

## Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It  
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

### Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

### Attachments

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

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

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

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

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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** TX-601 - Fort Worth, Arlington/Tarrant County CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** Tarrant County Homeless Coalition

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

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** Tarrant County Homeless Coalition

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

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

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

16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
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By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. TX-601 recruits new members year-round. Community Relations and Planning Departments invite new members on a regular basis as they meet with individuals and organizations across the community throughout the year. There is a membership page on the TX-601 website and applicants can submit a new membership application at any time. Applications for new members are reviewed on a monthly basis. During the State of the Homeless Address annually, people are invited to become new members. Currently, TX-601 has over 40 community partners, with three new additions in the last 12 months. TX-601 recruits people with lived experience to the CoC through word-of-mouth from current CoC members with lived experience, shelter and outreach team recruiting, and housing program recruiting. TX-601 also rebuilt a Youth Advisory Board with YHDP funding in 2022.

2. TX-601 membership and meeting information is available on the website. The CoC shifted to Zoom virtual meetings and/or hybrid meetings since the COVID-19 pandemic, which allows people with health concerns or disabilities to attend. All meeting recordings are available for the community and the CoC. Additionally, TCHC as the lead agency assists anyone that needs help accessing CoC materials.

3. TX-601 actively reaches out to various ethnic-specific groups, aiming to raise awareness about homelessness and extend invitations to join the CoC. These efforts encompass engaging with chambers of commerce, churches with diverse congregations, the Aging and Disability Resource Center, LGBTQ+ organizations, and Areas Agency on Aging. By participating in regular meetings in the community, TX-601 establishes meaningful connections with these diverse populations, fostering strong relationships. The lead agency extends personal invitations to those interested in becoming part of the CoC, encouraging collaboration and collective action to address homelessness.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. TX601 understands the importance of gathering feedback & opinions from all stakeholders with an interest in ending homelessness throughout the continuum. The CoC solicits input through surveys, focus groups, round table discussions, and committee discussions from a variety of stakeholders, including those with lived experiences of homelessness, local service providers, local elected officials & community leaders, subject matter experts, technical assistance & training providers, neighborhoods & the community.

2. The CoC uses several methods to communicate with & receive input from various audiences. The lead agency hosts a homeless helpline & website which both allow for input & feedback opportunities. The lead agency conducts annual quarterly focus groups to obtain feedback from project participants & those providing direct services. CoC Board meetings are open to the public and allows for public comment. CoC committees have open membership & are an opportunity for direct input into CoC operations. The Youth Action Board and Advisory Council are designed to solicit direct input from those with lived experience. The annual State of the Homeless Address includes an opportunity for public comment or questions. Individuals with lived experiences are encouraged to participate at every level, including the CoC Board and subcommittees.

3. TX-601 prioritizes electronic communication, offering virtual or hybrid meeting options for enhanced accessibility. This approach ensures that more individuals, including those with disabilities, can access all relevant information and can engage with others. Publications from the Lead Agency are readily available on the website, and feedback can be conveniently submitted through public comment during meetings, the lead agency's website, social media accounts, and helpline.

4. All feedback gathered throughout the year is incorporated into the CoC wide strategic plan & is used to develop annual work plans to further refine the current system. All opinions directly impact the strategic direction & local priorities of TX601. More specifically, TX-601 used community feedback in the last two years to create diversion and rapid exit programs that have reduced the number of actively homeless people at any time, as well as create a new housing assessment that will better match people experiencing homelessness to the right intervention for them.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

TX-601 notified the public that the competition was open and accepting applications on July 17th. TCHC, as the collaborative applicant, sent an email to all contacts, posted the HUD NOFA and the CoC Competition Timeline on the website, and posted a social media post. TCHC led a public virtual competition briefing. TCHC also posted the recording of the briefing on the website. TX-601 released a local Request for Proposals (RFP) by email, post on TCHC website, and social media.

1.The email announcing the RFP specifically invited new organizations to apply. The RFP stated that the CoC encouraged new organizations to apply. The virtual public briefing encouraged new applicants.

2.TCHC hosted a public virtual briefing about the NOFA on July 13th. The briefing included information about: CoC program description, HUD policy priorities, TX-601 priorities, the consolidated application, instructions for the local competition, the competition timeline, and the date of a technical assistance session. The local RFP and the public briefing provided application instructions for renewal, new, DV Bonus, consolidated, and expansion projects, all of which enter their applications straight into eSNAPS by the application deadline date. Additionally, it is explained how new applicants will enter an application into Zoomgrants, a virtual application database. The RFP that was released included detailed application instructions for all project types. A virtual technical assistance session was offered on July 20th for all applicants to ask questions concerning the CoC NOFA and local competition process.

3.TX-601 notified the public about the project selection process in the Competition Timeline, public briefing, and RFP. All three resources were sent by email to all contacts and posted on the TCHC website. Notification of availability of documents was posted on social media. The RFP and public briefing included information about HUD and TX601 priorities for the competition and the objective scoring criteria the CoC would use to make performance-based decisions.

4. TX-601 relies heavily on electronic communication. Competition notifications were sent by email, social media, and website. The public briefing was held virtually, and a recording was placed on the website. Electronic communication allows more people to receive all information and increases access for all individuals, including those with disabilities.

# 1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	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)	Nonexistent
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 V.B.1.b.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. TX-601 holds quarterly consolidated planning meetings, gathering all ESG recipients within the jurisdiction. During these sessions, the lead agency and ESG recipients discuss system needs and available resources. Through these meetings, significant needs for ESG funding have been identified, such as the need for expanded street outreach teams and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) initiatives. TX-601 also actively engages in a quarterly call with the state to discuss ESG matters.

2. TX-601's HMIS team provides regular performance reporting of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients, including the CAPER. TX-601's HMIS team also provides additional performance measure information as requested by the jurisdictions. The jurisdictions also receive a monthly report with ESG program level outcomes of the CoC's identified priorities of: number of people exiting unsheltered homelessness, number of street outreach contacts, housing program occupancy rates, and the length of time it takes each program to move someone into housing.

3. TX-601 provides the PIT count and HIC count data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions in the quarterly consolidated planning meeting following the count. Jurisdictions also received the data by email, and it is posted on TCHC's website. Additionally, the quarterly consolidated planning meeting includes updated numbers after the PIT count with the number of actively homeless people for the previous month.

4. The quarterly meetings for ESG recipients and consolidated planning efforts includes a summary of area needs and updated numbers of the people experiencing homelessness. The quarterly meetings also include discussion of how ESG and ESG-CV contribute to ending homelessness in Tarrant/Parker Counties. As each jurisdiction prepares its consolidated plan, TX-601 reviews the plan and provides feedback and updates.

1C-3.	Ensuring Families are not Separated.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.c.	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

TX-601 has formal agreements and working relationships with youth education providers, the LEA, and school districts.

The CoC includes education providers (youth education providers, local education agency, and school districts) as voting members in Youth, Family, and Implementation, Coordination, and Training (ICT) committees and as voting members of the CoC Board. TX-601 is part of an ongoing effort to create a Whole Child Dashboard with the Miles Foundation, which combines data from multiple sources on children’s wellbeing.

Education providers (youth education providers, local education agency, and school districts) on Youth Committee participated in a renewed Youth Homelessness Assessment, a Coordinated Community Plan to end youth homelessness, and the completion of a YHDP competition in 2022. A significant portion of the TX-601 YHDP Coordinated Community Plan involved the education needs of youth experiencing homelessness, and these education partners were vital in that process. Education providers continue to be involved with the YHDP projects through the CQI process.

CoC service organizations provide direct referrals to programs such as Early Head Start, Head Start, and a program to enroll children in school. The CoC has partnerships with community colleges and the workforce center to assist with employment and GED services. Local independent school districts (ISDs) provide tutoring for homeless children and transportation to and from school. In addition to committees, local ISD representatives & the President of Tarrant County College are voting members of the CoC Board. Previously, TX-601 explored data sharing with ISDs. TX-601 learned that the ISDs would not share data with our system. TX-601 continues to work with the two largest ISDs on plans and implementation for the Department of Education funding they received to address homelessness and explore data sharing opportunities.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC ensures comprehensive McKinney-Vento training for all its members, utilizing a virtual training database. The CoC also collaborates with an agency specializing in McKinney-Vento webinars, promoting upcoming training opportunities through a bi-monthly newsletter. To enhance educational access, the CoC has implemented a policy that mandates all CoC and ESG-funded programs to comply with the rights outlined in the McKinney-Vento Act. This includes informing individuals and families about their eligibility for educational services.

TX601 has established a Family Committee, Youth Committee, Advisory Council (people with lived experience) and Youth Advisory Board (YAB) to address critical issues including access and eligibility for education services. These committees include local ISDs, youth education providers, and current and formerly homeless youth to inform policies related to education services and report to the CoC Board of Directors. In addition to serving on committees as voting members, local ISD Homeless Liaisons and the President of Tarrant County College are voting members on the CoC Board.

The Family Committee reviews processes related to families at-risk of or experiencing homelessness and explores solutions to ensure children in families receive appropriate educational support and access.

YAB members are familiar with the system from lived experience and provide guidance on education services from a different perspective.

The Youth Committee identifies trainings for service providers and assists with coordinating services including education services for youth experiencing homelessness. The CoC works closely with local ISDs to ensure access to education is not interrupted and to guarantee these populations are enrolled in school and connected to appropriate services in the CoC. ISD homeless liaisons throughout Tarrant County collaborate quarterly to ensure students receive the assistance needed to succeed.

Lastly, a scored criteria in the local RFP for new projects was how a project would help families access educational services.

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

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	Yes
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	Yes
4.	Early Head Start	Yes	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)		
10.			

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC collaborates closely with victim service providers, victim service coalitions, the local public hospital, and law enforcement to shape CoC policies regarding domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. All CoC-wide policies are developed through multiple committees and subsequently approved by the CoC Board.

The largest victim service provider within the CoC is SafeHaven Tarrant County, which receives funding for several CoC projects and holds voting membership on various CoC committees. Another significant service provider is the Center for Transforming Lives, also a voting member on several CoC committees. The Salvation Army plays a critical role as a service provider for individuals escaping domestic violence and holds voting membership on multiple CoC committees. Additionally, Unbound, the local human trafficking agency, has become a member of the CoC and actively participates in case conferencing. The local public hospital operates a trauma program aimed at reducing injury and death resulting from domestic violence, including among individuals experiencing homelessness. They are represented by a voting member on the CoC Board. All victim service providers hold voting membership on the Implementation, Coordination, and Training Committee, which approves all CoC policies before they are presented to the CoC Board. The CoC's policies prioritize housing choice for those fleeing domestic violence, separate databases to protect client information, facilitation of emergency transfers, and ensure access to housing for survivors of domestic violence. Importantly, the CoC policies enable self-certification of domestic violence status, alleviating the need for documentation from a DV shelter or police reports.

2. All CoC providers must complete trauma-informed care (TIC) training. The CoC currently provides two TIC training courses, one of which is specifically for working with survivors of DV. The Director of Training at the lead agency is a certified trainer through SAMSHA to conduct TIC training in the community. TIC training courses are also incorporated within a robust training curriculum for case managers, called the Foundations of Case Management.

In 2023, the CoC created case management standards which require specific trauma-informed training for all case managers in the CoC. The standards were developed in cooperation with DV, sexual assault, and other survivor support programs.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.The CoC conducts bi-monthly training sessions for the entire community on sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. These sessions cover domestic violence overview, its impact on clients, safety planning protocols, and victim-centered practices. Additionally, case managers benefit from a comprehensive training program called the Foundations of Case Management, with a particular emphasis on working effectively with DV survivors. The lead agency's Director of Training is a certified SAMHSA trainer, offering Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) training in the community.

2.Coordinated Entry staff, including system navigators, receive annual specialized training on safety planning, domestic violence overview, victim-centered services, and Trauma-Informed Care. This training is delivered by lead agency staff, domestic violence agency experts, or other subject matter specialists. The local victim service provider actively participates in multiple CoC-level committees, influencing training and education opportunities, and holding a voting membership within the CoC.

In the last few years, the CoC has initiated two coordinated entry redesigns to create a more client-centered system, with a specific focus on trauma-informed practices. To provide additional support for DV survivors within the Coordinated Entry system, the lead agency has appointed a dedicated staff member for DV-specific coordinated entry. This staff member collaborates with community members to educate shelter staff about best practices related to domestic violence and works diligently to remove barriers for DV survivors within the CE system.

1C-5c.	Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry includes:	
1.	safety planning protocols; and
2.	confidentiality protocols.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.The CoC prioritizes safety for DV survivors through safety planning protocols. Case managers create safety plans for clients who are DV survivors, which could include helping them access DV shelter while they search for housing. The TX601 Policies require trauma-informed, victim-centered services to prioritize safety needs, complete safety plans, accommodate a survivor's unique circumstances, and allow survivors to choose their housing. Throughout the housing process, safety remains a priority.

