessions with their case manager. Additionally, if desired and appropriate, the client can access the Special Multi-Agency Resource Team (SMART) meetings for support. This collaborative meets weekly, follows a client-driven facilitated model and consists of Public Health, Behavioral Health, and the local schools with the goal of "Keeping Children Safe, Healthy, At-Home and In-School."

1C-4c.	Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	No
4.	Early Head Start	No	No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program—(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	No
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

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

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

	Organizations	
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	No
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	No
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes
	Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)	
4.		

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Community Beyond Violence provides trainings to the CoC in order to inform and update those involved on best practices for when working with survivors. Once and understanding has been established about the best practices, we are able to evaluate where policies need to be revised and making appropriate updates. For instance, these ideas could look like incorporating voluntary participation in services, evaluating current funded CoC projects, and establishing robust confidentiality procedures, etc. When assessing current policies, the involvement of CBV as a VSP (Victim Service Provider) on the board has been vital for highlighting the voices of survivors and those with lived experience. Outside of training and ongoing conversations based on the growing needs, the utilization of data from HMIS has been a powerful tool. Gathering data has allowed us to identify individuals who have disclosed that they are survivors and highlight the need for housing services and work to bridge the gaps survivors face when trying to access existing services.

2. Community Beyond Violence provides education to service providers, focusing on the unique considerations when supporting survivors. This includes addressing confidentiality challenges, creating safety plans for unsheltered survivors, and recognizing power dynamics between service providers and survivors. Building programs rooted in trauma-informed philosophies and the Housing First model has been a foundational step and eventually should serve as the standard for providers, while still allowing flexible options to meet the diverse needs of survivors. With collaborative efforts the CoC able to leverage the relationship with CBV to identify where additional support or training is needed throughout our community.

Over the past year, CBV and the CoC have worked together to expand housing services for survivors, including emergency shelter in various forms, and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) options. However, ensuring that these services remain trauma-informed goes beyond education, but instead requires continuous evaluation, by actively soliciting feedback from those we serve, and implementing necessary changes to improve survivor safety.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Coordinated Entry enhances safety planning by assessing the client's risk level and providing rapid referrals to service providers, facilitating access to shelter and other supportive services. These quick referrals through the CE system have been especially vital for clients in immediate danger, who may be fleeing and unaware of available resources. When a client is referred to 211 and the operator identifies a need for domestic violence services, the call is routed directly to CBV's 24/7 crisis line. This streamlined process allows CBV to serve individuals promptly, without unnecessary delays or barriers.

2. Community Beyond Violence has licensed HMIS users who enter Coordinated Entry (CE) data to ensure client confidentiality. If necessary, client information is entered anonymously, using a unique client ID number that is generated from their internal database. If a client chooses to disclose personal information, such as their name or other identifying details, they must provide written consent. CBV ensures that they know each of these options are available and disclose fully why their information is being used and what the purpose of the CE system is. During this process, clients are able to maintain full control over how much they share, and their access to services remains unaffected, ensuring both safety and equal access while preserving confidentiality.

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

4.	what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers.
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**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras has adopted into its written standards an emergency transfer plan. This plan relates to non-victim housing service providers, enabling victims to transfer to a different housing unit quickly and without penalty or loss of service/eligibility. If an individual requests an emergency transfer, it is common that the housing agencies collaborate with victim service providers to provide additional services specific to this population. Assistance is provided to individuals and families while completing specific forms to ensure the client is not terminated from the housing program or wrongly evicted from the housing unit. The individual or family will be provided with relocation assistance to safely move them into other housing, whether that be in or out of the county.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within your CoC's geographic area.
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**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Community Beyond Violence ensure that clients have access to housing beyond our programs by fostering strong collaborations and partnerships with other agencies. We recognize that domestic violence is just one part of a person's experience, with many intersecting challenges. By acknowledging the whole person and the full scope of their struggles, we work to connect them with the appropriate service providers. This agency also actively participates in case conferencing meetings with various organizations allowing us to stay informed on resources available while facilitating collaboration and ensuring our clients have access to the services they need.

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:
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1.	identifying barriers specific to survivors; and
2.	working to remove those barriers.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Community Beyond Violence's (CBV) intake documents are designed to foster a mutual understanding of the services available and the goals we can support, ensuring that clients are fully informed about the program's purpose. After the initial intake, their housing assessment includes questions aimed at identifying barriers to housing, understanding social supports, and assessing the needs of the client. Additionally, CBV prioritize whole-person care by asking about the client's strengths and how they are caring for themselves, ensuring a holistic approach to support and services.

2. Once barriers have been identified, case managers collaborate with clients to develop individualized case plans tailored to remove these barriers in a way that is manageable and empowering. Clients are supported in making their own decisions about what is best for them. For example, if a client is unsure about their credit or rental history, CBV assists them in reviewing reports and addressing any issues that arise. Throughout this process, case managers continue to actively search for housing, aligning with Housing First philosophies by prioritizing housing access while working on other challenges.

