### 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 2022 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
- 2. The FY 2022 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 2022 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 HÚD'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).

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: MN-503 - Dakota, Anoka, Washington, Scott,

Carver Counties CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** Hearth Connection

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** Institute for Community Alliances

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

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation—Participation in Coordinated Entry.
	NOFO Sections VII.B.1.a.(1), VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.p., and VII.B.1.r.
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 20, 2022
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:
1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted–including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC's Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	No	Yes
2.	Agencies serving survivors of human trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	No	Yes
4.	Disability Advocates	Yes	No	No
5.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	No	No
6.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	No	No	No
7.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Hospital(s)	No	No	No
9.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tr Organizations)	ibal Yes	No	No
10.	Law Enforcement	Yes	No	No
11.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	No	No
12.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	No	No
13.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
14.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	Yes
15.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	No	No
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17.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	No	Yes
19.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	No	Yes
20.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	No	Yes
22.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	No	No
23.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	No	No	No
24.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	No
25.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	No	No
27.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	No	Yes
28.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	No	Yes
29.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	No	No
30.	Other Victim Service Organizations	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)		<u>.</u>	
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### By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

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

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The CoC is made up of a broad stakeholder membership. 1) Invitation to apply for open voting positions on the Governing Board is conducted annually. The CoC communicates in multiple ways to make stakeholders aware of open voting positions on the Governing Board. Open positions and the application process are posted on the CoC website. The CoC Coordinator maintains a listsery & sends information regarding open positions and updates to all stakeholders annually at a minimum. Opportunities are also shared at CoC committee meetings & through presentations to local stakeholder groups such as school liaisons, police departments, etc. Interested members are asked to complete a short application. Applications are reviewed and members are selected by the CoC's Directors Council, a group of people with lived experience of homelessness. 2) Information for open board positions is available in electronic format through email or the CoC website. In addition, opportunities are verbally communicated during stakeholder meetings of the CoC. All CoC Governing Board & broad stakeholder meetings are held in physically accessible locations, when held in person. 3) The CoC's Governing Board was restructured in 2020 to incorporate members with lived experience of homelessness. The CoC formed a Directors Council in February of 2020. The Council members are all people who have lived experience. The restructure of Governing Board voting membership includes 3 seats for Directors Council members. Directors Council elect their own representation on the Governing Board. 4) One of the primary goals with restructuring the voting membership for the Governing Board in 2020 was to include more people of color.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.
	NOFO Section VII.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; and
3.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

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The CoC solicits and considers opinions and input from a robust range of community stakeholders representing interests that are committed to preventing and ending homelessness. Broad CoC membership includes over 75 organizations from a diverse group of providers as indicated in 1B-1. 1) The CoC Governing Board and all committees annually review membership participation. The CoC tracks demographics of all Governing Board members such as race and ethnicity, age, gender identity, interest group etc. Outreach is conducted to under-represented groups. The CoC's governance and voting procedures provide equal representation among all interests and ensure all opinions are heard. The CoC worked diligently and successfully to increase participation of people of color and people with lived experiencing into voting positions and as committee leadership across the CoC structure since 2019. 2) The CoC communicates in multiple ways to make stakeholders aware of public meetings. Meeting times, location, and agendas are posted on the CoC website. The CoC Coordinator maintains a listsery and sends meeting reminders and updates to all stakeholders monthly. Meetings invites are also shared at all committee meetings. 3) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all CoC Governing Board and committee meetings were shifted to virtual platforms. In addition to regularly scheduled Governing Board and committee meetings, the CoC held regular check in meetings with provider groups across the continuum of services to ensure system adjustments could be made as needed. The CoC also worked through the SMAC EQUITY TEAM (formerly SPARC) process during 2019 and 2020. CoC leadership engaged multiple stakeholder groups in various meetings to share the recommendations of SMAC EQUITY TEAM(formerly SPARC) and get input on strategies to advance racial equity across the CoC

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.
	NOFO Section VII.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.	how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.

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The CoC solicits new proposals for funding annually to encourage development of new projects & expand CoC resources. 1) The CoC distributed the new funding announcement through broad distribution lists & posted on the CoC website on 8/12/22. The request for proposals was also detailed at the Governing Board meeting on 7/19/22. 2) The CoC reached out directly to providers to discuss CoC priorities for new projects & encourage applications. Specific outreach was conducted to DV providers to ensure these providers were aware of the bonus opportunity & to encourage them to apply. Technical assistance was offered to all projects that have not previously received CoC funds. Specific outreach was conducted to local providers not funded by HUD. 3) At the time the application was published on the CoC website an information packet was also posted & sent via email. The information packet includes all materials a new applicant would need to complete the local CoC application & information on how to submit applications. It was requested that applications should be submitted via email to the CoC Coordinator. 4) The CoC uses a competitive process to determine the new projects to be included in CoC Program Competition. Data is reviewed & used to set local priorities. These priorities are used in selecting new projects to ensure they will fill the identified gaps in the CoC. The application for new projects is developed by the Governing Board & is widely distributed. A scoring rubric is developed & shared at the time the application is released. Responses are submitted to the CoC Coordinator & then shared with the CoC Monitoring & Evaluation (ME) Committee. ME Committee members score each application & discuss all responses at a virtual meeting. Based on scoring & local priorities, the ME Committee selects the projects that will be included in the CoC Program Competition.

# 1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.
	NOFO Section VII.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 Nonexistentif the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

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1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG and ESG-CV funds;
2.	participated in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients;
3.	provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area; and
4.	provided information to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions within your CoC's geographic area so it could be addressed in Consolidated Plan update.

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The CoC engages with both ESG recipients in the region, Dakota County CDA and the State of Minnesota, in developing plans and allocating funding. 1) The State of Minnesota has a bi-annual competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process for ESG funds. Representatives from the CoC participate in the review of funding applications. This review process, along with additional RFP meetings, provides an opportunity for meaningful CoC input in the allocation of ESG funds in the CoC. In addition, the CoC meets at least monthly with the Dakota County CDA through the Dakota County Affordable Housing Coalition meeting where ESG planning and funding allocation are included on the agenda annually at a minimum. The CoC collaborated closely with both ESG recipients during the allocation of ESG-CV funds through monthly planning discussions and shared review of applications for funding. 2) The CoC has collaborated with all ESG recipients to create written standards that define practices, performance standards, outcomes and evaluation processes for all ESG funded programs within the CoC. The CoC works with both the Dakota County CDA and the State recipient of ESG funds to evaluate the performance of the ESG recipients, as defined by the written standards through the meetings detailed above. 3) The Consolidated Plan jurisdictions covered by the CoC include: Anoka, Dakota and Washington Counties, Woodbury City and the State of Minnesota. Staff from Con Plan jurisdictions are active in CoC committees. The CoC provides input during the development of the Con Plan including providing data from HDX (PIT and HIC) and HMIS (Coordinated Entry) that inform trends and CoC identified priorities. There is regular phone and email contact between Con Plan jurisdiction staff and the CoC on projects of interest and in-person attendance at CoC committee meetings.