In 2017, the TX601 Board implemented a policy requiring all HUD-funded projects to adopt and implement an emergency transfer protocol. In the local CoC competition, all new and renewal projects must have an emergency transfer plan or will implement an emergency transfer plan if funded. The CoC monitors for this policy annually.

In 2023, TCHC added a position to improve safety and access to housing in coordinated entry for DV clients.

2.DV providers send a non-identifying alpha-numeric “name” to the coordinated entry team to match the client with available housing. The CoC never receives any identifying information. TX-601 can then evaluate the number of DV survivors who are assigned to housing, how long it takes them to move in, and compare these results to the general population experiencing homelessness. This process is also used for EHVs and allows DV survivors to quickly be matched to newly available housing, while maintaining confidentiality.

1C-5d.	Used De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC used for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)



1. The CoC receives ongoing, year-round data and reports from the local domestic violence provider, as generated from the comparable database. These reports include monthly, de-identified aggregate data, annual APR data, annual data required for the point in time count and the housing inventory count, as well as required components for the AHAR/LSA.

TX601 collects data to review DV-related deaths along with other leading causes of death in the CoC. DV fatalities have a unique alphanumeric identifier instead of their name in this analysis. This information is presented in committee discussions and allows providers including local police departments, homeless agencies, and domestic violence providers to locate gaps in the system and collaborate to find solutions to prevent similar fatalities in the future.

The local DV provider also submits aggregated program-specific data to the CoC every 90 days for additional performance monitoring of CoC-funded projects.

Providers applying for DV-focused CoC projects also provide local data and statistics in their narratives for the local competition.

Lastly, TX-601 uses coordinated entry data from the data warehouse to evaluate DV needs. The coordinated entry system uses a unique alpha-numeric identifier for DV survivors and survivors' names are not input into the coordinated entry system.

2. The CoC uses the DV provider data, as well as data from the HUD Assessment and annual point in time count, to establish the level and frequency of domestic violence within the continuum.

Through program specific data and coordinated entry data, the CoC evaluates the number of clients sent by DV providers for coordinated entry, how quickly they are matched to housing, how quickly they move into housing, positive exits, and returns to homelessness. The data is also reviewed to establish best practices for and the efficiency of the Coordinated Entry System for those experiencing domestic violence.

Additionally, the lead agency has hired a dedicated staff member for DV-specific coordinated entry who is located within the DV agencies to help eliminate barriers in gathering DV-specific data within the coordinated entry system.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:

1.	whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and
3.	the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. In 2017, the CoC adopted an emergency transfer policy and procedure. The policy and procedure states that all CoC agencies give all clients—regardless of known survivor status—information about the emergency transfer policy and the process for requesting an emergency transfer as part of the client intake. These procedures are also outlined in the operations manual for the CoC.

The TCHC helpline also provides information to clients who call in about the emergency transfer policy.

2. The process for requesting an emergency transfer is explained to all clients during their housing intake. Clients who need an emergency transfer can request this from the case manager. As part of regular case management services, CoC case managers are also regularly checking for client safety and wellbeing from DV, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault. Case managers help clients first create an immediate safety plan, which may include staying with family or friends, help getting to the DV shelter, or an agency provided hotel room. Case managers and the landlord engagement team help the client to notify the landlord of the need for an emergency transfer to break the lease without penalty for the client. Case managers and the landlord engagement team help clients to find a new and safe place to live, sign a new lease, and move in. If needed, clients with prior chronic status could also transfer from a RRH program to a PSH program to ensure their stability and safety.

3. The process our CoC follows to respond to emergency transfer requests is outlined in the CoC CES operations manual. This process is also explained to all clients during their housing intake. The CoC has created policies and procedures to ensure that residents can request and receive an emergency transfer with little to no barriers from the CoC or any other entity. Emergency transfers do not have to be approved by the CoC or CES. Case Managers are trained to complete this process, including connecting with VAWA resources, to ensure residents are housed safely within our system. If a case manager or resident needs additional assistance for an emergency transfer, the lead agency has a DV-specific CE Specialist who can advocate for and assist with the emergency transfer process.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.DV survivors can access DV-specific and general housing resources through coordinated entry. The coordinated entry system platform, Green River, automates matches for housing programs. Green River is programmed to match DV survivors to all available housing programs and not just DV-specific programs. This practice maximizes client choice. Staff who help people access housing are trained in trauma-informed and victim-centered approaches. The CoC currently has multiple DV housing projects: CoC-funded, ESG-funded, three Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) transitional housing grants, and multiple DHHS funded projects.

2.In 2023, TCHC added a DV Coordinated Entry Specialist to improve safety and access to housing in coordinated entry for DV clients. This new position facilitates secure data sharing between DVs database and the CoC’s HMIS and ensures the homeless response system is meeting the housing needs of all survivors of DV in our system. With improved information sharing, DV clients have access to the local CoC’s full system of housing and supportive services, which helps clients more quickly obtain and remain in permanent housing that best address their particular needs. The DV Coordinated Entry staff member is also housed within local shelters that serve DV clients to eliminate barriers that DV client may experience through the coordinated entry process.

TCHC holds yearly focus groups at the two largest DV-specific shelters, involving case managers and individuals seeking emergency shelter. These sessions aim to identify barriers in the homeless response system and gather insights on how to enhance support for survivors. The feedback obtained from these focus groups is shared with all standing committees, including the CoC Board.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC conducts annual focus groups within the largest DV-specific shelters to gain deeper insights into the unique barriers and experiences faced by DV clients. The qualitative data gathered through these sessions is then shared with the community and CoC committees, serving as a valuable resource to guide discussions on Coc-policies and procedures.

The CoC's Advisory Council, composed of individuals who have lived experience with homelessness, includes members with past DV experiences and continuously seeks to recruit members with diverse backgrounds.

Representatives from numerous DV housing projects, including CoC-funded, ESG-funded, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) transitional housing grants, and multiple DHHS funded projects, are voting members of various CoC committees, ensuring that CoC-wide policies and procedures include the best interest of DV clients.

2. In 2023 after discussions with DV clients and DV service providers, the CoC added a DV Coordinated Entry Specialist to address the unique and complex needs of DV clients within the homeless response system. This Specialist works directly with DV providers to eliminate barriers for DV clients and improve safety and access to housing in coordinated entry. This new position facilitates secure data sharing between DVs database and the CoC's HMIS, ensuring clients are matched to housing quicker and remain in permanent housing that best addresses their needs. The DV Coordinated Entry staff member is also housed within local shelters that serve DV clients to eliminate barriers that DV clients may experience through the coordinated entry process and provide additional resources to DV front line staff.

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

4. your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC collaborates with local orgs and members of the LGBTQ community to ensure that its anti-discrimination policies are updated to meet the needs of all individuals within the response system. Qualitative data regarding discrimination and safety for LGBTQ people is collected through focus groups involving current residents of CoC-funded projects. To ensure sensitivity on this matter, focus group members are provided with contact info to privately reach out to CoC staff.

Feedback on anti-discrimination policies is gathered from 2 consumer panels, both of which include LGBTQ members, as well as service providers, agency leaders, and city officials.

The CoC regularly updates its anti-discrimination policy as required, considering any new laws, regulations, or rules that may apply. The CoC made updates to its policy based on the Equal Access final rules and through feedback from stakeholders.

2.The CoC helped emergency shelters to update their anti-discrimination policies based on the final rules. In 2024, the CoC will be adding training on the rule and best practices for working with LGBTQ+ people. The CoC provides all funded agencies with the final rules and the anti-discrimination policy. Training on LGBTQ+ anti-discrimination rules will be provided annually to the CoC.

In the CoC competition, agencies describe how they will adopt the final rules and ensure the safety and equal access of LGBTQ+ population. As agencies are awarded funding, their onboarding includes anti-discrimination policies and equitable access to services. Agencies that dont implement these policies are placed on a quality improvement plan. Technical assistance is available to all projects to assist with the development of anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy.

3.The CoC evaluates compliance with anti-discrimination policies in annual monitoring. CoC Planning staff ensures agencies have updated policies and procedures for all CoC-funded projects, including anti-discrimination policies. The CoC also may identify issues with compliance in case conferencing, through Advisory groups, or client complaints.

4.CoC funded agencies that are not in compliance with the anti-discrimination policy will be placed on a quality improvement plan, which will be reviewed quarterly until the issue is resolved. Agencies who don't resolve their quality improvement plan may have funding reduced or eliminated in the next competition.

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

NOFO Section V.B.1.g.

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Fort Worth Housing Solutions	78%	Yes-HCV	Yes
Arlington Housing Authority	32%	Yes-HCV	Yes

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

TX601 has developed strong partnerships with all PHAs, including Arlington, Fort Worth, and Tarrant County. All PHAs are voting members of the CoC. The largest PHAs in the CoC are with the cities of Fort Worth and Arlington. Both have adopted homeless preference policies. The CoC has been in close collaboration with the Arlington Housing Authority for several years and, as a result, the organization has amended their administrative plan to include a homeless preference on mainstream vouchers. Arlington Housing Authority has set aside vouchers specifically for those experiencing homelessness.

Fort Worth Housing Solutions has had a homeless preference in its administrative plan for multiple years. The organization currently has move-on vouchers and an additional set aside vouchers for those experiencing homelessness for populations in partnership with Workforce, MHMR of Tarrant County, Fort Worth ISD and local colleges. Fort Worth Housing Solutions operates a converted hotel with 119 PSH project-based vouchers. Fort Worth Housing Solutions is also setting aside 55 project-based vouchers for families experiencing homelessness in a new development and an additional 48 vouchers for another new development which is expected to open in 2023. Fort Worth Housing Solutions also has FUP and FYI vouchers.

All homeless-dedicated vouchers are referred through coordinated entry.

When the CoC was awarded EHV's in 2021, the local PHAs agreed to accept all referrals from the CoC. The strong relationship between the CoC and the PHAs resulted in an eligible person being referred for all the community's 307 vouchers within one month. Through the EHV's, TX601 was able to strengthen its relationship with the third PHA in the CoC—Tarrant County Housing Authority.

In 2023, the CoC was awarded an additional 368 EHV's through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The CoC and Tarrant County Housing Authority partnered to disperse the EHV's focusing on a move-on strategy to transition eligible and able PSH recipients to EHV's.

The CoC established a Leadership Council consisting of elected officials in Tarrant and Parker County. The Leadership Council develops and reviews the community-wide strategic plan, including working on local policies and priorities. The Leadership Council helps the CoC to advocate for increased vouchers available to support people exiting homelessness with the goal of reaching 20% of PHA vouchers for people exiting homelessness.

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.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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In the chart below, indicate if your CoC includes units from the following PHA programs in your CoC's coordinated entry process:

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

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	Yes
		<b>Program Funding Source</b>
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	Mainstream, HCV, FUP/FYI

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV). NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
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	If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.	
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Tarrant County Ho...
Arlington Housing...
Fort Worth Housin...
Texas Department ...

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

Name of PHA: Tarrant County Housing Authority

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

Name of PHA: Arlington Housing Authority

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

Name of PHA: Fort Worth Housing Solutions

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

Name of PHA: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

## 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

1D-1.	Discharge Planning Coordination.	
	NOFO Section V.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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	33
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 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	33
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The annual competition incorporates Housing First as an inclusion or elimination criterion for project selection and ranking. Non-compliant projects are excluded, ensuring a commitment to Housing First principles, and preventing the introduction of projects that won't adhere to this approach. Renewal projects are evaluated through performance scorecard indicators and annual project monitoring. A Housing First Questionnaire is completed for each renewal agency. Any non-compliant activities observed during annual project monitoring triggers a quality improvement plan. For new projects, performance history from other projects or additional inquiries confirms understanding and commitment to Housing First.

2. The quarterly project scorecard contains the following metrics that help indicate concerns about Housing First implementation: participants in housing, permanent exits, returns to homelessness, lease-up time, and coordinated entry referrals. If any of these metrics score below the CoC average, it indicates that the program may not be fully adhering to Housing First. Additionally, TCHC uses feedback from the coordinated entry team throughout the year based on accepted or rejected matches. The Housing First Questionnaire includes questions regarding requirements to enter or stay in projects for participants, such as income, sobriety, or criminal justice involvement. It also asks about requirements placed on participants, such as supportive services, care plans, or MH/SA treatment.