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

	1. Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
	2. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	No
	3. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	No

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has a continuum-wide policy regarding anti-discrimination, and all CoC-funded agencies are required to maintain compliance with this policy and establish internal policies within the agency. The CoC is currently restructuring its Outcomes, Measurements and Evaluations Group that evaluates projects on an annual basis. During this evaluation, the committee will review the agencies policies and procedures. If an agency is found to be noncompliant with the antidiscrimination policies, early intervention will be provided. The CoC will have the agency take actionable steps to remedy the findings. If the findings are not resolved, the CoC reserves the right to not recommend the agency for any state or federal funding.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Regional Housing Authority - Sutter, Yuba, Colusa and Nevada Counties	48%	Yes-HCV	No

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

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Regional Housing Authority has adopted a homeless admission preference.

1C-7b.	Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC's jurisdiction that your recipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing:

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	No
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

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

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

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	No
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	Yes
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
7.	Public Housing	Yes
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	

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

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	Yes
		<b>Program Funding Source</b>
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	Mainstream Voucher Program

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



	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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## 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	4
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	4
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.  
 Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Rating and Ranking Committee reviews the application in search of specific detail the agency provides to determine if the agency is following a housing first approach. Currently, the Outcomes/Measurements/Evaluation Group (OMEG) is under restructuring. However, the CoC has implemented a Housing First self assessment for any agency applying for CoC funds. The self assessment includes criteria regarding program accessibility, leases, service and engagement, among other project specific criteria as determined by HUD. When the committee is finalized, additional evaluation will be conducted, reviewing the programs policies and procedures to determine if the agency is continuing to comply with Housing First. The indicators OMEG will look for is whether participation in services is required for financial or housing assistance or if there are any barriers the client must overcome prior to receiving services (i.e., maintain sobriety, have employment, etc.). This evaluation will be conducted annually.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Data—Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.
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**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC maintains a robust street outreach effort covering 100% of the geographic area of the CoC. The Homeless Outreach and Medical Engagement (HOME) team provides intensive case management services and is comprised of Service Coordinators, Housing Navigators, Substance Use Specialists, and a Licensed Nurse. This team primarily covers the western region of the County but does provide monthly outreach in the Truckee (eastern) region. The County also has the Enhanced Care Management Team to provide outreach in order to connect homeless individuals to all eligible services. This team is centrally located at the Resource Commons Navigation Center. Additionally, the CoC has a shelter-based outreach team that works in the Western County, comprised of case managers who engage unsheltered populations and assist in moving them into shelter. This team also provides assistance in connecting unsheltered populations to health care, primary care, treatment and other services. The CoC also has a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) embedded with local law enforcement. The LCSW coordinates with law enforcement to respond to calls for services that involve homeless persons or encampments. In Eastern County, the CoC has two (2) dedicated outreach workers that provide case management and service linkage to residents of Truckee and the surrounding areas. All of these efforts allow the Nevada County CoC to conduct street outreach 365 days a year.

The County and the CoC partnered to create the HOME team. This innovative project that utilizes a street-based nurse and specialist in substance use treatment is the primary way in which the county works with unsheltered households least likely to request services. This health based, harm reduction approach meets people where they are at and delivers services that immediately improve their quality of life and expedite connection to health care and treatment services. The HOME team also has access to flexible funding to assist people in accessing non-congregate shelter (hotel rooms) as needed helping the team to build trust while building case plans to get these households housed. This team also coordinates with Law Enforcement, Hospitals, and Jails to ensure individuals are not discharged into homelessness. Additionally, the County of Nevada has been awarded funding through California's Encampment Resolution Fund, allowing for the county to quickly place unsheltered individuals in permanent housing with wraparound services.

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

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

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

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

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) or Longitudinal Data from HMIS. NOFO Section V.B.1.i.
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	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	95	2

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits–CoC Annual Training of Project Staff. NOFO Section V.B.1.m.
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Indicate in the chart below whether your CoC trains program staff annually on the following mainstream benefits available for program participants within your CoC's geographic area:

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

1D-6a.	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance. NOFO Section V.B.1.m
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Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Nevada County utilizes Mental Health Services Act funding to provide supportive services to the homeless population. In addition, SOAR training has been provided to government staff, service providers, social workers, case managers, social security staff and volunteers on how to assist persons, especially non-trusting mentally ill persons, with advocacy and assistance with the SSI/SSDI application process. Agencies and staff are kept up-to-date regarding mainstream resources via in-person meetings, website postings, and emails. Nevada County Behavioral Health and the CoC Board are responsible or overseeing the CoC's strategy for mainstream benefits.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Through collaboration with Public Health, the CoC and its affiliated agencies have been able to implement a plan to respond to infectious disease outbreaks. Policies have been incorporated into the CoC written standards addressing how an agency is to partner with public health and respond to any infectious disease outbreaks. As necessary, information is disseminated through the CoC by the County staff who sit on the CoC board. Additionally, policies have been developed to allow for certain agency staff to work remotely, reducing the risk of outbreaks. Furthermore, all homeless service agencies have access to a large quantity of PPE to distribute to those living in unsheltered environments.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

During the Covid-19 outbreak, CoC-affiliated agencies were involved in numerous calls with public health officials and local healthcare agencies. These calls disseminated necessary information, addressing safety measures and the changes in Covid-19 cases. Local healthcare agencies and foundations also have provided homeless service agencies with personal protective equipment and sanitation supplies. Health agencies collaborated with homeless service agencies to provide vaccination clinics and administer Covid-19 testing.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) covers 100% of the geographic area of the CoC. Not only can individuals and households enter into the CES through any service provider, but outreach teams can also enter households into the CES in the field. Additionally, the CES is accessible to anyone by calling 2-1-1 information system. All methods utilize the same standard assessment forms, which is then entered into HMIS. The Outcomes, Measurements, and Evaluation Group (OMEG) regularly reviews the Coordinated Entry System process using feedback from agencies and individuals. The CES call center reports to the CoC monthly with data pertinent to the effectiveness of service provision.