1C-3.	Ensuring Families are not Separated.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.c.	
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	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ensures emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing (PSH and RRH) do not deny admission or separate family members regardless of each family member's self-reported sexual orientation and gender	

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1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	No
	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	No
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	No
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.	No
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting AAQs or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance of service providers.	No
6.	Other. (limit 150 characters)	

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

NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.

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

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

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

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The SMAC COC has a formal Partnership agreement with Minnesota Department of Education outlining shared goals, roles, responsibility and frequency of meetings. Formal partnerships exist between the CoC & Education Services: 1) The CoC has agreements with youth education providers primarily through in-reach into the schools across the region. Youth outreach workers provide targeted in reach into schools that includes talking with administrative staff to identify youth & families that may be experiencing homelessness. The outreach workers provide access to services within the school &/or can meet with the youth or family outside of the school if that is what the youth or family prefers. These youth outreach workers regularly participate in CoC Committee meetings. 2) The agencies that employ staff doing school in-reach have formal partnerships with individual schools allowing outreach staff to enter school buildings & meet with youth and families on site. 3) The CoC has a strong history of collaborating with the McKinney-Vento State Education Agency. The CoC worked closely with MN Department of Education & school district staff to develop a formal partnership document between the CoC & the school districts within the region. 4) A formal partnership exists between the SEA & the CoC through the statewide Heading Home Alliance & the charter document in place for that group. 5) The CoC collaborates with school districts throughout the year in several ways. LEAs & school district staff attend monthly CoC committee meetings & provide data on households experiencing homelessness within the district. The CoC has partnered with school districts in planning specific to Homework Starts with Home which is a state funded homelessness prevention program. This planning has included strategies to connect families with housing instability to homeless response system resources. 6) The CoC intended to pursue formal partnership agreements with school districts as described in (3) above. The COVID-19 pandemic made this challenging. Entering into these agreements with school districts has become a focus in 2022 for the CoC. Anoka County has a formal agreement with the Anoka-Hennepin School District. to administer a program to serve homeless students and their families.

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

NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.

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

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The CoC's Education Policy has been in place since 2014: All homeless assistance projects within the CoC region that serve households with children (shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing) are expected to comply with the following policies: A. Ensure that all homeless families are informed of the McKinney Vento Act to ensure that their children are able to maintain enrollment in school. B. Advocate for families with their school district to ensure that transportation is arranged (as needed). C. Track school attendance for all children served within your program and help families to resolve any barriers that are contributing to the absences (as needed). D. Assist families in developing education related goals for all family members when completing Housing Goal Plans. E. Ensure that all family members are connected to relevant educational resources in the community. F. Encourage and assist families with children ages 3-5 to apply for the Head Start Program and provide referrals to agencies that offer Head Start. All CoC funded projects serving families must sign this policy each year during the local NOFO renewal process. Annually as part of the NOFO local competition review process, all projects that serve families with school aged children must sign a certification attesting they will follow this policy.

1C-4c. Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.

NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	Yes
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	Yes
4.	Early Head Start	No	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	Yes
6.	Head Start	No	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	Yes
8.	Public Pre-K	No	Yes
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
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1C-5. Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Collaborating with Victim Service Providers.

NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:

1. update CoC-wide policies; and

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

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The CoC coordinates with Victim Service Providers to provide training to all providers within the CoC including Coordinated Entry staff and assessors. 1) Local Victim Service Providers are active participants in local homeless planning groups and provide trainings at these meetings on at least an annual basis. The CoC also connects housing providers to trauma informed trainings to ensure victim centered practices are used throughout the continuum and across the range of programs. Training opportunities are offered at least annually for providers on best practices in serving survivors. Trainings are conducted by resources like local DV shelters & Violence Free Minnesota. In addition, the CoC works closely with Streetworks, a youth serving agency, that offers Safe Harbor training content through free videos available on their website. Topics include sexual exploitation and outreach to youth, de-escalation best practices, Safe Harbor/no wrong door overview. 2) The CoC provides CE assessor training on demand through online videos. The curriculum for this training includes trauma-informed practices and content on best practices in serving survivors. This training is developed by the Assessor Training Team which includes experts on trauma informed care. Training equips assessors to have conversations with participants regarding domestic violence and sexual exploitation. In addition, available resources are reviewed to ensure assessors can respond to needs of survivors. CES assessors are required to attend this training annually as part of the recertification process as outlined in the Coordinated Entry Policies.

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

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1C-5b.	Using De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC uses for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and	
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.	

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The CoC uses three primary sources for data to assess the scope of community needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking: HMIS, Coordinated Entry Priority List outside of HMIS, and data from Victim Service Providers across the region. The primary tool the CoC uses to collect information on homeless programs is HMIS. While it is understood that HMIS cannot capture data from households served by Victim Service Providers, data on victimization is collected from households participating in non-VAWA covered programs in HMIS. This is important data to include when considering the scope of the issue. Data from HMIS is used by the CoC to review how many households have experienced DV and are currently being served by Housing Services Providers. HMIS is also utilized to maintain the majority of the CoC's Coordinated Entry Priority List. Households who are assessed by a Victim Service Provider or opt not to have their data shared in HMIS are added to a non-HMIS Priority List. The data from the HMIS list and the non-HMIS list are combined and used quarterly by the CoC to review trends and unmet needs including unmet needs of survivors. The final source the CoC utilizes is data directly from Victim Service Providers. The CoC requests data on households served, households turned away, and length of stay in emergency shelter from Victim Service Providers across the region to better understand the scope of need in the community.

	Communicating Emergency Transfer Plan to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:	
1.	the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures; and	
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer.	

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If the household needs to leave housing obtained through the CoC's CES for safety reasons, program staff are instructed to follow the process outlined in the CES transition plan (emergency transfer plan) detailed in 2) below. The safety related requests are expedited. If a household needs to be on a priority list in a non-SMAC region, Coordinated Entry staff will make every attempt to work with the new region to ensure a successful referral to that region's priority list. 2) An emergency transfer plan, also known as a transition plan, through the CoC's Coordinated Entry Policies. The CoC engaged Victim Service Providers in the creation of the emergency transfer plan to ensure it would meet the needs of survivors. The emergency transfer plan details a CES Advisory Committee that expedites the transition for a household from one housing program to another for several reasons including safety concerns. The CES Advisory Committee began meeting in January 2018 and is an elected group of providers and assessors. The Advisory meets monthly or more frequently as needed to review, discuss, and facilitate transitions. 3) All households assessed by a Victim Service Provider or opt that out of data-sharing are kept on a priority list outside of HMIS for confidentiality purposes.