3. TX-601 includes Housing First in its ongoing monitoring activities through a Housing First Questionnaire. Quarterly scorecards also signal non-compliance. If either the Questionnaire or scorecard indicates such concerns, the program is required to provide a performance improvement plan. Annual monitoring involves Housing First policy reviews and TA is offered to all projects. When information from the coordinated entry team indicates a project is not Housing First, TCHC will meet with the agency and provide technical assistance to resolve the issue. In 2023, Coordinated Entry identified a project whose policies concerning drug-use went against housing first principles. TCHC was able to provide technical assistance to resolve this issue.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Scope.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Since 2020, TX-601 has advocated with the various jurisdictions to invest in outreach services. This has resulted in a 500% increase in Outreach services in the CoC. TX-601 has a strong relationship with the outreach teams and conducts monthly meetings with Outreach team members. TX-601 added an Outreach Manager to strategically ensure that all persons who are unsheltered are identified and engaged.

Outreach teams include bilingual staff to serve people with limited English proficiency. Outreach teams and the CoC helpline and website advertise housing to all people regardless of demographic or identity to further fair housing. Outreach materials include written (large print) and oral formats to support people with disabilities.

2. The Outreach Manager ensures that 100% of TX-601’s geographic area is covered by an outreach team regularly.

3. TX-601 conducts outreach every business day, and many weekends.

4. TX601 identified through HMIS data and collaborating with local service providers that people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, as well as the chronically homeless population, are often the most difficult to service and least likely to request assistance. Additionally, many outreach teams failed to update HMIS regularly, resulting in missing records for some people who had experienced chronic and unsheltered homelessness.

To address this concern, TX601 implemented a systematic, documented approach to Outreach by mapping out the locations and patterns of people experiencing homelessness and tracking outreach contacts and coordinates in HMIS. The Outreach Manager leads a monthly meeting of all the outreach teams to coordinate their work and reiterate the importance of documentation. The Manager reviews each team’s HMIS records to monitor how often each team is adding contact notes. The Manager also trains with each team monthly. Additionally, TX-601 is shifting outreach teams from being comfort-focused to housing-focused by providing additional training. TX-601 added public accountability criteria in the number of housing assessments and people that move into housing per each outreach team.

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

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

	Your CoC’s Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	No
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	No
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	No	No

4. Implemented community wide plans	No	No
5. Other:(limit 500 characters)		
Enhanced Outreach Strategies to reduce crime	Yes	No

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

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	1,068	1,555

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

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

	Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	Yes
4.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	Yes
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

1D-6a.	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.m	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, SSDI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services; and
3.	works with projects to promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.TX601 systematically keeps program staff up to date on mainstream resources available for clients through year-round training, newsletters, and bi-monthly CoC General Meetings. Additionally, mainstream benefits and issues accessing them are discussed in the 12 case conferencing meetings that are held each month.

The TX601 Learning Academy and Foundations of Case Management training series provides uniform training for program staff on mainstream resources. Monthly newsletters also include information about mainstream resources and benefits, including food stamps, SSI/SSDI, TANF, Medicaid, the local public hospital’s insurance program, substance abuse programs, and employment assistance programs.

2.TX-601 has strong relationships with the area’s largest agencies that enroll people into healthcare benefits: the local mental health authority, MHMR Tarrant; and the local public hospital, JPS Health Network. Both organizations work with TX-601 to enroll people experiencing homelessness into Medicaid and into the local public hospital “insurance” program for the homeless. JPS has a street medicine team that serves people experiencing homelessness and helps to enroll people who are unsheltered into healthcare benefits. MHMR Tarrant has an outreach team that also can help people experiencing homelessness access mental health and substance abuse treatment.

3.TX-601 encourages programs to train their staff to become SOAR certified. However, some housing programs do not have the agency resources or expertise to accomplish this. To increase access to SOAR certified specialists, TX-601 added three SOAR certified Benefits Specialists to the CoC to assist clients with Medicaid, Medicare, SSI/SSDI, TANF, and Food Stamps. Mainstream resources are identified daily with new clients through a screening tool in the CES that indicates a client’s benefit & employment eligibility. Clients eligible for resources are connected to a Benefits Specialist to be enrolled. In 2022, TX-601 SOAR-certified specialists helped secure over \$350,000 in income benefits for housing program recipients.

The TX-601 SOAR-certified Benefits Specialists aid project staff, ensuring they effectively utilize Medicaid and other mainstream benefits. These specialists participate in case conferencing sessions, providing valuable ongoing support to case managers. Upon request, the Benefits Specialists visit agencies on-site for training and guidance.

1D-7.	Increasing Capacity for Non-Congregate Sheltering.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, TX601 significantly expanded its non-congregate sheltering efforts. To address the unique challenges posed by the pandemic, TX601 implemented non-congregate sheltering in hotel rooms, specifically targeting individuals who were COVID-19 positive or at a high risk of experiencing adverse outcomes from the virus. This initiative allowed the CoC shelter providers to gain valuable experience and establish contracts with hotels.

As the pandemic progressed, these hotel rooms evolved into non-congregate shelter options for individuals with various special needs. This includes individuals requiring safety accommodations, those with disabilities, or individuals with specific health needs. CoC shelters now utilize these hotel rooms as overflow shelters for families or during severe weather conditions to alleviate unsheltered homelessness.

Through these efforts, TX601 has effectively utilized hotel rooms to create non-congregate shelter solutions that cater to a broader range of special needs, contributing to the overall goal of reducing homelessness within the community.

Over the last several years, the two largest homeless shelters in the CoC have added non-congregate "program beds". These beds are reserved for a small weekly fee and include a private bedroom with electric outlet, private locker, and private bed. Program beds provide increased safety from transmissible illnesses and quieter, serenity, and stability for people who need it. These program beds also allow people to come-and-go throughout the day and evening.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)



The CoC developed strong collaborations with the public health department, the public hospital, and the local Fire Department/emergency medical response team during the COVID-19 pandemic. This coordination continues with monthly virtual meetings between the CoC, all homeless service providers, public health, the public hospital, and the Fire Department.

1.The CoC has a policy on testing for Tuberculosis for people staying in emergency shelter. This policy was recommended by and written with the help of the local public hospital and public health department. TX601 has had multiple public health events in the last year: COVID-19, a Mpox outbreak, and extreme weather. The CoC develops action plans based on the unique needs on the ground at the time of the public health event. This has been more successful for TX-601 because each plan is tailored to the specific situation. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the additional public health events in TX-601, each wave has required a pivot in the CoC’s response. For example, the specific response needs for Hepatitis or extreme weather were different than the response needed for COVID-19. Further, the response needed for COVID-19 changed over time based on the number of cases in the area and public health guidance.

2.The CoC reduces infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness through ongoing monthly collaboration meetings with public health, the public hospital, and the shelter leadership. This ensures the CoC is aware of any emerging health threats for people experiencing homelessness and has medical and public health guidance on how best to reduce its impact among people experiencing homelessness. The CoC and Public Health Department also have a data sharing agreement for tuberculosis testing information.

The CoC uses its medical outreach team and Fire Department to take preventative health action for people experiencing homelessness, including mobile flu, Hepatitis, and COVID-19 vaccines and stationary vaccine clinics. The public hospital has provided a primary care clinic within one block of the largest area shelters where people experiencing homelessness can also receive ongoing and preventative medical care.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	shared information related to public health measures and homelessness, and	
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

In addition to COVID-19, TX-601 had an additional outbreak of Hepatitis among people experiencing homelessness in the last several years. The CoC has greatly increased its capacity to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks and improve health and safety among people experiencing homelessness.

1. TX-601 hosts monthly virtual meetings with homeless service providers, ESG jurisdictions and local governments, the local public health office, the public hospital, and the emergency medical response agency. Any public health measures or local government orders regarding health are discussed in these meetings. Additionally, recordings and notes of these meetings were sent to all homeless service providers after each meeting. The CoC and Public Health Department have a data sharing agreement for tuberculosis testing information.

2. In these monthly meetings, the CoC discusses ongoing public health concerns for people experiencing homelessness, including COVID-19, flu, Hepatitis, and extreme weather. Homeless service providers (outreach teams, shelters, and housing providers) can ask health officials questions about any health concerns. TCHC leads a discussion and the CoC and public health infrastructure develop a plan to address the public health concern. For example, the public hospital and public health department identified a Hepatitis outbreak among people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Outreach teams and shelters were able to ask questions about how to reduce Hepatitis risk for clients. The Fire Department and the medical outreach team developed a plan to provide Hepatitis education, evaluate people who may need treatment, and provide vaccinations to people who were unsheltered. Outreach teams helped advertise these services and connect people who needed services to the Fire Department or medical outreach team.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System—Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The TX601 Coordinated Entry System (CES) covers 100% of the CoC’s geographic area.

2.The CES uses a standardized assessment process. In 2022, The CoC implemented a new housing assessment that collects information about each client’s unique strengths, preferences, and barriers to housing. The assessment is available virtually and results are live within the CES data warehouse, Green River.

The assessment includes if the client is willing and able to work, which determines if the client may be a better fit for a long-term intervention (PSH, EHV, HCV) or a short-term intervention (RRH, rapid exit, etc.). Clients are matched to an available voucher based on their homeless span. Clients in need of immediate housing due to a specific severe vulnerability can receive a quicker match through a coordinated entry committee review.

The assessment asks if the client has income, transportation, is open to shared housing, and has a geographic preference for where they want to live. This helps the case manager target a housing search to a geographic area and can match the client to shared housing if they are interested. The assessment asks about client barriers to housing including criminal record, eviction history, and poor credit to help the case manager assist the client in overcoming those barriers and engage with landlords. The CoC expects this assessment to reduce the length of time between a housing assignment and a client moving into housing.

The assessment was developed by a sub-committee of the CoC based on feedback from providers in case conferencing, HMIS and coordinated entry data about program eligibility requirements, and CoC performance data from HMIS.

3.TX601 regularly updates its CES based on feedback received through case conferencing sessions, the CoC Board, the Advisory Council and Youth Action Board (committees of people with lived experience). TCHC completes a CES evaluation annually, including both a survey of providers and focus groups of people with lived experience. This data is used to find continuous quality improvement opportunities for CES. TX601 completed two coordinated entry pivots since 2020 with the goals of reducing the length of time that people remain homeless and increasing access to housing and services. For each CES change, the CoC developed workgroups of agency leaders, direct service providers, and people with lived experience, to design and test the system changes before implementation.

1D-9a.	Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	

	3. ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and
	4. takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. TX601 utilizes multiple access points, including street outreach, helpline, emergency and day shelters, for clients to access CES. Other efforts include the website, social media, trainings, and a homeless resource guide. Through expanded access points, TX601 ensures access for the least likely to seek assistance. Collaboration with law enforcement, fire departments, mental health authorities, hospitals, school districts, and local governments aids in identifying homeless individuals who are then connected to CES via the helpline. Specialized outreach teams address the needs of youth, families, veterans, chronically homeless, and those with medical or behavioral health issues.

2. TX601 prioritizes people for housing based on their homeless span. The CoC estimates that people who have been homeless the longest have the greatest need for assistance and the highest barriers to housing. People with acute needs can be matched to housing more quickly through a CES review.

3. Front line staff complete diversion screenings to prevent people from entering homelessness. If diversion is unsuccessful, clients are assessed for CES within 14 days of homelessness. Clients complete the HUD assessment and a CoC specific housing assessment to establish chronicity and service needs. Clients are sorted to the most appropriate housing intervention for their success. Clients with the highest levels of functioning are referred directly to rapid exit or shallow subsidy programs to quickly exit homelessness. Clients with acute needs are pulled to the next available housing regardless of homeless history.

Housing assignments are made daily via electronic referrals. Case conferencing occurs 12 times each month to assist with housing. TX-601's goal is to house clients within 45 days. TX-601 implemented system-wide accountability measures (number of diversions, housing assessments, program occupancy, and days to housing) for street outreach, emergency shelter, and housing programs to ensure all partners do their part to end homelessness quickly. The housing assessment includes questions about a client's housing preferences and location preferences.

4. CES eliminates barriers by not requiring questions that hinder access. The housing assessment consists of 16 simple questions, which clients can skip. Matching a housing voucher can occur based on days homeless, regardless of assessment completion.

1D-9b.	Informing Program Participant about Rights and Remedies through Centralized or Coordinated Entry—Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or coordinated entry:

1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and

3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.
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**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC markets housing and services by making accessing CAS as easy as possible. This includes numerous points of entry, including emergency shelters, the day shelter, and multiple outreach teams throughout the CoC. The Homeless Coalition also operates a helpline that connects people experiencing homelessness to the CE access points or outreach. Information for the helpline and other housing services can be found in a pamphlet that is widely distributed within the community. Information on housing and coordinated entry is also available on TCHC’s website and social media accounts.