1D-8a.	Coordinated Entry–Program Participant-Centered Approach.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their needs and preferences; and	
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC has created a case conferencing practice for 100% of the geographic area within the CoC. Case conferencing teams meet weekly, are comprised of every relevant service provider, and each member has access to HMIS. The teams are divided by subpopulations: families and youth, Veterans, and chronic homeless. The teams work collaboratively to deliver services to households regardless of physical location. The teams work directly off the CES By-Name List, prioritizing the most vulnerable for direct connection to services and housing. As the primary method of entry into the CES can be burdensome due to long call times, any service provider or outreach worker can conduct the vulnerability assessment and enter the data into HMIS.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

With the very limited housing resources available, collaboration within the CoC is crucial for the successful placements of individuals experiencing homelessness. As rapid rehousing (RRH) and permanent supportive housing (PSH) units become available, notice is provided to all CoC-affiliated agencies during weekly case conferencing. Service providers have fair housing and civil right laws posted publicly for client review. If any impediments to fair housing are identified, the CoC will work with the client and California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) to remedy any issue.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	No
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**



The CoC has not conducted a formal racial equity assessment, but the HMIS Administrator has provided the CoC with reports on Stella and LSA data, as well as reporting on the HUD equity analysis tool. Additional outreach and data assessment is needed to address this issue. Outreach is needed to be provided to agencies serving the Hispanic and indigenous populations, as those populations are accessing shelter and housing services at a disproportionate rate. Additionally, the Youth Committee has identified that a disproportionate number of Hispanic youths are experiencing homelessness.

1D-9b.	Implemented Strategies to Prevent or Eliminate Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p	

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's HMIS system administrator provides monthly data reports, outlining the racial and ethnic demographic of individuals accessing the homeless response system. The CA Dept. of Housing and Community Development has set forth requirements to improve on system performance measures (SysPM) as it relates to racial equity. As part of these requirements, the CoC will continue to track quantitative data from HMIS to further analyze racial equity in the local homeless response system. These data reports help the CoC to review its policies and procedures with an equity lens.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC will use both quantitative and qualitative data to track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities. The CA Department of Housing and Community Development has required CoCs to improve on system performance measures (SysPM) as it relates to racial equity in order to receive funding through the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program. The CoC will be analyzing racial disparity data using demographic information from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and annual Point-in-Time Count (PIT). Additionally, the CoC will review qualitative data from targeted outreach to those over-represented in the homeless response system.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

CoC-affiliated agencies are encouraged to engage individuals with lived experience in leadership roles. Currently, at least one board member with lived experience of homelessness serves in a leadership role within the CoC. The CoC acknowledges the need for a safe space for individuals with lived experiences to voice their experience with the local homeless response system. The CoC's board and partner agencies engage with individuals experiencing homelessness to gather feedback of current and future strategies. It is important to develop a rapport with individuals with lived experience of homelessness, building the trust necessary to encourage open communication.

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	4	1
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	4	1
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	0	0
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	4	1

1D-10b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC and its affiliated agencies work closely with Nevada County One-Stop to help clients obtain gainful employment. In addition to working with the local One-Stop, many agencies provide employment opportunities to clients that have stabilized in housing. This helps ensure individuals do not experience recidivism in the homeless system.

1D-10c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:

	1. how your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;	
	2. how often your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;	
	3. how your CoC gathers feedback from people who received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program;	
	4. how often your CoC gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program; and	
	5. steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC welcomes feedback from people with lived experience during the monthly CoC meetings. Additionally, feedback can be provided through service agencies, CoC committees and Coordinated Entry. As feedback is received, the CoC board discusses next steps, whether that be to provide additional technical assistance to agencies, revising policies, or dedicating resources to a specific project.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Members of the CoC regularly meet with County staff and city jurisdictions to discuss potential housing projects and barriers, such as zoning, that need to be addressed. Through these conversations, on permanent housing project is currently underway that had required rezoning. This project will increase the number of permanent supportive housing units. Additionally, the State of California has provided guidance on the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) that has the potential to increase the number of affordable housing units.

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

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

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	08/14/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	08/14/2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

1E-2b.	Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.  NOFO Section V.B.2.d.	
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Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	the severe barriers your CoC considered.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's rating and ranking tool for renewal projects analyzed data from each renewal project's Annual Performance Report (APR) that was submitted in SAGE. The performance outcomes the committee reviewed included bed utilization, exits to positive housing destinations/retention of permanent housing, increased non-cash income, and increased access to health insurance. The Rating and Ranking Committee considered the following severity of needs and vulnerabilities in the ranking and selection process: chronic homelessness, mental disability/illness, and victims of domestic violence. Agencies who serve these populations were given prioritization. However, all project applications were identified as either 100% Dedicated, 100% DedicatedPLUS, or 100% Domestic Violence. In the case of a tiebreaker, the victim service provider is given priority.