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Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area.

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Tubman's Safe Journey's Program serves a combination for single youth and families. The CoC has created protocols for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors to prioritize safety through the creation of a case consultation group specific to Domestic Violence service providers. In this bi-weekly meeting, CES staff and DV staff are able to discuss survivors currently in shelter and needing immediate access to a permanent housing referral through CES. Survivors of Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault are offered a choice to access the CES and are offered housing where they believe they may be able to safely live. If the household needs to leave housing obtained through the CoC's CES for safety reasons, program staff are instructed to follow the process outlined in the CES transition plan (emergency transfer plan) detailed in 2) below. The safety related requests are expedited. If a household needs to be on a priority list in a non-SMAC region, Coordinated Entry staff will make every attempt to work with the new region to ensure a successful referral to that region's priority list. The CoC engaged Victim Service Providers in the creation of the emergency transfer plan to ensure it would meet the needs of survivors. The emergency transfer plan details a CES Advisory Committee that expedites the transition for a household from one housing program to another for several reasons including safety concerns. The CES Advisory Committee began meeting in January 2018 and is an elected group of providers and assessors. The Advisory meets monthly or more frequently as needed to review, discuss, and facilitate transitions. All households assessed by a Victim Service Provider or opt that out of datasharing are kept on a priority list outside of HMIS for confidentiality purposes.

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

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1C-6.		Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisex Policy and Training.	rual, Transgender and Queer+–Anti-Di	scrimination		
		NOFO Section VII.B.1.f.				
	1.	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide at families receive supportive services, shelter, ar	nti-discrimination policy ensuring that L nd housing free from discrimination?	.GBTQ+ individ	uals and	Yes
		Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide trainin to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Se				Yes
	3.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide trainin Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identit Identity Final Rule)?	g with providers on how to effectively i y in Community Planning and Develop	implement Equa oment Programs	al Access in Gender	Yes
	1C-6a	Anti-Discrimination Policy–Updating Policies–Compliance–Addressing Noncompliance.	Assisting Providers–Evaluating			
		NOFO Section VII.B.1.f.				
		Describe in the field below:				
	1	. whether your CoC updates its CoC-wide anti- stakeholder feedback;	discrimination policy, as necessary, ba	ased on		
	2	. how your CoC assisted providers in developing consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discriminate families receive supportive services, shelter, and the company of the control of the contro	ion policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ indivi	cies that are iduals and		
	3	. your CoC's process for evaluating compliance	e with your CoC's anti-discrimination p	olicies; and		
	4	. your CoC's process for addressing noncompl	iance with your CoC's anti-discriminati	on policies.		
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### (limit 2,500 characters)

The SMAC COC has just updated its anti-discrimination policy in September 2022 to provide more detailed guidance to housing and services providers in the region. The original anti-discrimination policy was part of the SMAC COC charter, it is now a separate document that will be reviewed and updated at least annually. The new anti-discrimination policy was accepted by the SMAC COC governing board on September 20, 2022. Part of the new COC policy requires each project or provider that is operating in the SMAC region to have its own anti-discrimination policy that is consistent with the COC's policy and offers participants recourse if they have been discriminated against. All projects will now be required to review and examine their anti-discrimination policies to conform with the continuum's policies and to add a reporting requirement for any discriminatory practices along with outcomes of how the complaint was resolved including reporting to the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee at least annually. Any organization that is not in compliance will face a loss of funding both locally and from HUD. All HUD funded projects will have at least an annual review of the anti-discrimination policies along with their work to be a more diverse, equitable and inclusionary workplace and in providing services and housing that address disparities. The ranking tool that was piloted this year that is used with all projects (new and renewals) has five questions worth a total of 40 points (30% of the total points available) that ask an agency to objectively report on their staffing, leadership and their participant outcomes. The questions also provide guidance on how to increase scores which will address racial and other disparities while providing clear expectations to all projects.

Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy.	
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NOFO Section VII.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 FY 2021 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 and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2021 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?
Dakota County CDA	0%	No	No
Metropolitan Council Housing Redevelopment Agency	0%	No	Yes

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.				
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.				
	Describe in the field below:				
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- 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
  - state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.

### (limit 2,500 characters)

(1)The CoC has strong working relationships with the PHAs within the CoC Most of the PHA's within the CoC are already well integrated into the homeless response system. One of the smaller PHAs within the CoC (Radius Health) does have a homeless preference. The CoC has discussed homeless preference implementation with the larger PHAs within the region. The first step toward implementing a homeless preference has been to implement a Move On program within the PHAs first. The CoC pursued a Move On program with Metro HRA and the program was approved into Metro HRA's admin plan on 9/24/19. A referral process was put in place between Metro HRA and the CoC's CES. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the connection of households to these vouchers was delayed. The CoC will have 5 vouchers available on an annual basis. In addition to the partnership with Metro HRA, the CoC has also developed a Move On preference with the Scott County CDA. The Scott County CDA is applying for additional HCV capacity and has worked closely with CoC staff to include a Move On preference with the application. The CoC's Coordinated Entry system will be the access point for Move On vouchers for both PHAs. The CoC continues to work to expand the Move On program to other PHAs in the (2) N/A

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	Yes
2	2. PHA	
3	. Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4	4. Local low-income housing programs	
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
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1C-7c. Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry.		
	NOFO Section VII.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?

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1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	No
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	No
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	No
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
7.	Public Housing	No
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	
1C-7d	d. Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessnes	ss.
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	
1	I. Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	Yes
		Program Funding Source
2	2. Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	For FUP, VASH,& EHV
1C-7e	e. Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV).	3
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	
Vo	d your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Cho ouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue an?	Yes Yes
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1C-7e.1	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program	l.
	Not Scored–For Information Only	
Doe EH\	es your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the Program?	Yes Yes
If yo	ou select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every A your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.	
PHA		
Dakota County CDA		
Metropolitan Council		