TCHC’s staff educates community institutions that might find people experiencing homelessness—including libraries, the public hospital, mental health providers, police and fire staff, nonprofits, food banks, churches, and city offices—on how to connect people to coordinated entry through the helpline or contacting an outreach team. The CoC has outreach teams that are specific to the public hospital, the public mental health provider, and fire and police that provide access to CE.

2. Program participants are informed of their rights and remedies under fair housing and civil laws during their initial intake for their housing services. All agencies are required to provide this information verbally and in writing to all participants. Compliance is monitored by TCHC during each project’s annual monitoring.

3. Concerns or complaints regarding any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for program participants within the system can be reported to the lead agency through the grievance policy. A complaint form can be completed by any concerned person, which will trigger an internal review. Concerns about conditions or actions can also be submitted through CE staff, which will trigger an internal investigation and mediation plan by the CoC Planning Compliance Coordinator.

1D-10.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	02/03/2022

1D-10a.	Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities—Identified Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. TX601 uses USICH's guide to address disparities. TX601 completes an annual equity analysis as part of the annual needs/gaps assessment. The assessment includes qualitative data from focus groups and quantitative data from HMIS. Focus groups and surveys include people with lived experience of sheltered & unsheltered homelessness. Quantitative data includes: 1) the prevalence of homelessness by race and ethnicity & 2) a review of system-wide HUD SPMs and then sub-divided by race, ethnicity, and sub-pop (veteran, family, youth, and unsheltered).

The CoC identified that the most important quantitative metrics for this year's analysis were moves into permanent housing, length of time to housing, and people who positively exit or remain in permanent housing.

In 2021, TX601 commissioned a study on statistically predictive factors of PSH outcomes.

2. People of color (POC) are over-represented in homelessness in TX601. The 2022 annual needs and gaps analysis found that 36% of people served within the emergency response system were POC, while POC make up only 19% of the general population. However, the quantitative analysis showed that POC were more likely to move into housing (60% POC who attained permanent housing vs. 37% of white people) and have shorter length of time to get into housing (58 days to housing for POC vs. 63 days to housing for white people). A new trend for TX601 over the last year is the increased rate of POC entering our system for the first time with 52% of people experiencing homelessness for the first time being POC compared to 33% being white.

A further review of this data found that the people with the worst outcomes were people that were previously unsheltered. Only 10% of people who were unsheltered attained permanent housing compared to 27% of people who were sheltered. Further, the length of time to housing for people who were unsheltered was 30% longer. TX-601 has identified people experiencing unsheltered homelessness as this community's most underserved population. In TX-601, 56% of people that are unsheltered are white, and 42% are black, which exactly mirrors the geographic area's total population demographics.

TCHC commissioned a study of statistically predictive factors of PSH outcomes. The study found that race was not a predictive factor of success in PSH; but the number of times a person was homeless was a predictor of negative exits from PSH. POC were more likely to have been homeless multiple times.

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

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	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
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-10c.	Implemented Strategies that Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In 2022, TX601 took a significant step by introducing the Housing Assessment Tool (HAT), replacing the VI-SPDAT, to assess and prioritize individuals through the CES (Coordinated Entry System). This decision arose not only from the VI-SPDAT's inability to meet the community's needs but due to concerns regarding bias within the assessment. Many studies highlighted inconsistencies within the VI-SPDAT concerning race, trauma, and overall efficacy. The HAT was developed to address these issues and gain better insights into the unique needs of our community.

An additional change in 2022 was the CoC's decision to prioritize clients for housing based on their homeless span. This approach ensured that individuals with the longest homeless span, often the hardest to house, were served first. Clients facing acute health threats could request priority access through CAS.

In 2021, the lead agency established a Data Analyst position, responsible for data collection and analysis. This role enables TX601 to gain a comprehensive understanding of their homeless response system, including any disparities. The Data Analyst presents data to all CoC sub-committees, remaining accessible to all projects and providing project-specific data as needed. To address racial disparities, TCHC created dashboards providing a comprehensive view of TX601's system, facilitating a better understanding of any inequities. A quarterly dashboard showcases data from each project, enabling comparisons and identifying emerging trends.

A recent analysis revealed negative exits from PSH for POC primarily related to behavioral health diagnoses and the refusal of mental health services. Many PSH programs leveraged state-funded case management from the local mental health authority, tying case management to participation in mental health services. This led to more POC declining services and exiting the program. TCHC addressed this violation of Housing First principles by requiring grantees to continue housing assistance. To bridge the case management gap, TX-601 added more case managers, navigators, and behavioral health support to PSH programs with high negative exit rates. This additional case management is no longer tied to participation requirements, ensuring clients maintain support even if they decline mental health services. The projects were required to implement policy and practice changes to promote equity within their projects.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)



1.TX-601 has several approaches to tracking progress on preventing and eliminating disparities: project-level monitoring, sub-population monitoring, and system-wide monitoring.

For project-level monitoring, TX601 completes scorecards for all CoC grants quarterly. If a program sees a higher-than-average level of length of time to housing, negative exits, or returns to homelessness, then that triggers TCHC to do a deeper dive with the program to determine if inequities may be present. If inequities are present, then TCHC provides technical assistance to help the program reduce disparities. Agencies also must complete a performance improvement plan. In the CoC competition, agencies are required to answer questions about improving equity in performance. The ranking workgroup also reviews each program’s scorecards along with a specific question on racial/ethnic and sexual orientation equity. The combination of quarterly monitoring, technical assistance, and funding decisions allows programs to identify issues, make improvements, and have accountability and consequences for inaction.

At the sub-population level, TX601 will be monitoring equity specifically for youth with YHDP funding. TCHC is currently working with HUD TA to develop a comprehensive continuous quality improvement (CQI) tool that tracks youth-specific data through the YHDP projects. TCHC will be monitoring system performance measures for people who were previously unsheltered and youth by race/ethnicity quarterly.

At the systems level, TX601 tracks length of time homeless for the system monthly to determine if inequities in length of time may be developing. TCHC evaluates all system performance measures by intervention, race, ethnicity, and sub-population annually to monitor disparities.

2.Tools currently used by TX601 to measure and track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities within our system include performance scorecards, Green River (HMIS database), YHDP CQI tool, Power BI, and subpopulation committees' dashboards.

All performance scorecards and system-level monitoring are reviewed by people with lived experience in the Advisory Council and Youth Action Board, and these groups provide recommended changes for the CoC.

1D-11.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking–CoC’s Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

TX601 actively recruits individuals with lived experience into the CoC using word-of-mouth referrals, outreach team and shelter recruiting, housing program involvement, social media and case conferencing. Case managers play a vital role in recommending candidates. The Advisory Council, comprised of adults with lived experience, currently has 11 members, with three joining in the past year. The Youth Action Board (YAB), for individuals aged 18-24 with lived experience, has 4 members and is in the process of recruiting 3 more. All members have experienced homelessness in the past 7 years or are current program participants.

TX-601 includes two people with lived experience as voting members on the CoC Executive Board and additional people with lived experience are voting members of each committee of the CoC Board. All policies for the CoC are approved by the ICT committee and the CoC Executive Board—both of which include people with lived experience. People with lived experience have the ability to present, speak, and vote on issues before the CoC Board and committees.

People with lived experience of homelessness are recruited through the Advisory Council and YAB to be part of the CoC Competition's Ranking Committee, which determines funding for all CoC projects. For the FY23 competition, 44% of the Ranking Committee has experienced homelessness. Both the Advisory Council, as well as the YAB, review and approve application scoring criteria, contribute to system-wide and program-specific scorecard assessments on a quarterly basis, and participate in the approval of strategic and CoC-wide plans through majority votes. This collaborative effort ensures robust consumer involvement in shaping and evaluating initiatives within TX-601.

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

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	18	15
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	18	15
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	16	13
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	16	13

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

All Advisory Council and Youth Action Board members receive training in the CoC structure, the data used to evaluate homelessness and performance in the CoC, performance improvement, and community planning. TX601 has been able to improve its professional development opportunities for people with lived experience through technical assistance for YHDP by sharing the training information from YHDP with the Advisory Council. In the CoC competition, people with lived experience receive training on the competition requirements, process, and evaluating applicants. Further, all Advisory Council and Youth Action Board members are paid for their expertise, time, and participation. At any time that the CoC has a job opening, TCHC provides those job openings to the Advisory Council and YAB. This increases employment opportunities and also gives the CoC more employees with lived expertise. All CoC and ESG agencies include lived experience as a preferred experience in their job descriptions.

The CoC's two largest shelters and one of its largest housing partners have developed employment and skill-based training for people with lived experience of homelessness. The largest shelter also has a social enterprise where it employs people experiencing homelessness with a living wage and benefits for work at the shelter and contracts with other companies and nonprofits. The day shelter includes skill-based training, continuing education, and employment assistance to people experiencing homelessness. One shelter began a structured employment and economic stability program for people experiencing homelessness in 2022. Employment programs for people with lived experience of homelessness have grown significantly in TX601 since 2020.

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.The CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness through committees, surveys, and focus groups. The Advisory Council and Youth Action Board (YAB) provide feedback on system-wide performance, policies, strategic plans, the CoC competition, and specific programs. People with lived experience are members of the CoC Board, the Ranking for the CoC competition, and the Implementation, Coordination, and Training Committee- which approves all system policy before it goes to the CoC Board.

2.TX601 gathers feedback from people in a CoC or ESG program through surveys and focus groups. Previously, TCHC has completed annual focus groups and surveys of people who are currently homeless. While this will continue, TCHC has expanded these practices to include quarterly focus groups to include people currently receiving services from CoC-funded projects.

3.People with lived experience of homelessness expressed that the CE system was cumbersome, the VISPDAT was too long and invasive, and not transparent. TX601 implemented two CE changes (in 2020 and 2022) to address these challenges. In 2020, the system was redesigned to be client-centered, more accessible, and provide a primary point of contact to guide the person through the system.

In 2022, the CoC created a new housing assessment with only 16 questions. To increase transparency in housing matches, the CoC changed the prioritization to homeless span with a process for people with severe vulnerabilities to be matched first. Homeless span is a system that people with lived experience felt to be fairer and more transparent. In both changes, people with lived experience provided feedback throughout the system development. People with lived experience also tested the new housing assessment and provided changes.

For the 2023 PIT count, TX601 simplified the questions asked to decrease the amount of time it took to gather information during the count. This change was based on consumer feedback that interviews were too long and intrusive. To simply this process, TX601 limited questions to a maximum of 15 questions total. This allowed TX601 to collect all required information, while remaining respectful to those being interviewed.

Consumers discussed the need for improving case management (CM) services within the CoC. To address this concern, the CoC created a CM training series called Foundations of CM. The CoC also developed case management standards to standardize CM services across the continuum.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.To promote increased housing development through zoning reform & land use policies, the CoC participated in the City of FTW Neighborhood Conservation Plan. During this initiative, the CoC provided input on local policy changes and advocated for the implementation of essential tools needed to facilitate affordable housing creation and innovative land use approaches, including the establishment of a land bank or land trust.

The lead agency also reactivated the Housing Committee to specifically address barriers to creating affordable housing. This group has identified three main areas to focus on: regulatory changes, creating a land bank, creating more tools to create revenue to build affordable housing. Through these efforts, the CoC aims to make significant strides in expanding access to affordable housing within the community.

2.The CoC is collaborating with the Urban Land Institute to develop a comprehensive toolkit for developers interested in building affordable housing. This toolkit helps developers in identifying and resolving common regulatory barriers they encounter during the development process. The CoC provides support to developers engaged in creating Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) by utilizing the reasonable accommodation standard.

Housing designated for 100% people with disabilities is granted the ability to bypass the local zoning process with approval from a city council member. The CoC has built valuable relationships to ensure the success of this process.

The CoC met with Ft Worth officials to gain expedited permitting of two PSH projects. The CoC has found that housing projects that target people with disabilities gain a city waiver for select permits and regulations. The CoC has encouraged all new PSH developments to seek this waiver.

The CoC’s biggest barrier to supportive housing development has been funding. The CoC has reduced this barrier by securing ARPA & HOME-ARPA funding for supportive housing development. The CoC engages the Leadership Council, which includes elected officials from all jurisdictions within the CoC, about the need for supportive housing investment and reduced barriers for developing housing.

The CoC has worked with the city of Ft Worth and Tarrant County on their RFP and post-award process for ARPA-funded supportive housing development. The CoC’s recommendations to the city & county are aimed at reducing barriers to project development and ensuring that all properties are complete by 2024

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

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

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

1E-1.	<b>Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.</b> NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g. You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1.	Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/18/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	07/10/2023

1E-2.	<b>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.</b> NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e. You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	
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1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes

5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes
6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes

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

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.  
 Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	150
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	36
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

1E-2b.	Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.d.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	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.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. TCHC completes quarterly scorecards and an annual competition scorecard in the HMIS data warehouse for all renewal projects. The scorecard ties to the program’s APR and includes grant spending metrics and all program-specific HUD SPMs, ensuring that it is an accurate reflection of a program’s performance based on HUD’s priorities. These scorecards are based solely on objective criteria—with 50% of the score based on project performance and all SPMs—and are reviewed by the Ranking Workgroup.