1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.  NOFO Section V.B.2.e.	
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Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC used input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;
2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and
3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree that proposed projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and steps the projects took or will take to eliminate the identified barriers.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC acknowledges its need to provide further outreach to obtain input from persons of different races in the rating factors. The CA Department of Housing and Community Development has required CoCs to improve outcomes regarding racial and gender equity. Using state criteria, the CoC has implemented similar requirements for agencies applying for CoC Program Funds. The 2024 Ranking included criteria on how well the applicant agency ensures racial and gender equity in housing delivery, housing services, and housing retention. The CoC openly encouraged any individual without conflict to serve on the CoC rating and ranking committee. This year, we did not receive interest from those over-represented in the local homelessness population. However, the CoC acknowledges the need to conduct more targeted outreach regarding rating and ranking participation. However, agencies were ranked based on the degree to which racial equity was met. Applicant agencies were asked to describe their outreach to overrepresented individuals in the homeless populations. This criteria was worth 5 points within the CoC ranking tool.

<b>1E-4.</b>	<b>Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;
2.	whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year;
3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC's Outcomes, Measurements and Evaluation Group (OMEG) regularly reviews each CoC-funded agency's system performance and annual performance reports to evaluate data quality and project performance. If an agency is identified as having performance issues and does not show signs of improvement prior to the CoC Program Competition, the possibility of reallocation is discussed at the Board level. There were two (s) renewal projects applications submitted under this NOFO. All projects are high performing and needed in the community. The Rating and Ranking Committee did not decide to recommend reallocation or a reduction in funding.

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

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

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/14/2024

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/14/2024
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-.	Yes
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1E-5c.	<b>Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	10/24/2024
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1E-5d.	<b>Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC’s website or partner’s website.	10/24/2024
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## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

<b>2A-1.</b>	<b>HMIS Vendor.</b>	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Wellsky
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<b>2A-2.</b>	<b>HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.</b>	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area.	Multiple CoCs
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<b>2A-3.</b>	<b>HIC Data Submission in HDX.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	05/03/2024
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<b>2A-4.</b>	<b>Comparable Databases for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The local victim service provider, Community Beyond Violence, enters data into a HMIS-comparable database called Apricot. This system meets HUD’s comparable database requirements and is able to run reports with de-identified aggregate data for CoC use when necessary. The VSP and other service providers are compliant with the 2024 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	158	20	178	77.50%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	70	6	76	92.11%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	2	0	2	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	72	0	72	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC had emergency housing vouchers, which is not required by HUD to be entered into HMIS. However, all year round and cold-weather shelters input data into HMIS.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC’s FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?	Yes
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## 2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/23/2024
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	05/03/2024
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC collaborated closely with the local schools, college and youth service providers during the facilitation of the 2024 PIT Count. A staff member of the homeless youth service provider is actively involved in the CoC and leads the Youth Action Board to help identify possible locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified. Additionally, representation from Nevada County Superintendent of Schools sit on the CoC Board and provided assistance in the planning of the PIT Count. The CoC also provided incentives in the form of gift cards for youth that completed the survey and helped conduct the count.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Not Applicable

## 2C. System Performance

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CA-531 region has an extremely low housing vacancy rate and high rental costs, causing many individuals and families to become homeless for the first time. The Continuum of Care brings together multiple agencies and organizations who identify situations where persons are criminalized, victimized and discharged into homelessness. The CoC identifies risk factors, intervention methods, and community interventions. Through Coordinated Entry, individuals' and households' needs and vulnerabilities are assessed. Individuals and/or families at risk of becoming homeless are provided with resources and referred to appropriate agencies who provide homeless prevention assistance. Furthermore, the Nevada County collaborative Homeless Action Plan has prioritized this factor in its plan. One strategy the plan has identified is to increase the availability of rental and mortgage assistance funding to prevent individuals, youth, and families from slipping into homelessness and implement a CoC-wide diversion strategy. Another strategy is to expand services and housing opportunities to transition aged youth and families with children to prevent entry into the adult homeless system and long-term homelessness. Within the Nevada County Office of Education, staff are trained across schools on qualifiers for the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless with the education system, which consists of "lacking a fixed, adequate, nighttime residence". Many youths served fall within the "doubled-up" situation due to economic hardships. Through collaboration with the CoC, a family or unaccompanied minor is referred directly from the school liaison to a homeless service agency, and a "warm handoff" is provided for services such as landlord negotiation and homeless prevention assistance. The Best Practices and Data Committee is responsible for monitoring the performance of the Coordinated Entry System and the CoC's strategy in reducing first time homelessness.