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

Name of PHA: Dakota County CDA

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

Name of PHA: Metropolitan Council

# 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

1D-1. Discharge Planning Coordination.  NOFO Section VII.B.1.h.  Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the systems of care listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs.  1. Foster Care Yes 2. Health Care Yes 3. Mental Health Care Yes 4. Correctional Facilities Yes 4. Correctional Facilities Yes 4. Correctional Facilities  1D-2. Housing First-Lowering Barriers to Entry. NOFO Section VII.B.1.1.  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 2022 CoC Program Competition.  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 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.  3. This number is a calculation of the Housing Prise approach applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.  1D-2a. Project Evaluation for Housing in First Compliance. NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.  Describe in the field below:  1. how your CoC evaluates every recipient—that checks Housing First on their Project Application—to determine if they are actually using a Housing First approach;  2. the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation; and 3. how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of the competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing in First approach;				
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The CoC has evaluated projects on an annual basis to ensure those that commit to a Housing First approach follow Housing First principles. Historically this evaluation has taken place during the local CoC NOFO competition. Housing First implementation questions have been included in the Letter of Intent process for renewal projects. Questions include, but are not limited to, asking about accepting program participants without income, accepting program participants that aren't "clean and sober" or "treatment compliant", and accepting program participants that have criminal justice involvement. Monitoring and Evaluation Committee members can utilize the responses to these questions as they are talking with projects during their review. The CoC has also made all projects aware of the HUD Housing First Assessment Tool and have encouraged projects to self-evaluate utilizing that tool. The Monitoring and Evaluation Committee requires the use of Housing First Assessment Tool for all projects and reviews the results annually. Technical Assistance will be provided to projects that are falling short of a true Housing First approach based on the assessment. Commitment and progress toward achieving the goals identified through the Technical Assistance process will be integrated into reallocation policies and decision making in the future.

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

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The CoC utilizes multiple strategies to ensure all person experiencing unsheltered homelessness are identified and engaged. The CoC covers a large geographic footprint, so it is essential to offer various forms of outreach. These forms include street outreach, institutional in-reach, including schools, and drop in centers. In the larger city centers, street outreach and drop-in centers are largely utilized as the primary outreach model. In areas of the CoC where the population is more spread out, outreach includes tabling at local events and posting outreach availability at a local community centers or libraries on set days and times. Outreach staff will meet households where they are physically located whenever possible however, outreach is also done via phone in areas where transportation is particularly challenging. 2) 100% of the CoC geography is covered by outreach in some form. 3) Street outreach is conducted for all populations weekly at a minimum. Access points to housing and supportive services are advertised broadly across the CoC utilizing language that furthers fair housing. Interpreters are available through access points and materials are printed and posted via the CoC website to effectively communicate with persons with disabilities. 4) The CoC ensures outreach efforts target those least likely to request assistance through written standards requiring outreach workers to connect in person whenever possible meeting and offering services where the household is comfortable as opposed to requiring the household to come to a specific location. Funds available through COVID-19 allocations, both state and federal, helped the CoC expand outreach to culturally specific agencies including CLUES, Eastern Twin Cities Islamic Center, and Isuroon. This expansion has helped the CoC target populations that may have barriers to receiving assistance such as limited English proficiency.

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

NOFO Section VII.B.1.k.

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

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

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.I.	

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Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as repHIC—only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of "Current		271

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

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

		CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF-Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

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

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The CoC provides monthly updates on mainstream benefit programs through CoC committee meetings and email distribution. The CoC partners with the State of Minnesota to offer a half day training on all mainstream benefit programs including but not limited to Food Stamps, SSI, and General Assistance. This training was offered free of charge to providers in the CoC. This is an ongoing will offer it annually at a minimum. 2) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CoC now provides weekly updates on availability of resources and distributes the information via email to CoC stakeholders. In addition, vacancies for the state's Housing Supports program (a PSH housing benefit) are filled through the CoC's CES. Projects are made aware of availability through a weekly phone call. 3) The CoC collaborates closely with counties, health insurance providers, and the State of MN to facilitate enrollment in health insurance programs for program participants. The CoC has collaborated with the state to simplify access to benefits for households experiencing homelessness through rule simplification and creating consistency across mainstream programs. In addition, counties that administer mainstream benefits now ask about housing status and actively do outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness. Households are referred to mainstream benefit programs they may be eligible for (SNAP, MA, General Assistance, etc.) through the CE process. 4) The Minnesota Department of Human Services received approval for a waiver to bill Medicaid for housing stability services. The CoC has worked diligently to establish effective referral pathways for persons experiencing homelessness to be ensure connection to MA and then receive a referral to Housing Stabilization Services for those that are eligible. In this way the CoC is maximizing the use of Medicaid services. The state of Minnesota has a contracted providers who are trained and certified with SOAR these contracted providers proved hands on application assistance to people are homeless or at risk of homelessness to apply for Social Security benefits. All of the housing and service providers in SMAC Coc are given an updated list of SOAR certified providers each year.

Increasing Capacity for Non-Congregate Sheltering.

NOFO Section VII.B.1.n.

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

In SMAC, the number of shelter beds both congregate and non-congregate have fluctuated since 2020. In 2020, the total emergency shelter beds were 372 and the proportion of non-congregate beds was, 28% or 104 beds. In 2021, SMAC partners increased the number of overall emergency shelter beds to 665 beds with 346 (52%) being non-congregate beds using hotels to provide emergency shelter during the pandemic. In 2022, the number of emergency shelter beds was reduced to 575 beds of which 242 were non-congregate beds. The beds increased from 2020 to 2021 due to an influx of funding from state and federal partners. The funding was unfortunately limited and once it ran out the ability to contract with local hotels ceased. As pandemic restrictions eased, hotels were able to go back to a regular business model and were less interested in having contracts with local homeless service providers for hotel rooms to be used as emergency shelter. The loss of federal and state funding has caused an immediate loss of non-congregate shelter beds. Although there has been additional federal COVID-19 funding made available to the state and the Minnesota state budget has a large surplus, the Minnesota state legislature has been unable to come together and decide how to use and distribute this funding. SMAC will continue to meet with partners on all levels of government, with non-profit foundations and providers to increase the number of noncongregate emergency shelter beds but without a generous and stable source of funding this safe but expensive model of emergency shelter will likely be out of reach. With the current non-congregate beds that operate in SMAC, local housing service providers are using Medicaid reimbursable services, Housing Stabilization Services, to provide intensive, hands-on assistance to people who are homeless to quickly move them from emergency shelter to housing. Housing navigators are instrumental in helping people access Housing Stabilization Services by helping them apply for Medicaid, collect verification of disability and completing a person-centered housing plan. This strategy allows more people to access emergency shelter. SMAC is applying for additional funding to hire more housing navigators through the HUD Special NOFO to address unsheltered homelessness in our region.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies–Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:	
1.	develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and	
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.	

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The CoC has established strong partnerships with Public Health departments at the local and state level during the COVID-19 pandemic. 1) In March of 2020 the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) in partnership with the CoC established a dedicated unit within its Incident Command Structure to support homeless facilities and other congregate settings. This team supports homeless facilities in COVID-19 prevention measures (e.g., social distancing, PPE, ventilation) and provides hands-on support to facilities when they have active COVID-19 cases. Guidance was developed, regularly updated, and provided to shelters and other congregate settings on preventing COVID-19 and managing outbreaks. MDH also set up a PPE warehouse for homeless settings. 2) A close partnership developed between the CoC, housing and services providers, and Public Health. This has led to increased access to Public Health programs for persons experiencing homelessness such as vaccine clinics, testing, and others. Significant learning was shared that helped to ensure safety measures were implemented across the continuum of homeless response system services. 1D-5. Communicating Information to Homeless Service Provide

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively equipped providers to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants by:	
1.	sharing information related to public health measures and homelessness, and	
	facilitating 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.	