2. The scorecard includes the average time to lease up metric and is calculated from the HMIS and coordinated entry data warehouse. The data for length of time for each program is pulled directly from the coordinated entry system. The metric matches the HUD calculation for length of time in the APR.

3. TX-601’s ranking policy states that the CoC first ranks projects based solely on their score in a project performance scorecard (for renewals) and a NOFA new project application score (for new projects). At the top of the performance scorecard for renewals is a box that identifies any HUD-defined vulnerable population that the project may target for the Ranking Workgroup’s consideration. New projects also answered questions about if their project proposed to serve any vulnerable populations, barriers to permanent housing for vulnerable populations, and how they would address barriers. Based on the CoC’s needs assessment, TX-601 placed priorities on projects that: were sponsor-based or project-based PSH; rapid rehousing; individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness; and geographic distribution. Based on this process, the CoC maintained all projects identified as serving the target population.

4. TX-601’s ranking policy states that after initially reviewing projects based on objective scoring criteria, the CoC considers geographic distribution and populations with severe barriers, including youth, chronic homelessness, DV, severe mental illness, criminal history, and substance abuse. The Ranking Workgroup may rank projects higher to ensure that needs of these populations are met. These programs must meet a need in the community, show positive outcomes, and provide choice to participants.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)



1.The Advisory Council, Youth Action Board, the Allocations Committee, the Implementation, Coordination, and Training Committee and the CoC Board evaluated the rating factors used to review project applications. This group included 24 people of color, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and 17 people who previously experienced homelessness.

2.The review, ranking, and recommendations for the CoC Competition is overseen by the Allocations Committee. The chair of the Allocations Committee is black. The Allocations Committee included four members who were people of color, comprising 44% of the workgroup. The Ranking Workgroup also included five people with lived experience (50% of the workgroup). TX-601 recruits diverse people, including those over-represented in homelessness, to serve on these work groups, committees, and the CoC Board.

The CoC and these committees have put an emphasis on renewing program performance, especially in occupancy rates, length of time homeless, positive/negative exits, and returns to homelessness. People of color in the CoC and the CoC at large recognize these factors as being vital to ending homelessness in TX-601. Additionally, the community was concerned with ensuring that there are enough projects that serve vulnerable populations with severe barriers and that projects that serve vulnerable populations are maintained. The CoC added questions to the competition about how the projects will improve equity in TX-601.

3.For new projects, the CoC includes a scored question in the RFP about what barriers the project anticipated for people of color and what steps the project would take to eliminate those barriers, as well as how they will ensure safety for LGBTQ+ participants. Renewal applications were required to send their responses to those questions through email. At the ranking meeting, the workgroup discussed these answers alongside each application and ranked projects based on these answers, total application score (new projects), total renewal scorecard score (renewal projects), and CoC identified needs from the RFP.

<b>1E-4.</b>	<b>Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;	
2.	whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year;	
3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and	
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. TX-601's reallocation process is laid out in the ranking policy and the reallocation policy. TX-601 uses a project scorecard which includes all HUD System Performance Measures and expenditure rates. If a renewal project falls in the bottom 30% of scores, TX-601 reviews it for reallocation. If a project has high recapture rates for two consecutive years, then the project is reviewed for a reduction. TX-601 excludes new projects from reallocation for two years.

2. TX-601 reviewed the performance of the bottom 30% of scorecards (10 projects). TX-601 also reviewed the projects with high recapture rates found on the scorecard (5 projects).

3. The CoC reallocated \$296,036 from two low performing projects to fund a new project. One project was completely reallocated by voluntary reallocation due to the project no longer meeting the needs of the community. The other impacted project was involuntarily reallocated by vote of the ranking and review committee. The committee decided to decrease the project by \$181,516 to fully fund a new scattered-site PSH project.

4. Not applicable. \$296,036 was reallocated during the FY23 CoC competition.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2018 and FY 2023.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced—Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	08/29/2023

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	08/29/2023
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project accepted or rejected status; 4. Project Rank—if accepted; 5. Requested Funding Amounts; and 6. Reallocated funds.	Yes
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/21/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC’s website or partner’s website.	09/21/2023
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## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

2A-1.	HMIS Vendor.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Social Solutions ETO
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/28/2023
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases;	
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database–compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards; and	

3. state whether your CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. TCHC serves as the HMIS lead for TX-601. TCHC conducts HMIS audits annually for all programs, including TX-601's domestic violence programs. In this audit, TCHC reviews the data elements that are collected to ensure that they meet the 2022 HMIS Data Standards. The local domestic violence providers use a database that is used across the country as a domestic violence database equivalent to HMIS.

TCHC has a designated DV Coordinated Entry Specialist who works directly with domestic violence providers to submit their deidentified aggregated data for: 1) quarterly programmatic monitoring using the project scorecard and 2) annually for reporting of CoC-wide system performance measures in the LSA. The domestic violence providers also provide data to TCHC for the PIT and HIC count.

2. All DV housing and service providers in TX601 are using a HUD-compliant comparable database that is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

3. TX-601 is compliant with 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	1,562	163	1,399	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	20	0	20	100.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	236	52	160	86.96%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	1,555	126	1,429	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	2,059	24	2,035	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	662	0	615	92.90%

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The bed coverage rate for all project types, including ES, SH, TH, RRH, PSH, and OPH beds, is over 84.99%.
2. NA

<b>2A-6.</b>	<b>Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.</b>	
	<b>NOFO Section V.B.3.d.</b>	
	<b>You must upload your CoC's FY 2023 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.</b>	
<b>Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?</b>		<b>No</b>

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

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

<b>2B-1.</b>	<b>PIT Count Date.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/26/2023
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<b>2B-2.</b>	<b>PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/28/2023
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<b>2B-3.</b>	<b>PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. TX-601 was in the process of implementing our YHDP-funded projects during the 2023 PIT count planning. Implementation of these projects relied heavily on collaboration with the Youth Action Board. Members of the YAB were included in conversations about the 2023 PIT Count, including what interview questions should be asked during the PIT Count. The high engagement of youth providers for the YHDP process was also leveraged regarding community stakeholders to plan for the 2023 PIT count. Stakeholders involved with the YHDP process included: school districts, child welfare, youth outreach teams, outreach teams, law enforcement, libraries, churches, shelters, human trafficking organizations, and youth service organizations. PIT Count planning was discussed in various meetings across the CoC, including Youth Committee, Family Committee, and case conferencing.

2. The Youth Action Board, composed of young individuals with personal experiences, actively participated in organizing the 2023 PIT Count. After several non-traditional counts due to the pandemic, the CoC successfully conducted a traditional count. YAB members collaborated on innovative outreach strategies for engaging youth and identified potential areas to locate unsheltered youth.

All stakeholders and Youth Action Board listed above encouraged youth experiencing homelessness to check in to a shelter on the night of the 2023 PIT Count. Many stakeholders, especially outreach teams, provided youth with transportation to the shelter. Our community’s largest youth service provider put together a team of their outreach workers to help find unsheltered youth during the PIT County. Stakeholders believed that youth were most likely to be found in specific shelters (CitySquare, ACH Family Services, Arlington Life Shelter), parks, and libraries.

3. All members of the YAB were encouraged to participate in the 2023 PIT Count, as well as youth currently housed within CoC-funded projects.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)



1. The CoC had no changes to its sheltered PIT count implementation between 2022 and 2023 and no major data quality changes in this time.

2. Due to a COVID-19 surge in 2022, the CoC was unable to conduct an unsheltered PIT count. However, in 2023, TX601 successfully completed a comprehensive PIT count, encompassing both sheltered and unsheltered populations. Notably, an important improvement was implemented for the 2023 count: outreach teams and volunteers were equipped with interactive maps displaying coordinates of recent outreach contact locations. This valuable tool enhanced the counting process by providing a clearer picture of target areas within their search area, allowing for more efficient and focused search efforts.

3. It's tough to pinpoint the exact cause, but TX601 saw the highest-ever PIT count. In TX601's previous conventional PIT count conducted in 2020, a total of 2103 individuals, both sheltered and unsheltered, were identified as experiencing homelessness. In 2023, and the numbers have risen to over 2700 individuals experiencing homelessness on the night of the PIT count. This rise could be caused by multiple factors, such as an increase in homelessness following the depletion of pandemic relief resources or an improved effectiveness in identifying and locating the unsheltered population during the PIT count due to our improved process with interactive maps.

## 2C. System Performance

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. TX601 identified risk factors for becoming homeless through the PIT count survey, housing assessment tool, focus groups, HUD assessment, and provider input. In 2022, TX601 began using a new housing assessment tool that asks questions regarding specific risk factors for each individual that lead to homelessness. This data, along with qualitative data collected in focus groups, helps TX601 understand risk factors to people experiencing homelessness for the first time. The top three reasons people reported becoming homeless for the first time are unemployment/no income, inability to pay rent, and mental or physical disability.

2. Many TX601 partner agencies also have homelessness prevention programs. TX601 works with the ESG jurisdictions to target homeless prevention funding to populations at-risk of homelessness, including people with homelessness histories, who are unemployed, have disabilities, or on fixed incomes. Shallow subsidies a homeless prevention program that provides a small payment to families and individuals to help them cover rent. The Shallow Subsidies program is designed to assist people that need a little help each month to make ends meet and keep people from returning to homelessness.

Additionally, TX601 has significantly expanded diversion services. TX601 has diversion funding that is flexible and used to remove barriers for people to regain their own housing or quickly access CoC housing (such as reunification costs, rental deposits, high risk fees, getting an ID, etc.). TCHC revamped the assessment process to ensure that everyone is screened for diversion at every entry point. TCHC also provides extensive training in diversion for all shelters and outreach teams. Diversions are a vital part of TX601’s strategic plan and goals to end homelessness in TX601. The CoC Board as well as the Youth, YAB, Advisory, Family, and Veteran Committees continue to monitor and improve diversion and prevention for people at the highest risk of homelessness.

Landlord engagement provides services to all residents of properties that have an MOU with the CoC. This helps to reduce evictions and future homelessness among these properties.

3. Director of Operations at TCHC

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

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

1.	natural disasters?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your CoCs’ geographic area?	No

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless—CoC’s Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section V.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.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

TX601 pushed to improve two system measures in 2021 and 2022 as part of its goal to end homelessness: length of time homelessness and occupancy rates for CoC and ESG programs.

1. TX601 implemented a new housing assessment that will better match people experiencing homelessness to the right housing intervention through automated coordinated entry. TX601 has also implemented a universal housing application for all CoC and ESG programs. TX601's goal for 2023 is to stream line the coordinated entry process to avoid any initial delays to housing due to paperwork. Minimizing these types of delays will limit the amount of time people experience homelessness before being matched to a housing program. TX601 also implemented agency-level accountability for the number of housing assessments completed monthly, and each agency's results are shared to the whole CoC. Additionally, TX601 has began in-person case conferencing for all agencies serving families experiencing homelessness. During these meetings, CoC and project staff focus on families within the shelter system and identify intervention types.

TX-601 has implemented monthly agency-level accountability reports for occupancy and length of time from housing match to move-in which is shared with the whole CoC. TCHC also studied the programs with the fastest length of time to better provide technical assistance and best practices to agencies with the longest length of time. A key factor for shortening length of time has been master-leasing or project-based units, which the CoC is prioritizing in this competition.

2. TX601's new CE prioritization matches people to housing based on the length of time homeless. People with vulnerabilities that threaten their health while homeless will be able to be matched immediately through identification in the housing assessment and coordinated entry review.

3. Director of Operations, TCHC

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.TX-601’s strategy to increase the rate of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing is to streamline CE and other processes to reach 100% utilization in projects to advocate for more housing resources.

TX601 developed community accountability reports to track bed utilization rates for all housing projects. This monthly report allows for discussion on needed measures to ensure 100% utilization for projects. Housing projects with less than 90% bed coverage work with CoC staff to create an improvement plan.

TX601 replaced the VISPDAT with a new housing assessment to speed up the process to house people and better place people in the right housing intervention. The assessment asks a series of 16 questions. Based on those answers, people are referred to either short-term or long-term interventions.

A step in increasing exits to PH is modeling how many units are needed to serve all people experiencing homelessness. Three local jurisdictions have pledged ARPA funding to build or renovate over 400 new PSH units & affordable housing units.

In 2023, the CoC was awarded 368 EHVs through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The CoC & TC Housing Authority dispersed the EHVs focusing on a move-on strategy to transition eligible PSH recipients to EHVs.