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

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

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

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

In the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**



Many individuals who have been housed with RRH or PSH funds meet the chronic homeless status. These individuals may lack the necessary skills and/or behaviors to retain housing. All CoC and ESG funded programs are Housing First and provide wraparound services and case management to address the factors that may contribute to a client losing his/her housing. The strengthening of housing focused case management and post housing supportive services is the primary strategy to reduce the rate of returns to homelessness. Service providers provide outreach to landlords and offer mediation services to help clients keep his/her/their housing. The CoC is able to track if an individual has re-entered into Homelessness through the Coordinated Entry System and HMIS. Through Coordinated Entry, the individual or household's needs and vulnerabilities are re-assessed, and they are placed on the BNL. The Best Practices and Data Committee, in coordination with the HMIS administrator, is tasked with monitoring and evaluating the Coordinated Entry System performance and HMIS data quality to help reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The average length of time a person or family is homeless is 125 bed nights according to the System Performance Measures (SysPM). This is a decrease from the previous year of 156 bed nights. The CoC utilizes its Coordinated Entry System to identify individuals and families with the longest lengths of time homeless. The individual/household's length of time homeless is identified through the vulnerability assessment. An individual or household that has been homeless for a longer period of time is seen to have higher vulnerabilities, resulting in a higher vulnerability score on the By-Name List (BNL). All Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing Programs receiving CoC or ESG funds are required to fill vacancies through the BNL and must accept the most vulnerable persons who match the eligibility requirements (i.e. chronic homeless status, victim of domestic violence, etc.) All of these programs are Housing First and strive to screen people into the programs rather than out. In addition to utilizing the Coordinated Entry System effectively, the collaborative Homeless Action Plan has developed a strategy to implement a centralized Landlord Liaison Program. This program allows for agencies to place individuals into permanent housing quickly, reducing the length of time an individual remains homeless. The CoC's Best Practices/Data Committee and Housing Committee, in coordination with the HMIS administrator, are tasked with monitoring and evaluating the Coordinated Entry System and overseeing the strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Many individuals who have been housed with RRH or PSH funds meet the chronic homeless status. These individuals may lack the necessary skills and/or behaviors to retain housing. All CoC and ESG funded programs are Housing First and provide wraparound services and case management to address the factors that may contribute to a client losing his/her housing. The strengthening of housing focused case management and post housing supportive services is the primary strategy to reduce the rate of returns to homelessness. Service providers provide outreach to landlords and offer mediation services to help clients keep his/her/their housing. Additionally, several agencies are identified as Enhanced Care Management (ECM) through the CalAIM initiative, allowing for clients to be connected to resources to ensure housing is retained. The CoC is able to track if an individual has re-entered into Homelessness through the Coordinated Entry System and HMIS. Through Coordinated Entry, the individual or household's needs and vulnerabilities are re-assessed, and they are placed on the BNL. The Best Practices and Data Committee, in coordination with the HMIS administrator, is tasked with monitoring and evaluating the Coordinated Entry System performance and HMIS data quality to help reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Nevada County One-Stop is the primary mainstream employment organizations. This organization assist with job applications, resumes, employment training, and job searching. CoC-affiliated agencies identify their client's employment and income needs and make the appropriate referrals to these mainstream employment organizations. Additionally, the local youth service provider offers supportive services to homeless youth, assisting them in completing a "Career Technical Education" certification or equivalent to help them earn a living wage. This agency connects youth to the Alliance for Workforce Development's Youth Job Training Program. This program provides basic needs services and case management to assist youth in obtaining employment. The Data Committee (in collaboration with the Board of Directors) is responsible for overseeing the strategy to increase job and income growth from employment.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

FREED Center for Independent Living, a local nonprofit in the CoC, and Nevada County Behavioral Health have staff trained in SOAR. This training has educated agency staff on how to assist persons, and especially non-trusting mentally ill persons, with advocacy and assistance with the SSI/SSDI application process. Additionally, the County is identified as an Enhanced Care Management (ECM) agency through the CalAIM initiative. The ECM team connects individuals to resources and benefits an individual may be eligible for. Agencies within the region, alongside coordinated entry, are able to make referrals to the County under CalWORKS and CalFresh. Assistance with Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program, disability benefits, and Medi-Cal benefits are provided by FREED and the Enhanced Care Management Team. The CoC Board is responsible for overseeing the strategy to increase non-employment cash income, as well as the Best Practices and Data committee to monitor the increase of non-employment cash income.

### 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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<b>3A-3.</b>	<b>Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.</b>	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

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

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

### 3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Not Applicable

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

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable

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

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	124
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	40
3.	Unmet Need:	84

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The need for housing services among domestic violence survivors is determined by tracking the number of survivors who are turned away from our shelter and housing services due to lack of capacity. This data is gathered throughout the year and used for reporting in our current grants. Community Beyond Violence tracks these numbers through a database comparable to HMIS, ensuring accurate documentation of unmet housing needs.

The primary barrier to meeting the needs of all survivors is rooted in programmatic and financial limitations. Currently, CBV operates an 18-bed safe house, while the waitlist often exceeds double that capacity. To effectively address these barriers, Community Beyond Violence would need to develop a sustainable model for operating a larger shelter with 30 or more beds, while ensuring the delivery of high-quality services. This expansion would also require nearly doubling the current staffing levels in this program. To help meet the need, CBV's Rapid Rehousing Program is crucial to assist households obtain safe, affordable housing.