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The CoC communicated with homeless service providers during the COVID-19 pandemic in multiple ways. 1) Beginning in February 2020 the CoC began meeting with emergency shelter providers weekly. These meetings were used to discuss crisis response planning and safety measures that were being implemented within the different shelter settings. Over time these meetings were moved to once a month and then quarterly as protocols and practices were put in place. Regular email communication remains in place between the CoC and shelter providers as the primary communication method for updates in safety measures. In addition, a guidebook was created in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). This guide was regularly updated for shelters and other congregate facilities on COVID-19 prevention and safety measures. 2) In partnership with the CoC, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) communicated directly with homeless service providers via weekly provider webinars and newsletters hosted by the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness (MICH). These weekly update meetings provided information on changes in restrictions across the state. Weekly update emails were also sent to providers across the CoC providing resources, guidance, and links to HUD tools and materials. 3) The weekly provider webinars and update emails detailed in (2) above were the primary tools utilized to make homeless service providers aware of vaccine implementation. These webinars were promoted through CoC Governing Board and committee meetings.

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

### (limit 2,500 characters)

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The CoC has had an active Coordinated Entry System (CES) in place since January 2015. 1) The CoC has access points that cover 100% of the CoC region. The definition and expectations of an Access Point are detailed in the CoC's CES policies. At a minimum, Access Points must administer the CES assessment and enter data into HMIS and refer the household assessed to the Priority Pool. The CoC's CES Committee reviews Access Point capacity on a quarterly basis to assess if additional access is needed somewhere in the region. 2) In order to reach people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance, outreach workers are utilized for CES assessments. All street outreach teams within the CoC are considered Access Points. Outreach workers connect with those households that are least likely to apply for homeless assistance by meeting and offering the CES assessment where the household is comfortable as opposed to requiring the household to come to a specific location. In addition to outreach providing assessments, Access Points are also able to offer housing assessments over the phone. There are places in the CoC where street outreach capacity is limited. Phone assessments are offered to households in areas not covered by an outreach team that also are unable to come to an assessment site. 3) The CoC has developed a CoC specific assessment tool that is comprehensive of the local needs of people experiencing homelessness. Questions in the assessment identify vulnerabilities, barriers, and strengths to determine the prioritization of people most in need of assistance. Households are prioritized on the by name list based on length of time homeless. After the by name list has been prioritized using these criteria, the Case Consultation teams review households at the top of the list to ensure those with the most significant barriers are served first in a program that will best fit their needs. 1C-15. Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness-Assessing Racial Disparities

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

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4. takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.

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IL	D-10.	Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness–Conducing Assessment.	
		NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	
1.	Has	s your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	. Ente	er the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	08/16/2022
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1D-	-10a.	Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities–Identifying Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance.	
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The CoC has taken multiple steps to improve racial equity in the provision and outcome of assistance. In 2020 the CoC established a Directors Council that is comprised of people currently experiencing homelessness or that have experienced homelessness in the past and 90% identify as persons of color. The Council is directly involved in policy development, selecting Governing Board and Monitoring and Evaluation Committee members, and leading community conversations about needed changes in the homeless response system. Integrating people with lived experience into the daily workings and decisions of the CoC creates ongoing opportunities to increase racial equity strategies across the CoC. In addition to Directors Council work, following the racial equity assessment completed with the support of C4 and the SMAC Equity process, the Coordinated Entry Committee began reviewing all Coordinated Entry data through a racial equity lens. The data showed that youth under 25 are the most diverse sub population with the Coordinated Entry Priority Pool. After discussion with the Coordinated Entry Committee and the Directors Council, the Governing Board approved a recommendation to move youth up in the order of priority for supportive housing referrals from Coordinated Entry. This helps ensure that the supportive housing referrals are equitably distributed. Increasing the number of culturally specific agencies providing services in the CoC is also a necessary strategy. The CoC discontinued using the VI-SPDAT as the assessment tool in March 2020 and replaced it with a community specific tool targeting local needs. Contracts have been with culturally specific agencies to provide outreach services to Black, Indigenous and People of Color. The CoC is participating in the Community Workshop Mobilizing Data to Address Inequities. In addition, the CoC was selected to be part of round 2 for the Equity Demo and looks forward to advancing our racial equity work with the support of the Technical Assistance provider.

1D-10b.	Strategies to Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII B 1 g	

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes

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9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-10c.	Actions Taken to Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

### (limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has taken multiple steps to improve racial equity in the provision and outcome of assistance. The most recent step towards racial equity is the Coc has hired an African American woman with lived experience to serve as CoC Coordinator. In 2020 the CoC established a Directors Council that is comprised of people currently experiencing homelessness or that have experienced homelessness in the past 90% of these members identify as persons of color. The Council is directly involved in policy development, selecting Governing Board and Monitoring and Evaluation Committee members, and leading community conversations about needed changes in the homeless response system. Integrating people with lived experience into the daily workings and decisions of the CoC creates ongoing opportunities to increase racial equity strategies across the CoC. In addition to Directors Council work, following the racial equity assessment completed with the support of C4 and the SMAC Equity process, the Coordinated Entry Committee began reviewing all Coordinated Entry data through a racial equity lens. The data showed that youth under 25 are the most diverse sub population with the Coordinated Entry Priority Pool. After discussion with the Coordinated Entry Committee and the Directors Council, the Governing Board approved a recommendation to move youth up in the order of priority for supportive housing referrals from Coordinated Entry. This helps ensure that the supportive housing referrals are equitably distributed. Increasing the number of culturally specific agencies providing services in the CoC is also a necessary strategy. The CoC discontinued using the VI-SPDAT as the assessment tool in March 2020 and replaced it with a community specific tool targeting local needs. Contracts have been with culturally specific agencies to provide outreach services to Black, Indigenous and People of Color. The CoC is participating in the Community Workshop Mobilizing Data to Address Inequities. In addition, the CoC was selected to be part of round 2 for the Equity Demo and looks forward to advancing our racial equity work with the support of the Technical Assistance provider.

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1D-10d. Tracking Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Disparities.

NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.