People in transitional housing who are at risk of returning to homelessness can be connected to PSH through CE.

For those in RRH but need long-term interventions, TX601 will move people who qualify into PSH and EHVs. TX601 landlord (LL) engagement staff reach out to CMs when a RRH client has 6 months of assistance left to begin planning for successful exits.

2.TX601 completed a study on negative exits in PSH in partnership with Texas Christian University. The study found that the only predictor of negative exits for PSH was the number of times a person had been homeless prior to their current PSH placement at a factor of 1.75 per episode of homelessness. TCHC sent all PSH providers data on the number of times their clients had been homeless and the calculated risk of that individual having negative outcomes. TCHC will also provide technical assistance for housing partners in progressive engagement.

Last year, TX601 identified PSH programs with lower retention. TCHC added case management and behavioral health support to increase these programs’ success. TCHC will continue to provide bi-monthly support to these programs.

3.Dir. Operations, TCHC

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness–CoC’s Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. TX601 identifies households who return to homelessness through HMIS, which includes all emergency shelters, a five-fold expansion in street outreach that covers the entire geographic area, and transitional housing. Additionally, TX601 joined with 7 other Texas CoC's to share HMIS data, which will identify people who are homeless in other Texas CoC's.

2. TX601 completed a study of PSH outcomes with Texas Christian University. The study found that the number of times the person had been homeless prior to housing had a multiplier effect on the risk for returns. TCHC sent all housing partners this study, a summary of the results, and a list of all of their housing clients along with the number of times the person had been homeless and the theoretical calculated "risk" that each client had for negative outcomes.

TCHC created training on progressive engagement and housing-focused case management for all partners (PSH and RRH) and is providing technical assistance to programs who have higher numbers of clients that return to homelessness.

TX601's landlord engagement team identifies people who have been homeless before and provides eviction prevention support. TCHC staff review the court eviction filings weekly and run the list through HMIS. If a person on the eviction list has been homeless before, staff reach out to the client and the landlord to connect the client to prevention providers.

In 2022, TX601 eliminated the VISPDAT and implemented a new housing assessment that will better place people in the right housing intervention the first time. The assessment asks if people are willing and able to work, and based on that answer, they are referred to either short-term (RRH, rapid exit, etc.) or long-term (EHV or PSH) interventions. This ensures that someone with a total disability or who will never be able to work is not placed in RRH because their other VISPDAT items score low. It also ensures that people who need long term interventions receive it and reduces their returns. Landlord engagement staff reach out to RRH providers when a client has 6 months of assistance left to support planning for a successful exit. If clients in RRH will need longer assistance and had a history of chronic homelessness, then they can be transferred to a PSH program.

3. TCHC Operations Dir.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	

In the field below:

1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income; and

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

1. According to data collected by the new Housing Assessment Tool, only 25% reported that they were willing or able to work. TX-601 has housed and successfully exited many of the people experiencing homelessness who were willing and able to work, and now most of the people who are homeless or who are in housing are not willing or able to work. Further, people who are willing and able to work have benefited from increased diversion efforts, a shallow subsidy program, or a rapid exit. These diversion and rapid exit programs, where many of the able-bodied working population are served, are not counted toward TX-601's increasing employment income metrics.

Following the Housing First philosophy, TX-601's strategy is to house people experiencing homelessness quickly and support them in seeking employment once they are stabilized. TX-601's new coordinated entry housing assessment asks if clients are willing to work and able to work. Clients who answer "yes" to both questions are referred to employment programs.

A primary barrier to employment in TX601 for people experiencing homelessness was a lack of critical documents—photo ID or social security card. TX601 worked with the local Department of Motor Vehicles and Social Security Office to coordinate set-aside appointments and appointments on-site at the local day shelter for people experiencing homelessness. Increased access to critical document will help people who want to work be able to work.

2. TX-601 has three strong partners with extensive employment programs. The area's two largest shelters operate large employment programs. They have successfully identified people who are able to work through their programs, provided training, and provided actual employment to people experiencing or exiting homelessness. Further, the area's workforce agency (Workforce Solutions) serves on the CoC Board. Clients are referred to these programs by a list from the coordinated entry system if the client answers that they are both willing and able to work.

3. Director of Operations, TCHC

2C-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	

	In the field below:
	1. describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and
	2. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

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1. Since an employment survey found that 75% of clients in TX-601 are not willing or able to work, TX-601 has identified non-employment cash income as a vital activity for 2023. TCHC used state funding for homelessness to hire two full-time SOAR-certified benefits specialists. The benefits specialists will work with clients in the public housing authority's new PHA voucher-funded PSH housing programs that have minimum rent requirements so that those clients can maintain their housing. Then, the benefits specialists will target other PSH housing programs with low rates of client increases in non-employment cash income. After that, the benefits specialists will embed with emergency shelter and outreach teams to provide benefits assistance for people who are actively homeless. The benefits specialists support applications for TANF, Medicare/Medicaid/CHIP, SSI, SSDI, food stamps, and the local public hospital's healthcare program. The benefits specialists will also provide training to CoC members on successful benefits applications to multiply the impact across the CoC. In 2022, TX-601 SOAR-certified specialists helped secure over \$350,000 in income benefits for housing program recipients.

A barrier in TX-601 is that social security offices and ID offices have limited appointment availability and are difficult for people with histories of homelessness to access. This has made it difficult for people experiencing or recently homeless to gain ID or social security cards necessary for benefits. TX601 has added a weekly availability for social security and IDs at the local day shelter exclusively for people experiencing homelessness. This will: 1) increase access to non-employment cash income sources for people experiencing homelessness, 2) make it easier for those who want it to attain employment with an ID and social security card, and 3) make it easier for people to find landlords to accept their housing vouchers with an ID and social security card.

2. Director of Operations, TCHC



### 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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<b>3A-3.</b>	<b>Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.</b>	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	
	If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.	

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

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

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

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<b>3B-1.</b>	<b>Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No
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<b>3B-2.</b>	<b>Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.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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### 3C. Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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5. Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
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1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	PHA Moving On Pre...	08/24/2023
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Letter Signed by ...	08/30/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	08/30/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Web Posting of Lo...	08/30/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/19/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	09/19/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/19/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of ...	09/19/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	09/20/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HUD's Homeless Da...	08/01/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
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3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
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# **FORT WORTH HOUSING SOLUTIONS**

## **Housing Choice Voucher**

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### **4.3 PREFERENCES**

FWHS has established the following local preferences to be applied to all applicants for the Housing Choice Voucher Program:

A. **DISPLACED FAMILIES**- For purposes of the local preference only, the definition of a displaced family is: an individual or family displaced as a result of a natural disaster; government action (eminent domain); HUD disposition of a multi-family complex (which includes moves necessary due to modernization or demolition programs instituted by FWHS); disposition of Public Housing units owned by FWHS, including sale of Scattered Sites units; Public Housing deemed uninhabitable by FWHS; conversion of Public Housing units to Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD); or a need to move due to hate crimes or because they have agreed to testify for a legal proceeding regarding a criminal action. The Housing Choice Voucher Program wait list always remains open to applicants who qualify for this preference.

B. **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)** - Preference for victims of domestic violence who are FWHS Public Housing (PH) or Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program residents and need an external emergency transfer under VAWA when there are no PH or RAD units available.

C. **PUBLIC HOUSING REASONABLE ACCOMODATION FOR A DISABILITY**- An individual or family who is residing in a FWHS public housing unit but whose special needs due to a disability cannot be economically met in one of the public housing sites will receive a preference under the Hocusing Choice Voucher Program.

D. **HOMELESS COLLEGE STUDENTS**- Ten vouchers are set aside for homeless students who are homeless and enrolled fulltime in a local accredited college or university's special program for homeless students. Applicants must be referred by the program in accordance with provisions outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement between FWHS and the college or university.

E. **HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH SCHOOL -AGED CHILDREN**- Twenty vouchers are set aside for homeless families with children in the Fort Worth Independent School District, or a neighboring school district. Applicants must be referred by the school district in accordance with provisions outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement between FWHS and the respective school district.

F. **MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON**- Ten vouchers are set aside for persons being discharged from a nursing facility or other institutional care setting for community-based long term housing. Applicants must be referred by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) in accordance with provisions outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement between FWHS and DADS.

G. **MY HEALTH MY RESOURCES (MHMR)**- Forty vouchers are set aside for homeless persons with disabilities who are referred by MHMR of Tarrant County.

Applicants must be referred by MHMR in accordance with provisions outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement between FWHS and MHMR of Tarrant County.

H. TARRANT COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION- Fifty vouchers are set aside for persons who are homeless and are on the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC) Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry List. Referrals must be made by TCHC in accordance with provisions outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement between FWHS and TCHC.

I. PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING “MOVE-UP”- One hundred fifty vouchers will be set aside for individuals or families moving up from a local Continuum of Care Permanent Supportive Housing Program. Referred applicants must meet self-sufficiency criteria established by FWHS and certified by their supportive services representative.

J. NON-ELDERLY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES- A preference will be given to non-elderly persons with disabilities who are transitioning out of institutional and other segregated settings, currently experiencing homelessness, or previously experienced homelessness and currently a client in a permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project.

LOCAL PREFERENCE INELIGIBILITY – An applicant may not claim a local preference for a housing voucher housing application if the family failed to complete their recertification requirements, moved without notice, owes money under any subsidized housing program, or left a previous tenancy under a housing voucher program in violation of the family obligations. These obligations include, but are not limited to:

1. Property unit failing HQS requirements due to tenant related damages or non-payment of utilities;
2. Failure to meet tenant rent obligations;
3. Failure to supply information requested by FWHS to resolve any questionable circumstances regarding previous tenancy and termination;
4. Failure to provide required documentation to support preference claim.

Unless otherwise specified in a Memorandum of Agreement with FWHS, the definition of homelessness includes:

- A. An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
  - An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping

- accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
- An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
  - An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;
- B. An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:
- The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
  - No subsequent residence has been identified; and
  - The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, needed to obtain other permanent housing;
- C. Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
- Are defined as homeless by other government regulations;
  - Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;
  - Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and
  - Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time; or
- D. Any individual or family who:
- Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence;
  - Has no other residence; and

- Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

#### **4.4 ORGANIZATION OF THE WAIT LIST**

- A. **COMPUTER ENTRY** – All pre-applications are entered into the computer to establish the wait list. The Admissions Department staff reviews the entries to determine:
1. If the applicant owes FWHS monies from a previous tenancy;
  2. If pre-application indicates applicant has previously received assistance from another assisted housing program, staff verifies if applicant has an outstanding debt with that agency.
  3. If applicant has been evicted from a public housing program within the past twelve (12) months;
  4. If applicant has been evicted from a public housing program for a drug related or violent criminal activity within the past ten (10) years.
  5. If applicant has been terminated or withdrawn under a previous tenancy with FWHS and/or another subsidized assistance program within the last five years for fraud, criminal activity or failure to repay a debt to FWHS.

Applicants found to have one or more of the aforementioned items listed on their record are sent a withdrawal letter stating they are ineligible for housing voucher assistance at this time.

- B. **RANKING** – Pre-applications are ranked by either the date and time pre-application was received or a lottery system.
- C. **WITHDRAWN PRE-APPLICATION** – All withdrawn pre-applications are maintained for three years from date of withdrawal.
- D. **PRE-APPLICATION FOR ELIGIBLE APPLICANT** – The pre-application for an applicant who is determined eligible for housing is included in the file transferred to the Housing Voucher Department for briefing, voucher issuance, and housing.
- E. **INFORMAL REVIEW** – Informal reviews must be requested, in writing, within ten (10) days of the date of the withdrawal notice. A FWHS staff member who is not the individual who made the determination, their supervisor or subordinate provides the review. The applicant may request to be present during the review. When withdrawal is due to a criminal history report, a copy of the report is provided



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## **CHAPTER 4 - ESTABLISHING PREFERENCES AND MAINTAINING THE WAITING LIST**

[24 CFR Part 5, Subpart D; 982.54(d)(1); 982.204, 982.205, 982.206]

### **INTRODUCTION**

It is the AHA's objective to ensure that applicants are placed in the proper order on the waiting list and selected from the waiting list for admissions in accordance with the policies in this Administrative Plan. By maintaining an accurate waiting list, the AHA will be able to perform the activities which ensure that an adequate pool of qualified applicants will be available so that program funds are used in a timely manner.