However, the agency faces significant financial constraints, as approximately 95% of their budget is grant-funded. This reliance on grants means CBV must adhere to specific funding requirements, which restrict our ability to provide long-term rental assistance, barriers to funding certain requests from clients, and limit options for procuring or building their own shelter.

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

<b>Applicant Name</b>
Community Beyond ...



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

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	

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

1.	Applicant Name	Community Beyond Violence
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	89%
3.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	84%

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

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

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

**(limit 1,500 characters)**

The data is collected through their internal system as to if they have been placed in safe housing. CBV is not counting those who are still living with their abuser, or had gone into other unsafe environments. The timeframe for the data is from 9/30/2023-10/1/2024. CBV is able to calculate this number based on the amount of clients enrolled in the program versus those who they have captured a service that accounts for being placed in permanent housing. For retention, it was determined based on those who had been placed into permanent housing, and had lost it again within the period noted above.

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

Describe in the field below how the project applicant:

1.	ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;
2.	prioritized survivors—you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC's emergency transfer plan;
3.	determined survivors' supportive services needs;
4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and

5.	moved survivors from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.
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**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. CBV works to identify what resources are available to the client, what housing options they are open to, such as size of unit, price of unit, neighborhood, etc. While clients and case managers are working alongside one another to achieve goals, housing case managers maintain relationships with local landlords, apartment complexes, and present options to the clients. When working with survivors, case managers need to ensure that safety and confidentiality is held at the forefront of their work. CBV case managers work with survivors on various goals, such as earning income through employment or social services, healthcare, obtaining vital documents,, accompaniment to court, etc. The agency is able to provide transportation for clients, with the hope that they are removing any barriers to accessing services or attending important meetings. The program will provide household establishment assistance, and will tailor assistance on a case-by-case basis.
2. When an individual calls to access case management, they will go through a brief screening questionnaire that outlines the barriers to housing and to determine needs, as long as the need is in relation to domestic violence or sexual assault and there is the staff capacity to provide quality services, they will be taken onto a caseload. Referrals are done by front line staff and put into the data base, sending a trigger to the housing case managers and program manager to ensure a clear process and transparency as to who is in need of service.
3. CBV ensures that clients know from first encounter that they are the one who is guiding the goals created and the action steps that are being taken. As their situations change, or their goals change, the case managers will pivot and support with the areas that the client have identified as a priority.
4. CBV is built on the client led, and voluntary participation in services. The clients are the ones who allow staff to know what they need and goal is to help facilitate getting those needs met.
5. Before clients are transitioned off caseload or their housing subsidy expires, CBV collaborate closely with them to tackle financial hardships, make appropriate referrals to relevant programs, and apply for long-term subsidies. Once clients are placed in housing, regular budget reviews are offered, working diligently to enhance financial responsibility and life skills.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Intake processes or any interviewing is done with in private spaces, with the transparency with the survivor that all communication is strictly confidential. The steps taken to minimize the potential coercion are rooted in trauma informed practices, coming from a non-judgemental client led frame-work. CBV is transparent about what they hope to accomplish, or what they are able to accomplish and allow the client to take the lead in what they would like to share or what information they feel is important. CBV wants to ensure that clients are informed about how the information they are providing will be used and continue to reaffirm that they are not required to share any information that they are not comfortable with, and can withdraw from services at any point.

2. For the safehouse program, CBV is based on triage, meaning they utilize the CE system as well as an internal triage system to assess risk once there is an opening in the safehouse. They are assessing things like LE involvement, previous attempts at leaving, other risk factors such as gun violence, increased risk of fatality, etc. When determining placement into permanent housing, the client takes the lead, if there's a opportunity that fits the need and the client is wanting to pursue it, CBV will work with them in hopes of securing the unit, but if they decide the unit is not suitable, CBV will move on with no consequences placed on the client.

3/5. The safehouse is staffed 24/7 in order to provide support and mitigate any safety concerns that may arise. the site is in a confidential location. Any person who comes onto the premises has to sign a confidentiality agreement, recognizing that it is a misdemeanor to disclose the location of a safehouse. CBV has a gated premises and video surveillance both indoor and outdoor, that only staff can access to ensure safety. Panic buttons are installed at our safehouse site in case of any emergency and if necessary, LE will be quickly deployed.