Describe in the field below the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

### (limit 2,500 characters)

The SMAC CoC has incorporated several questions in our project ranking tool that ask about how a project is preventing or eliminating disparities. This year the questions were introduced and each project was asked to answer the questions but the answers were not scored. Next year the answers will be scored and will constitute 30% of the points that a project can earn on the ranking tool. In addition, each project is assigned a person from the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee which also includes members of the Director's Council, these persons help each project to increase their outcomes including increasing equity. The questions each project must respond to are: 1.Equity – staff composition. 8 points for having at least 20% of an organization's staff identify as Black, Indigeneous or People of Color (BIPOC), and/or as LGBTQ+, and/or have experienced homelessness. 4 points if the percentage is 10 – 19%. 0 points if less than 10%.

- 2. Equity organizational leadership. 8 points for having at least 20% of board members, directors, managers identify as BIPOC, and/or LGBTQ+, and/or have experienced homelessness. 4 points if the percentage is 10 – 19%. 0 points if less than 10%.
- 3.Equity increase in income. 8 points for having 30% or more of BIPOC households with an increase in overall income. 4 points for 20-29% of BIPOC households have an increase in overall income. O points if less than 20% of BIPOC households have an increase in overall income.
- 4.Equity exits to permanent housing. 8 points for at least 80% of BIPOC participants exited the program to permanent destinations. 4 points for 75-80% of the BIPOC participants exited the program to permanent destinations. 0 points for less than 75% of BIPOC participants exited the program to permanent destinations.
- 5.Equity returns to homelessness. 8 points if less than 10% of the BIPOC participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing. 4 points if 10-15% of BIPOC participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing. 0 points if 15% or more of BIPOC participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing.

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

NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.

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

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The CoC has used flyers, targeted outreach, and word of mouth via current Director's Council members. The Director's council recently increased the number of members from 12-15 and are actively participating in the Special NOFO, which has increased the Director's council to actively seek new members to participate in other Directors Council workgroups. The Director's council has been active since 2020. The former Chair of the Directors council has now moved on to be the CoC Coordinator for the SMAC region.

1D-11a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.	12	1
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	12	1
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	5	0
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	12	0
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	12	0

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

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

#### (limit 2,500 characters)

SMAC CoC Provides professional development by way of having Director's Council Members actively participate in the hiring process, from resume reviewing through the interview process. in 2022 This process made way for a lived expertise person be hired on as CoC coordinator, it also allowed for a new Coordinated Entry planner to be hired who is also a person with lived experience, identifies as a person of color and was the former co-chair of the Director's Council.

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Homelessness.	Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experie	nce of
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.		
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:		
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	how your CoC routinely gathered feedback from people experiencing homelessness and people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG program on their experience receiving assistance; and
	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness

### (limit 2,500 characters)

The SMAC CoC routinely gathers information via the Director's Council who meet twice monthly. To address the issues raised by the Director's Council the SMAC CoC has Director's Council work within every avenue of the CoC, the Director's council helps with project prioritization, grant reviewing, and serve on the Monitoring and Evaluation committee. The CoC, does nothing without representation from the people we serve.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.t.
	Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months that 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.

The SMAC COC is five counties that are the suburbs for the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Some of these counties are consistently listed as the wealthiest counties in the nation and have extreme land use policies, such as all single family lots must be a minimum of a couple of acres. SMAC members have worked for years to engage with local governments and businesses. Business owners have been strong allies for the development of affordable housing as they can't hire workers as there is no affordable housing or public transportation in most of the region. The SMAC CoC has been successful in getting an emergency shelter sited in Washington County. This took years of planning to get this accomplished including changes in land use policies. This project is requesting funding through the HUD Special NOFO to provide housing navigators to move people who are unsheltered to shelter and then quickly into housing. The bonus project for this year's regular NOFO is a 16unit, site-based Permanent Supportive Housing program to serve families with children who qualify as HUD Chronic Homeless. Beacon, a non-profit developer of affordable, permanent supportive housing is leading this project as part of a bigger project, Prairie Pointe, a 42-unit supportive housing development in Shakopee primarily serving families who have experienced homelessness and/or child welfare involvement. Prairie Pointe is being developed in part through a "Keeping Families Together" (KFT) planning & technical assistance project with the Corporation for Supportive Housing. The KFT group in Scott/Carver includes the CAP agency, Carver County Housing, Scott County Child Welfare. The primary purpose of the KFT grant is to leverage housing opportunities in the region to serve child welfare-involved families, which is disproportionately impacting Black and Indigenous families, as is homelessness. Through Keeping Families Together, we seek to center the voice of families experiencing homelessness and child welfare involvement in program design and delivery while leveraging wider systems change with our partners. The opportunity to serve families in permanent supportive housing seeks to address the need for a stable home while families develop systems of support and raise their children in a safe and stable environment. This project is supported by local government (city and county) and require changes to land use policies in Scott County.

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
   FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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1E-	Web Posting of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a. and 2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
Eye	nter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to our CoC's local competition.	08/15/2022
1E-	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.	
L	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
	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:	
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1. E	stablished total points available for each project application type.	Yes
CC	t least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., ost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of opulation served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed o.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
l la	t least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project oplication (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of the homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4. P	rovided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes
5. U	sed data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	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 VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.		
		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.	Wha	at were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?		90
2.	Hov	v many renewal projects did your CoC submit?		17
3.	Wha	at renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH	
1E	-2b.			
		NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.	]	
		Describe in the field below:	]	
	1.	how your CoC collected and 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.	considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area.		

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The CoC collects and analyzes data for the review and ranking process through the PROJECT SCORE TOOL, the PROJECT REVIEW and the RANKING PROCESS. The PROJECT SCORE TOOL measures the extent to which participants enrolled in projects are successfully housed in permanent housing through a Housing Stability measure. This measure looks at the percent of participants who successfully remain in housing or exit to another permanent housing residence within the grant period. To earn full points, projects need to have a 90% or higher success rate. The CoC examines Coordinated Entry HMIS data on a quarterly basis. Periodically this analysis includes exits to permanent housing, including a racial breakdown of people exiting and average time to housing. The CoC considers severity of needs and vulnerabilities through the PROJECT SCORE TOOL, the PROJECT REVIEW, and the RANKING PROCESS. Through these three processes steps the CoC considers the following: low or no income, disability including substance use, history of domestic violence, chronic homelessness, and if the project fills a unique need within the region. The PROJECT SCORE TOOL awards points for PSH projects that dedicate at least 79% of their beds to Chronically Homeless or Dedicated Plus. To earn maximum points on this scoring criteria the project must dedicate at least 90% of their beds to serving Chronically Homeless or Dedicated Plus. In addition, the CoC awards points to projects that successfully increase total income not just earned income. During the PROJECT REVIEW members of the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee talk with each project to understand any circumstances during the year that led to a lower performance score. Discussions include the vulnerability of current households served such as substance use and ability to increase income. In addition, Monitoring and Evaluation members check in with projects about intake processes and how providers are screening for vulnerabilities at intake. In the RANKING PROCESS, Monitoring and Evaluation members share relevant content from the project check ins. Vulnerabilities of participants in the project and special circumstances the provider experienced throughout the year identified during the check ins are considered when determining final ranking.