### **4-A. WAITING LIST**

[24 CFR 982.204]

The AHA uses a single waiting list for admission to its Housing Choice Voucher (tenant-based) rental assistance program. Except for Arlington's Special Needs Programs or Special Admissions from the HUD Preservation Program (or other HUD directed "Special Admissions"), applicants will be selected from the AHA waiting list in accordance with policies, preferences and income targeting requirements defined in this Administrative Plan. The AHA will maintain information that permits proper selection from the waiting list. The waiting list contains the following information for each applicant listed:

1. Applicant name
2. Family unit size (number of bedrooms family qualifies for under AHA subsidy standards)
3. Date and time of application
4. Randomly assigned waiting list number Qualification for any local preference
5. Racial and ethnic designation of the head of household
6. Annual (gross) family income
7. Number of persons in the family

### **4-B. PREFERENCES**

#### **Preferences**

#### **1. Mainstream Preference**

In 2019, the Arlington Housing Authority established a mainstream preference for 50 persons who are non-elderly with disabilities who are: 1) transitioning out of institutional or segregated settings, 2) at serious risk of institutionalization, 3) homeless, or 4) at risk of becoming homeless. AHA will may pull from the waiting list separately for this preference when there are Mainstream vouchers available. The Mainstream preference is limited to the outstanding number of Mainstream vouchers available.

#### **2. Residency Preference**

The AHA Board of Commissioners on September 6, 2000, established a residency preference for persons who live or work in Arlington since there was a sufficient pool of persons meeting these criteria to utilize all vouchers administered by the AHA. Resolution 04-05 maintained the residency preference as first preference.

### **3. Working Preference**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, if someone is pulled from the waiting list because they met the working preference, but lost employment due to COVID-19, AHA will allow them to maintain the preference provided they are able to document some employment prior to COVID-19.

On April 7, 2004, the Arlington Housing Authority Board of Commissioners approved a preference for working families which became effective April 8, 2004 (per Resolution 04-05). Elderly or disabled heads of household (or their spouses) who are elderly or disabled were automatically included in the working preference.

When an application is selected from the AHA Waiting List, their eligibility for participation in the HCV program will be verified by the Housing Specialists, according to HUD guidelines prior to issuance of a Housing Choice Voucher.

**If there are a sufficient number of applicants meeting both the residency and working preferences to utilize all available vouchers, applicants must meet both the residency preference and the working preference at the time of certification to receive a voucher.**

The AHA will monitor the income level of new admissions in each fiscal year to ensure that AHA is in compliance with HUD regulatory requirements and the statutory requirement regarding new admissions (“not less than 75% of the families admitted to the PHA’s tenant-based voucher program during the PHA’s fiscal year shall be extremely low-income families”) If the AHA determines that the number of new admissions falls below the HUD income targeting threshold (75% of new admissions must have incomes at or below 30% of AMI), the AHA will temporarily suspend the working preference and select an appropriate number of persons from the waiting list to admit enough extremely low-income persons to the Housing Choice Voucher Program to meet applicable statutory income targeting requirement (Resolution 05-04, April 5, 2006). Although the working preference may be suspended, the AHA will continue to apply the residency preference when selecting applicants from the waiting list. On February 1, 2007, the Working Preference was temporarily suspended to achieve the income targeting criteria.

### **4. Special Needs Programs Participants**

The AHA also established a local preference for participants in the Special Needs Programs. Participants of these programs may be enrolled on the AHA waiting list (whether the list is closed or open) when the Special Needs Programs client has completed their program goals or if their program funding has ended. Pending funding availability, these clients may be added to the HCV waiting list and selected from the waiting list in accordance with waiting list procedures and local preferences. Special Needs Programs applicants are afforded the top preference and are selected before any other local preferences (see section 4-D Order of Selection).

### **5. Hurricane Katrina Impacted Families**

This local preference was discontinued in March 2015.

### **6. Special Vouchers**

#### **Money Follows the Person**

On April 18, 2013, at the request of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Arlington Housing Authority Board of Commissioners adopted a policy that “set aside” ten (10) AHA Housing Choice Vouchers as special purpose vouchers for participants in the HUD “Money Follows the Person” Demonstration. These 10 special vouchers are established as part of a demonstration with the U.S. Department of HUD and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a housing capacity building initiative for community living for

Texas. Parties involved in this initiative include HUD, HHS, AHA and the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS). Under the authorization of HUD and HHS, the DADS will refer eligible participants to the AHA for rental housing assistance. The AHA, after ensuring applicant eligibility, will provide rental housing assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher program for up to ten eligible persons (households) referred by DADS. The “Money Follows the Person” initiative allows Texans who are eligible for Medicaid and living in a nursing facility, to relocate back into the community to receive long term services and support upon meeting program criteria.

On 11/19/2014, at the request of the Mental Health Mental Retardation of Tarrant County (MHMT-TC), the Arlington Housing Authority Board of Commissioners adopted a policy that “set aside” ten (10) AHA Housing Choice Vouchers as special purpose vouchers for participants in the MHMR-TC Department of State Health Services “Healthy Homes” grant to provide housing vouchers for housing homeless veterans and their families.

### Mainstream Vouchers

The Mainstream Voucher funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All participants must be non-elderly persons with disabilities who are: 1) transitioning out of institutional or segregated settings, 2) at serious risk of institutionalization, 3) homeless, or 4) at risk of becoming homeless (see definitions shown below). To be considered, a household member must be 18 year of age or older but less than 62 years of age and must be disabled. A household where the sole member is an emancipated minor is not an eligible household. Participants are referred by partner agencies.

In February, March, and April 2019, the first 1,372 applicants on the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) waiting were provided correspondence allowing them to self-certify whether they met the Mainstream Voucher Program guidelines. If they are eligible, they will be afforded the Mainstream preference on the waiting list. Only the first 500 applicants claiming the Mainstream preference will be afforded the preference. The preference will be used until the allotted 50 Mainstream vouchers are utilized.

Once the waiting list is reopened, applicants will be able to identify Mainstream as a preference which will only be used when there is a Mainstream voucher turnover, with a limit of 50. Applicants attending a preliminary meeting that are determined ineligible for a Mainstream voucher but are eligible for an HCV voucher will remain on the waiting list.

### Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)

The Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The VA provides these services for participating Veterans at VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) and community-based outreach clinics.

The HUD-VASH program is administered in accordance with regular HCV program requirements, however the 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 110-161) allows HUD to waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of any statute or regulation affecting the HCV program in order to effectively deliver and administer HUD-VASH voucher assistance. The alternative requirements are established in the HUD-VASH Operating Requirements.

Participants are referred by the Veterans Affairs Office and are not required to be pulled from the HCV waiting list.

#### **4-C. INITIAL DETERMINATION OF LOCAL PREFERENCE QUALIFICATION**

The AHA will not verify all preference claims upon receipt of the preliminary application to the waiting list. Instead, the AHA will verify a preference claim at time of selection from the waiting list. If the preference verification indicates that an applicant does not qualify for the preference claimed, the applicant will be removed from the waiting list.

#### **4-D. ORDER OF SELECTION**

[24 CFR 982.207(e)]

Applicants will be selected from the waiting list based on the following criteria:

1. Applicants from AHA's Special Needs Programs are also required to meet both the residency and working preferences.
2. Applicants meeting both the residency preference and the working preference (in order of assigned number)
3. Applicants meeting the residency preference (in order of assigned number)
4. Applicants selected in order of assigned number
5. Applicants applying to the waiting list with a Mainstream preference will be selected from the waiting list in the order shown above, to include the Mainstream preference. If Mainstream vouchers are fully utilized, the Mainstream preference will not be applicable.

Targeted Special Needs clients who have completed their program goals and/or their funding availability has ended will be admitted before other applicants on the waiting list, pending HCV funding availability.

#### **4-E. FINAL VERIFICATION OF PREFERENCES**

[24 CFR 982.207]

Preference information on applications will be verified as applicants are selected from the waiting list. The AHA obtains necessary verifications of the claimed preferences at the interview by third party verification. Applicants are required to maintain their preferences until execution of the Housing Assistance Payment contract when they are admitted to the program.

#### **4-F. PREFERENCE DENIAL**

[24 CFR 982.207]

If the AHA denies a preference, staff will promptly notify the applicant in writing of the reasons why the preference was denied and offer the applicant an opportunity for an informal meeting/ review. If the preference denial is upheld as a result of the meeting, or the applicant does not request a meeting, the applicant will be removed from the waiting list. If the applicant falsifies documents or makes false statements in order to qualify for any preference, their application will be removed from the waiting list. If an applicant does not meet the preference for Mainstream, but they do meet the residency and working preference, they will be returned to the waiting list.

#### **4-G. INCOME TARGETING**

In accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998, each fiscal year the AHA will reserve a minimum of 75% of its HCV new admissions for families whose income does not exceed 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI). HUD refers to these families as “extremely low-income” families.

The AHA Board of Commissioners on April 6, 2005 (Resolution 05-04) approved a revision to the Administrative Plan that allows the Executive Director to temporarily suspend the working preference if the AHA falls 5% below HUD’s statutory requirement that 75% of new admissions in each fiscal year be at or below 30% of the AMI.

If a family’s verified annual income, at final eligibility determination, for initial admission to the HCV program is greater than 30% AMI and does not qualify for any AHA approved exception, the AHA will issue notice that the applicant is over-income and ineligible to participate in the HCV program. The application will be terminated from the waiting list.

#### **4-H. SPECIAL ADMISSIONS**

[24 CFR 982.54(d)(e), 982.203]

The Arlington Housing Authority admits families who are part of the Preservation Program as special admissions (SEE: APPENDIX 4-ADMINISTRATION OF PRESERVATION VOUCHERS). Special admissions are families who are admitted to the program as a result of special allocation of funding specifications designated by HUD for the family. Special admissions do not have to qualify for any preferences, nor are they required to be on the program waiting list. The AHA maintains a separate record of these admissions.

The AHA uses PIH 2001-41 as its guide in administering rental assistance under the Enhanced/Preservation Program. In general, Housing Choice Voucher program rules, regulations, and requirements apply to special admission vouchers made available for families as the result of housing conversion actions. In administering the “Preservation units”, the AHA is exempted from the QHWRA HCV requirement that 75% of new admissions each year be from families whose income does not exceed 30% of the AMI for its allocation of Preservation units.

#### **4-I. TARGETED FUNDING**

[24 CFR 982.203]

The AHA has the following "Targeted" programs, which are separate from the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (SEE APPENDIX 5- SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES).

##### **1. HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program**

Funding for the TBRA Program is provided through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All HOME-TBRA participants must be at or below 60% of the median income, according to HOME Program income limits.



The TBRA Program is managed by the AHA's Special Needs Programs Housing Coordinator.

TBRA participants are referred by AHA, partner agencies and/or other agencies. TBRA applicants are informed that their housing assistance cannot exceed two years. TBRA participants are eligible for placement on the AHA's Waiting List upon completion of participation in the program, pending funding availability.

Eligible participants in the TBRA program may be admitted to the HCV program waiting list at the end of their participation in the TBRA program. HCV applicants who are TBRA Special Needs Programs clients may be admitted to the HCV program with the top local preference, pending funding availability.

## **2. Rapid Rehousing and Shelter Plus Care Programs**

Participants in the Rapid Rehousing (RRH) program must be homeless prior to admission in the RRH. Participants in the Shelter Plus Care (SPC) must be homeless and have disabling conditions prior to admission in SPC.

Eligible participants in the RRH and SPC programs may be admitted to the HCV program waiting list at the end of their participation in RRH or SPC.

## **3. Family Unification Program**

Participants in the Family Unification Program (FUP) are referred to the AHA by Department of Protective and Regulatory Services when the client has completed their service plan and has been reunited with their children. Pending funding availability, FUP clients are admitted to the HCV program as a Special Admission.

### **Transition to Housing Choice Voucher**

Special Needs Programs participants who satisfactorily complete their program goals during their participation period in these programs will be admitted to the HCV waiting list (whether the waiting list is open or closed) and, pending funding availability, will be issued a HCV voucher at the completion of their program. Since the AHA has preference in admission for Special Needs Programs families, they may be admitted ahead of other applicants on the AHA waiting list. The AHA reserves the right to deny admission to the HCV program to Special Needs Programs participants that have not satisfactorily completed their program goals or who are unable to satisfy the AHA's HCV admission criteria.

If at admission to the HCV program the families assisted through a Special Needs Program are unable to comply with the AHA's subsidy standards because the standards present an undue hardship on the family, at the discretion of the Executive Director or his/her designee, the family may be admitted to the HCV program and permitted to receive housing assistance in their present dwelling unit. Such discretion shall be granted to avert an immediate burden / hardship for the family; however, the family will need to relocate to an appropriately sized unit in compliance with the AHA subsidy standards at or prior to their next annual re-certification. If the family remains in the unit, their payment standard will be adjusted to reflect their eligible voucher size (e.g. they have just begun or are in the middle of their lease agreement, etc.). In such instances, at the discretion of the Executive Director or his/her designee, the family may be admitted to the HCV program and permitted to receive housing assistance in their present dwelling unit. Such discretion shall be granted to avert an immediate burden / hardship for the family; however, the family will need to relocate to an appropriately sized unit in compliance with the AHA subsidy standards at or prior to their next annual re-certification.