4. Staff has to complete a 65-hr course to become a certified domestic violence counselor. The majority of training focuses on what confidentiality looks like in practice, such as not discussing client cases with one another if not necessary, not searching through case notes that aren't relevant to a case you're working on, and that all communication about a client with anyone external to the agency must be done with prior written consent from the client.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Community Beyond Violence (CBV) solicits feedback from clients and other stakeholders, prioritizing those with lived experience, in hopes of identifying gaps that can be addressed. They have accessible grievance forms, as well as routinely pass out client surveys that are done anonymously - allowing CBV to get continuous feedback. Internally, staff holds space to reflect on accomplishments and downfalls as they happen to highlight the areas that have worked well and where the agency may need more training, resources or general improvement.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Housing Case Managers are SOAR certified, able to provide support with SSI/SSDI application, have been trained in the Ready-to-Rent curriculum, and provide services from a trauma-informed mindset. Current funding falls in line with the Housing First model, and aligns with the philosophy of the agency. Clients do not have to participate in other services, address mental health or sobriety issues to gain access to housing or shelter services. Case managers provide options and resources to support clients, helping to guide their way while maintaining the understanding that the client is in the lead. CBV has developed policies and procedures to help ensure that the clients have quick access to services. Clients can call the 24/7 crisis line and speak with an advocate. Once CBV has connected with the client, they do a minimal housing assessment and begin the process, utilizing our flexible financial assistance to minimize housing barriers, whenever possible. For instance, they have been able to utilize flexible financial assistance to pay past due utility bills, help clean up someone's credit score, or bridge other gaps in funding that would allow clients to continue to move forward. When working with survivors, CBV wants to ensure that they feel like they are the one in control, they do not try to sway the client's personal decisions for housing options, or deny assistance on the basis that they are 'not complying'. Community Beyond Violence believes that housing is a basic human right, just like food or healthcare. It is recognized that survivors are the expert of their own healing, and can make the decisions that will make them feel the safest. CBV is able to utilize other financial resources to make reasonable modifications to the unit that allow survivors to feel safer in a potential home. These modifications can look like extra locks, extra security measures, flood lights, cameras, etc. Once the client is placed in permanent housing, case managers continue to work with them until the client decides that they no longer are in need of the supportive services, the case management usually lasts anywhere between a 1-2 years after they've secured housing, and if for some reason a client is in need of support again, they are welcome to access services at any point.

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

1. All staff undergo extensive training to recognize that the root of interpersonal violence is power and control. The agency has shifted all philosophies to mirror that understanding, all services are provided in a way that is trauma informed, transparent and non-judgemental. They have established practices and policies with the intention of making clients feel safe. All staff are certified domestic violence counselors and provide peer counseling. When meeting with clients one of the first boundaries established is that staff are peer counselors, and explain what that means with an emphasis on the fact that they are peers. When interventions are necessary, it is due to an extreme safety risk for staff members and many preventative measures have already been taken. Even if CBV is no longer able to serve an individual, they ensure information and referrals to agencies and other supportive services are provided.
2. It is recognized that staff needs to be able to understand the effects of trauma to affectively address it in various ways, whether providing peer counseling or education around trauma. CBV provides information in group settings, through printed materials and more to our clients. They ensure that they are not providing the education in a way that feels invasive or insensitive to what the client is going through, or with the intention of the client feeling as though they're being diagnosed, but instead in a way that allows the client to feel less alone in their experience and have some understanding of potential behaviors.
3. Intake documents are designed to create a mutual understanding of what services are available, what goals CBV can provide support with in order for clients to be fully informed of the intention of the program. The housing assessment is comprised of questions to understand the barriers to housing, understanding social supports and needs of the clients. In addition, CBV is ensuring that the whole person care is at the forefront of staff's mind by asking questions about where the clients strengths are, how they are taking care of themselves, etc. Through this process CBV is working to ensure that clients are aware that they are the center of this process and that staff is here to empower them to make the decisions that are best for themselves.
4. CBV is committed to actions and decisions that help empower each and every individual served, especially those living with multiple oppressions. They will continue striving to ensure their work results in systemic change so that all survivors have the support and resources they need and get the safety and justice they deserve. CBV is committed to advocating for the kinds of change that will unify the community in peace and justice for the safety and well-being of every individual. They have identified and created a plan to further our mission of integrating these values into agency practices. CBV's Equity Action Plan builds on the agency's progress in better integrating equity into the full range of services, programs, and activities and reinforces the commitment to continuing this critical work. CBV has hired consultants to assess the programs and policies to evaluate where they currently stand and where they need to grow. These conversations continuous and are heavily ingrained in the agency's strategic plan. To start, they have already enhanced access to services in multiple ways, including the elimination of language barriers, having translated documents. As well as being one of the few domestic violence agencies that are operating a safehouse that is non-gendered. Outside of that, they have reserved beds for the LGBTQ+ community, knowing how disproportionately same-sex couples and the trans community is affected by gender based violence.
5. Many of CBV's core services were and continue to be rooted in education, they have provided many different services and supports for clients to build

relationships and connections with one another. CBV has facilitated different support groups with various topics, groups have been held in the local county jail as well as at other organizations. Outside of educational groups, they have also created workshops rooted in wellness and support. They work with volunteers and partners to create more opportunities for connections, such as mentorships, job training or peer support.

6. CBV has developed partnerships with other organizations in hopes of being able to provide different supportive services to clients and make them feel more comfortable with those organizations. We've partnered previously with agencies such as Helping Hands that provide parenting classes, and Kare Krisis nursery to provide childcare. CBV has established a program that allowed them to hire a full-time attorney to help support clients with legal issues and provide limited scope representation. CBV has also been able to provide contraceptives, vaccine clinics, and other services in partnership with Public Health.