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

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The SMAC CoC routinely gathers information via the Director's Council who meet twice monthly. To address the issues raised by the Director's Council the SMAC CoC has Director's Council work within every avenue of the CoC, the Director's council helps with project prioritization, grant reviewing, and serve on the Monitoring and Evaluation committee. The CoC, does nothing without representation from the people we serve.

1E-4.	Reallocation–Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.			
	NOFO Section VII.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 projects through this process during your 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.			

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1) The CoC has established policies to guide the local NOFO competition within the region. The reallocation policy is included in these policies and states: Voluntary reallocation will always be fully explored first from all renewal projects. If voluntary reallocation does not establish enough funding to create a sustainable project, the CoC will consider all projects scoring in the bottom 1/3 of the ranking to be eligible for consideration for Reallocation. The CoC Governing Board approved the policies, including the reallocation policy, on 8/17/21. 2) The CoC identified the 5 projects that scored into the bottom 1/3 of projects scored. The CoC also received notice of interest in voluntary reallocation from one project after requesting Letters of Interest for renewal funding from existing projects. 3) The Ranking Committee agreed to move forward with the voluntary reallocation of one project. 4) N/A

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2017 and FY 2022.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	
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	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022?	No
11	E-5. Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
11	E-5. Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.  NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	

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1.	Did :	your CoC reject or red	luce any project application(s)?	No
2.	Did :	your CoC inform appli	cants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	No
3.	proje	ect applications were t icants on various date	ment 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified s, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	
16	E-5a.	Projects Accepted-No	otification Outside of e-snaps.	
		NOFO Section VII.B.2	2.g.	
		You must upload the	Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	]
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		NOFO Section VII.B.2	•	
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Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the CoC's website or partner's website.	09/28/2022

# 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

2A-1.	HMIS Vendor.		
	Not Scored–For Information Only		
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Ente	er the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is o	currently using.	WellSky
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.		
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Sele	ect from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS co	verage area.	Statewide
2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.		
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.		
Ente	er the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC d	ata into HDX.	04/28/2022
2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC Data Submission by Victim Service Providers	and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Coll	ection and
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	NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.		
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	In the field below:		
	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead had providers in your CoC collect data in database requirements; and	ave taken to ensure DV housing and sest that meet HUD's comparable datab	ervice ase
2.	state whether your CoC is compliant with the	2022 HMIS Data Standards.	
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Minnesota's statewide coalition for victim-service providers (VSPs), Violence Free MN, recently led a grant-funded initiative to assist VSPs in assessing their software vendors. The goal was to assess whether their available databases were truly HMIS comparable databases. Violence Free MN staff also liaised with vendors directly. Staff from the HMIS Lead Agency were actively involved in this initiative, providing guidance with respect to HMIS data standards. HMIS staff participated in meetings with VSPs and funders as needed. The HMIS Lead Agency continues to engage with Violence Free Minnesota, working with a new position funded through a grant from the Office of Justice Programs (MN Department of Public Safety). This new role aims to identify data collection, technology, and privacy barriers for VSPs and evaluate how these barriers may have prevented VSPs from obtaining sufficient funding. With this partnership between the statewide coalition and HMIS Lead, ICA agreed to provide technical guidance for VSPs via Helpdesk as they work to ensure compliance (while maintaining clear separation of client data; VSP data is not in HMIS nor shared with the HMIS lead directly). This will benefit the CoC by continuing to develop partnerships between the HMIS Lead and VSPs. For the following CoCs: MN-500, MN-502, MN-503, MN-506, MN-508] A recently formed cohort of Joint TH/RRH grantees is meeting in partnership between the local HUD Field Office, the HMIS Lead, and the CoC. While not limited to projects serving victims of domestic violence, the Joint TH/RRH Component project model, there are several VSPs grantees in this cohort, which has provided a unique opportunity for collaboration, learning, and support. Yes, our CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

2A-5. Bed Coverage Rate–Using HIC, HMIS Data–CoC Merger Bonus Points.

NOFO Section VII.B.3.c. and VII.B.7.

Enter 2022 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Beds 2022 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	539	85	402	88.55%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	110	5	102	97.14%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	293	22	271	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	1,083	0	986	91.04%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	490	0	383	78.16%

2A-5a. Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.

NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.

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

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	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.

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The bed coverage for other permanent beds is low because the Met Council HRA Mainstream Programs was inadvertently included in the HIC, this program has not been included in the HIC in previous years. The Metropolitan Council HRA has 107 Mainstream Vouchers but does not have a "general or limited homeless preference" for these vouchers. If these vouchers had not been included the coverage would have been 100%.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.		
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.		
Did	I your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 15, 2022, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes	

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

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

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2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	
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Ent	er the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count.	01/26/2022
2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	
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Ent	er the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX.	04/28/2022
2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	
	Describe in the field below how during the planning process for the 2022 PIT count your CoC:	
1.	engaged stakeholders that serve homeless youth;	
2.	involved homeless youth in the actual count; and	
3.	worked with stakeholders to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.	

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 Youth serving agencies are strong members of the CoC throughout the year and are key stakeholders in planning for PIT count implementation. Focused efforts were made by youth outreach staff within the CoC to identify youth experiencing homelessness. Youth serving agencies and youth outreach staff help with the wording of the survey and made the survey simpler to ensure that youth are engaged and willing to participate in the count. 2) The CoC worked with youth stakeholders, including youth advisory committees, to support the selection of outreach locations for the night of the PIT count. Stakeholders who serve youth attended planning meetings to create a plan for where outreach should be conducted such as: libraries, teen centers, after school events etc. 3) The CoC involved youth experiencing homelessness through the utilization of youth advisory committees year-round. These advisory committees were able to identify key outreach locations for youth along with volunteering to administer survey on the night of the PIT count. In addition, the CoC implemented the following during the PIT count: 1) In order to better count chronically homeless households, the CoC: a) Simplified questions on the survey regarding episodes of homelessness making it easier for participants to understand the questions. This change also allowed volunteers to more accurately record responses. b) The Coordinated Entry Priority List was used to reach out to households identified as chronically homeless on the night of the count to check housing status. If the household was still experiencing homelessness, they were asked to participate in the PIT survey. 2) To more accurately count families with children the CoC: a) Collaborated with school districts across the region to identify the most appropriate way for schools to engage in the count. Aggregate data was collected from school districts to ensure families across the region were captured in the count. b) Surveys were conducted at local food shelves and community meals. Traditional street outreach sites are not effective for identifying families with children, however community sites such as churches hosting a meal, are better locations to find families

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.
NOFO Section VII.B.5.a and VII.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 2021 and 2022, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable; and
3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
4.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2022.

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Not Applicable/ No Changes made.

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## 2C. System Performance

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

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> The CoC has worked to determine risk factors to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time. State partners provided resources for TA that researched national trends to identify who is likely to become homeless. CoC members conducted outreach to persons in unstable housing, seeking input into housing and employment barriers, reasons for homelessness, and to identify resources most needed to prevent homelessness. The information provided has identified key areas of focus such as service needs for SSI and medical assistance needs, eviction and criminal expundement, job and skills training, landlord strategies such as conflict resolution. 2) In order to address the risk of households becoming homeless, the CoC maximizes homeless prevention from multiple funding sources to fund strategies most likely to prevent first time homelessness. Utilization of a prevention targeting tool has shifted the CoC's use of prevention resources toward serving higher needs households. The CoC is now increasingly moving toward more service intensive models, with deeper subsidies and longer periods of engagement to better ensure stability. The CoC also works with food shelves, homeless school liaisons, etc. to identify households at risk of homelessness to connect them to Coordinated Entry & emergency services. Along with long term strategies, the CoC utilized COVID-19 specific funds to prevent evictions during the pandemic. Outreach teams were put together that included culturally specific agencies. The CoC funded radio ads and utilized online advertising forums to ensure the community was widely aware of the opportunity for rental assistance. The implementation of these programs helped to prevent first time homelessness. 3) The prevention coordinator in each of the counties within the CoC are responsible for overseeing the strategies to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time.

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless–CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.c.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	
2.	describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.	

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The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) was approved for a set of new services, Housing Stabilization Services, which are Medicaid reimbursable services. The services started in August of 2020. The CoC has partnered closely with DHS to connect persons experiencing homelessness with these MA billable services. Creating processes for eligibility determination for the service and referral to a service provider has been the focus of the CoC. Once a household is connected to a service provider, they can access Transition Services which include housing search and application support, resolving barriers to accessing housing, securing additional resources to help secure housing, and help a household organize their move. Beginning October 1, 2022, There will be \$3000 per person available to help with moving expenses through Housing Stabilization Services. Connecting households experiencing homelessness with a service provider that can offer these Transition Services as quickly as possible will reduce the length of time households are homeless. 2) In order to identify and house households with the longest lengths of time homeless the CoC utilizes a case consultation approach within the CE process. This approach includes a weekly review of a by name list by a team of professionals that discuss households on the list that have been homeless the longest. The focus of the discussions is to move those households into permanent housing as quickly as possible and identify what supportive services the household may need ongoing to remain stably housed. 3) The CoC's Governing Board is responsible for overseeing the implementation of strategies that will reduce households' length of time homeless.

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

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If a household is at high risk of returning to homelessness during the course of their housing program, the household may have the ability to transition to a different housing program that better fits their needs. The program staff that is currently working with the household from the Housing Provider will report the risk to the CES Advisory for review and approval. The CES Advisory will determine if the threshold for transferring has been met and available resources, to which the household can transfer. To increase exits to PH from PSH, the CoC is working with PHAs to utilize Section 8, mainstream, and Emergency Housing Vouchers in move-on initiatives. The Coc Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

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

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The CoC is adding a new field into our HMIS Priority List Report that will indicate whether this is the first time they have been in coordinated entry, or whether they are returning. The CoC already has a return to homelessness report, but it currently does not "count" returns to coordinated entry. The CoC encourages providers who are anticipating a possible return to homelessness for one of their clients to reach out to our CES Advisory Group for possibilities, which may include problem-solving, prevention assistance, or a possible transfer to another program. In addition, we have quarterly community workshops, and several case consultation groups where case managers can bring situations and get help and suggestions from each other.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–CoC's Strategy.
	NOFO Section VII.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 cash income; and
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

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 The CoC's strategy to increase access to employment includes quarterly monitoring of income performance measures through review of APR data. The CoC offers support to programs that have not met performance measures as outlined by the CoC scoring tool. Training is offered to projects on increasing employment income at least annually. All projects work closely with employment service providers to provide targeted employment services and comprehensive supports to increase earned income from employment with the specific goal of increasing income. 2) The CoC attempts to increase access to earned income through promoting job/career fairs throughout the region. Employers are invited to attend Project Community Connect events in the region to connect those experiencing homelessness directly to employment opportunities. Providers within the CoC work with participants on work readiness activities such as resume/application support and interview coaching. The CoC utilizes expertise of its members and partners, including employment services providers, such as Tasks Unlimited, Guild, & the CareerForce Centers. Governing Board members attend Work Force Center board meetings and share relevant information and ideas across sectors. CareerForce Centers staff are active member of the local homeless planning committees and partner in providing trainings and resources during community events targeted to households experiencing homelessness. 3) The CoC Governing Board working closely with the CoC Monitoring and Evaluation Committee is responsible for ensuring projects have strategies to increase income.

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

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1) The CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash includes quarterly monitoring of non-employment income performance measures through review of APR data. The CoC offers support to programs that have not met performance measures as outlined by the CoC scoring tool. In addition, the CoC partners with the State of MN to offer SOAR trainings to increase staff capacity & assist people enrolling in SSI & SSDI. SOAR trained providers also attend CoC meetings & offer SOAR services to projects who may not have a SOAR person on staff. The CoC also partnered with the state to offer a half day training on all mainstream benefit programs including but not limited to Food Stamps, SSI, and General Assistance. This training was offered free of charge to providers in the CoC. This training will be offered annually at a minimum. 2) Access Points for the CoC's Coordinated Entry System are responsible to connect all households to mainstream benefits as part of the assessment process. CoC programs are also required to ensure participants are receiving all benefit they are eligible for. 3) The CoC Governing Board working closely with the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee is responsible for ensuring projects have strategies to increase income.

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# 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs-New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.s.	
Is y	our CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding nousing rehabilitation or new construction?	No
3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs-New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.s.	
	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.	

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Not Applicable

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

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3C-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	
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proje	our CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component ects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other eral statutes?	No
3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	
	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:	
	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and	
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.	

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Not Applicable

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# 4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applications.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

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

# 4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1.	You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
2.	You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.
3.	We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported–please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
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	. 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).
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Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1E-1. Local Competition Deadline	Yes	SMAC Regular NOFO	09/25/2022
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes		
1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application	Yes	Scored Renewal Pr	09/26/2022
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes		
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes		
1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects	Yes	Final Project Sco	09/26/2022
1E-5c. Web Posting–CoC- Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC- Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		

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Project: MN-503 CoC Registration FY2022 COC\_REG\_2022\_192226

3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No	

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**Document Description:** SMAC Regular NOFO Timeline

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