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

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

**(limit 5,000 characters)**

Community Beyond Violence (CBV) provides a wide array of services to clients fleeing domestic violence. Services include:

- Peer counseling
- Safety planning
- Case management
- Relocation services
- Support accessing other victim services, such as CalVCB
- Support accessing CalWorks/CalFresh/MediCal, etc.
- Crisis intervention
- Flexible financial assistance
- Transportation
- Budgeting
- Advocacy
- Accompaniment
- Legal Support
- Medical Support
- Landlord advocacy
- Court accompaniment
- Emergency Food
- Emergency Clothing
- Connection to medical, dental and other health services

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

Describe in the field below how the project(s) will:

1.	prioritize placement and stabilization of program participants;	
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2.	place program participants in permanent housing;
3.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their preferences; and
4.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their stated needs.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Once a survivor reaches out and is fleeing, experiencing homelessness or their current housing situation is not able to be remedied, an internal referral is made to the housing program. Case managers reach out to the survivor to begin working on housing identification. During the initial meeting, the housing case manager provides information to the client, including the goals of the program, the process, the support services available as well as participants rights. Once housing case management has begun, case managers work consistently with the client on a basis that is determined by the client and case manager. They work to identify what resources are available to the client and what housing options they are open to. While clients and case managers are working alongside one another to achieve goals, housing case managers maintain relationships with local landlords, apartment complexes, and present options to the clients. When working with survivors, case managers need to ensure that safety and confidentiality is held at the forefront of their work. If granted consent from the survivor, they will advocate with the landlord, providing education about programming, misconceptions about survivors and other necessary information. CBV case managers work with survivors on various goals, such as earning income through employment or social services, healthcare, obtaining vital documents,, accompaniment to court, etc. They are able to provide transportation for clients, with the hope of removing any barriers to accessing services. The program will provide household establishment assistance, and will tailor assistance on a case-by-case basis. Housing case management will continue post housing, helping create a sense of community and stability for the entire household. Having a physical space to rebuild their life after facing such trauma is a draining, and exhaustive process. CBV wants to ensure that clients have time to process and work towards empowerment and autonomy for the survivor. After a client is housed, CBV can continue to provide flexible financial assistance as a support to sustain housing. Case management services can continue until the client deems it to be unnecessary. sustain housing, this can look like supporting with ga

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

Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:

1.	establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;
2.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
3.	emphasize program participants' strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
4.	center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;



5.	provide a variety of opportunities for program participants' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
6.	offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

**(limit 5,000 characters)**

1. At the root of all interpersonal violence, power and control are the cause. CBV recognizes that staff should ensure that a power imbalance is not created between themselves and clients as services are provided. All of the agency's programming has been created around the principles of trauma informed care, including interventions. If behavioral interventions are necessary they are done gradually, recognizing how trauma affects an individual. Staff work with the client to try to address any barriers that may be causing the harmful behaviors, such as respite care or mental health services if that is what the client has identified. Participants in the program are provided with information regarding their rights, responsibilities as a participant as well as what the rights and responsibilities are of staff. CBV wants to be as transparent as possible with those involved in the programming of processes, policies and procedures.
2. CBV will continue to provide education in the same capacity that they have, while expanding the educational materials we have, ensuring that all materials are up to date, accessible and informative. Based on feedback from clients about where they feel that they could have learned more about the affects of trauma, how to cope and how their day to day life could be affected. They are also planning to work with a local therapy group to have licensed practitioners come and provide support groups focused on trauma for clients, giving another perspective and additional educational opportunities.
3. CBV will train staff in providing services from a strengths based approach, providing whole person care and motivational interviewing. They will continue to assess the strengths of clients and work on identifying how staff can build upon perceived weaknesses in a way that feels empowering and builds confidence.
4. CBV will further expand its efforts to provide under-resourced communities with the tools and resources they need to prevent the occurrence and heal the trauma of interpersonal violence by providing more culturally responsive crisis intervention, safety, advocacy and education. CBV will focus on recruiting diverse applicants for positions so they can grow into a diverse staff more reflective of the communities served. CBV will enhance and standardize employee training and require a minimum of 8 hours of continuing training annually on topics that are aimed to advance equity and improve service for members of under-resourced communities. These targets will be made by continuously evaluating the demographics of who they are serving and if there's individuals that are being disproportionately served. Policies will be reassessed, and at times flexible if needed to ensure that we are meeting the cultural needs of our clients. For instance, if they have clients who need to have saging ceremonies, private spaces or other considerations CBV will work to ensure we're capable of meeting those needs once they've been identified.
5. CBV will continue to provide the opportunities that we have while soliciting feedback from clients as to what kinds of connections and groups that they feel would be necessary to healing and their stability.
6. CBV will continue to provide the services that are currently being provided, such as the groups offered in the wellness program, our legal program or otherwise. They will continue to pursue partnerships with other agencies that will provide support for the survivors that are being served, such as public health for nutrition classes, cooking demos, etc.

4A-3j.	Applicant's Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(f)	

Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:	
1.	with a range of lived expertise; and
2.	in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Community Beyond Violence (CBV) prioritizes hiring those with lived experience, knowing that those who have experienced the hardships are the ones who will understand and recognize trauma the most. They seek out feedback from survivors at various points throughout their journey, and ask directly for suggestions on how to change programming to better serve the clientele moving forward. Program development is based on research in best practices and the opinions of agency stakeholders. They will continue to develop ways to get feedback and ensure that survivors are at the forefront of the agency's work, this will include developing various committees, seeking out more intentional feedback when necessary while providing compensation and reassessing volunteer and employment policies, etc.