## **4-J. WAITING LIST MANAGEMENT**

### **Change in Circumstances**

Applicants are responsible for notifying the AHA when the information they provided has changed. The AHA will document all status changes received and reorder each applicant's position on the waiting list accordingly. Changes in an applicant's circumstances while on the waiting list may affect the family's local preference and their position on the waiting list.

If persons, who do not meet the residency preference at the time they apply, subsequently move to Arlington, they must notify the AHA of their change in address. If an applicant becomes disabled after they apply, they must notify the AHA as to their change in status.

### **Cross-Listing of Different Housing Programs and Housing Choice Voucher**

[24 CFR 982.205(a)]

Eligible families that are placed on the AHA's Waiting List may also apply for rental housing assistance for other AHA rental assistance programs or for rental assistance with other public housing agencies.

### **Other Housing Assistance**

[24 CFR 982.205(b)]

Other housing assistance means a federal, State or local housing subsidy, as determined by HUD, including public housing. The AHA may not take any of the following actions because an applicant has applied for, received, or refused other housing [24 CFR 982.205(b)]:

1. Refuse to list the applicant on the AHA waiting list for tenant-based assistance;
2. Deny any admission preference for which the applicant is currently qualified;
3. Change the applicant's place on the waiting list based on preference, date and time of application, or other factors affecting selection under the AHA selection policy; or
4. Remove the applicant from the waiting list.

### **Removal from Waiting List**

[24 CFR 982.204(c)]

### **Initial Application**

If attempted communication to an applicant is unsuccessful as a result of insufficient information provided by the applicant, the application will be cancelled and removed from the waiting list. If an applicant fails to inform the AHA, in writing, within thirty (30) calendar days of a change of address, and correspondence is returned to the AHA by the U.S. post office due to incorrect address, the applicant will be cancelled and removed from the waiting list.

### **Application's Received During Open Enrollment**

Applicants are responsible to provide complete and accurate information to the AHA and to maintain their application by promptly updating information on their application. The AHA will send notices to the last known email address provided by the applicant. If an email address is not provided, the AHA will send a notice by regular mail. If any attempted communication to the applicant by the AHA are undeliverable or otherwise unsuccessful because of insufficient or inaccurate information provided by the applicant, the application will be terminated/removed from the AHA's waiting list. Additionally, if the applicant fails to update the information on their waiting list application, notifying the AHA of any changes in the applicant's mailing address, employment address, and other contact information, and email

or regular mail is returned to the AHA as undeliverable or not responded to within the prescribed timeframe, the application may be terminated/removed from the AHA's waiting list.

The applicant's failure to provide and maintain complete and accurate information places the applicant at serious risk of missing critical AHA information which subjects the applicant to missing appointments and other important notices sent by the AHA. Additionally, the AHA relies on applicant provided information to rank applicants position on the waiting list according to local preferences. All applicant-provided information is verified by the AHA when the applicant is selected from the waiting list and evaluated to determine applicant eligibility. Applicants who provide false and or misleading information to the AHA on their application present grounds for termination/removal of the application from the waiting list.

### **Termed Waiting List**

In June 2015, when the Arlington Housing Authority (AHA) conducted an open enrollment inviting all interested persons to submit an application for participation in the AHA Housing Choice Voucher program, AHA advertised that applications received during the 2015 Open Enrollment, and moving forward, would remain valid for up to one year. Any unassisted applications would be terminated from the waiting list prior to the next open enrollment. Unassisted applicants would need to apply during the next open enrollment to participate in the AHA's Housing Choice Voucher program.

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## Chapter 4

### APPLICATIONS, WAITING LIST AND TENANT SELECTION

#### INTRODUCTION

When a family wishes to receive Section 8 HCV assistance, the family must submit an application that provides the TCHAO with the information needed to determine the family's eligibility. HUD requires the TCHAO to place all families that apply for assistance on a waiting list. When HCV assistance becomes available, the TCHAO must select families from the waiting list in accordance with HUD requirements and TCHAO policies as stated in the administrative plan and the annual plan.

The TCHAO is required to adopt a clear approach to accepting applications, placing families on the waiting list, selecting families from the waiting list and must follow this approach consistently. The actual order in which families are selected from the waiting list can be affected if a family has certain characteristics designated by HUD or the TCHAO to receive preferential treatment. Funding earmarked exclusively for families with particular characteristics may also alter the order in which families are served.

HUD regulations require that all families have an equal opportunity to apply for and receive housing assistance, and that the TCHAO affirmatively further fair housing goals in the administration of the program [24 CFR 982.53, HCV GB p. 4-1]. Adherence to the selection policies described in this chapter ensures that the TCHAO will be in compliance with all relevant fair housing requirements, as described in Chapter 2.

This chapter describes HUD and TCHAO policies for taking applications, managing the waiting list and selecting families for HCV assistance. The policies outlined in this chapter are organized into three sections, as follows:

Part I: The Application/Pre-Application Process. This part provides an overview of the application/pre-application process, and discusses how applicants can obtain and submit applications/pre-applications. It also specifies how the TCHAO will handle the applications/pre-applications it receives.

Part II: Managing the Waiting List. This part presents the policies that govern how the TCHAO waiting list is structured, when it is opened and closed, and how the public is notified of the opportunity to apply for assistance. It also discusses the process the TCHAO will use to keep the waiting list current.

Part III: Selection for HCV Assistance. This part describes the policies that guide the TCHAO in selecting families for HCV assistance as such assistance becomes available. It also specifies how in-person interviews will be used to ensure that the TCHAO has the information needed to make a final eligibility determination.

## **PART I: THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

### **4-I.A. OVERVIEW**

This part describes the policies that guide the TCHAO's efforts to distribute and accept applications and pre-applications, and to make preliminary determinations of applicant family eligibility that affect placement of the family on the waiting list. This part also describes the TCHAO's obligation to ensure the accessibility of the application process to elderly persons, people with disabilities, and people with limited English proficiency (LEP).

### **4-I.B. APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE [HCV GB, pp. 4-11 – 4-16]**

Any family that wishes to receive HCV assistance must apply for admission to the program, unless otherwise provided by federal law (see Special Admissions below and on following pages). HUD permits the TCHAO to determine the format and content of HCV applications, as well how such pre-applications/applications will be made available to interested families and how applications will be accepted by the TCHAO. However, the PHA must include Form HUD-92006, Supplement to Application for Federally Assisted Housing, as part of the PHA's application.

#### TCHAO Policy

1. TCHAO may, at its discretion, select pre-applicants/applicants to be placed on the waiting list based upon preference, date and time or lottery. The selection method will be stated in the Public Notice announcing the opening of the Waiting List.
2. Depending upon the length of time that pre-applicants/applicants may need to wait to receive assistance, the TCHAO may use a two-step application process.

A two-step process (*1. pre-application; 2. application*) may be used when it is expected that a family may not be selected from the waiting list for up to 60 days or more from the date of pre-application. Under the two-step application process, the TCHAO initially will require families to provide only the information needed to determine the family's placement on the waiting list (pre-application). The family will be required to provide all of the information necessary to establish family eligibility and level of assistance when the family is selected from the waiting list.

3. TCHAO will announce and give public notice on what method (electronic, mail, FAX, in person, etc.) will be used to accept applications/pre-applications to the wait list.
4. In the event applications/pre-applications will be accepted on-line (electronically), application/pre-application data will be automatically downloaded into the TCHAO computer database and arranged by preference, date and time or entered into the Lottery Pool for random selection, as indicated in the Public Notice.

The local preferences are as follows:

1. TCHAO will also accept applications from families and youths certified by the Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA) as eligible for the Family Unification Program (FUP). Upon receipt of the PCWA list of families and youths currently in the PCWA caseload, TCHAO must compare the names with those of families and youths already on the TCHAO HCV waiting list (if any).

Any family or youth on the TCHAO HCV waiting list that matches with the PCWA's list must be assisted in order of their position on the waiting list in accordance with TCHAO admission policies.

2. TCHAO will also accept applications from families and youths certified by the Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA) as eligible for the Family Unification Program (FUP) and Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Demonstration in the next order of priority on the waiting list. Eligibility requires a dual-agency (PCWA/TCHAO) determination. Program participants with a FUP Youth voucher who agree to sign an FSS Contract of Participation (Form HUD 52650) will maintain their housing assistance for a period not exceeding the length of the FSS Contract of Participation (in most cases, this limit will be no more than 5 years), however if the FSS contract is extended the FUP voucher can be extended for the entire length of the FSS Contract of Participation.

Any family or youth on the TCHAO HCV waiting list that matches with the PCWA's list must be assisted in order of their position on the waiting list in accordance with TCHAO admission policies.

3. Elderly and non-elderly persons with disabilities shall be assisted in the next order of priority on the waiting list.
4. Non-elderly persons with disabilities shall be assisted in the order of priority on the waiting list for special vouchers set aside exclusively for this population.
5. Homeless veterans shall be assisted via special program vouchers identified as Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) in order of priority on the waiting list.
6. Homeless non-veterans shall be assisted in accordance with TCHAO policy stated herein.
7. Families presently residing within the boundaries of Tarrant County, Texas, at the time of application, shall be assisted in the next order of priority on the waiting list.
8. In the event of a major disaster displacing large numbers of individuals and families, TCHAO will provide HCV assistance on a preferred selection basis to evacuees and/or victims of disasters, and will follow guidance established by HUD, FEMA, State and County officials, if any.

Applications/pre-applications must be fully completed in order to be accepted by the TCHAO for placement on the waiting list. Incomplete applications/pre-applications WILL NOT be accepted, and will not be returned for corrections.

*Special program vouchers identified above will be issued in strict accordance with HUD guidance and direction for the special program vouchers.*

#### **4-I.C. ACCESSIBILITY OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

##### **Elderly and Disabled Populations [24 CFR 8 and HCV GB, pp. 4-11 – 4-13]**

The PHA must take a variety of steps to ensure that the application process is accessible to those people who might have difficulty complying with the normal, standard PHA application process. This could include persons with disabilities, certain elderly individuals, as well as persons with limited English proficiency (LEP). The PHA must provide reasonable accommodation to the needs of individuals with disabilities. The application-taking facility and the application process must be fully accessible, or the PHA must provide an alternate approach that provides full access to the application process. Chapter 2 provides a full discussion of the PHA's policies related to providing reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities.

##### **Limited English Proficiency**

PHA is required to take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to their programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency [24 CFR 1]. Chapter 2 provides a full discussion on the PHA's policies related to ensuring access to people with limited English proficiency (LEP).

##### TCHAO Policy

Upon request in advance during regular business hours, TCHAO will provide reasonable staff assistance to the elderly individuals, persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency.

In the event electronic applications are being accepted, TCHAO will provide a minimum of two (2) computers, for the use of elderly (62 years and older), persons with disabilities, and persons with Limited English Proficiency, during regular business hours and/or during other days, hours and times as may be published. Reasonable technical assistance may be provided by TCHAO staff, upon participant request in advance and staff availability.

Applicants may apply on-line by submission of an electronic application at: [housing.tarrantcounty.com](http://housing.tarrantcounty.com) or as published in the Public Notice.

Upon advance request, reasonable staff assistance will be provided, if available, during stated business hours, to elderly persons, persons with disabilities and persons with Limited English Proficiency.



**Homeless Preference:** TCHAO will give preference to homeless applicants. Each fiscal year TCHAO will set aside a preference to no more than 50 Vouchers (depending on availability of funding) to individuals or families meeting all of the following criteria:

- a) Meet the TCHAO definition of homeless according to HUD's definition of homeless.
- b) Referrals submitted to TCHAO by a homeless service provider with whom TCHAO has executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the provider's responsibilities with respect to the provision of housing search assistance and supportive services/case management for the referred household.
- c) Have received a written commitment from the referring homeless service provider for housing search/location assistance.
- d) Have received a written commitment from the homeless service provider to offer support services/case management on an as needed basis to help the household transition from homelessness to permanent housing; and
- e) Have received a written commitment from the homeless service provider to offer supportive services/case management to help the household maintain housing and comply with HCV rules.

While a referral from the coalition of homeless service providers is required for this preference, use of the offered supportive services/case management is not a requirement. The choice of the applicant to refuse the offered services will not jeopardize any housing assistance for which they are eligible.

TCHAO will execute a Memorandum of Understanding with one entity representing a coalition of homeless service providers that will serve as the primary point of contact for communicating homeless referrals to TCHAO. TCHAO reserves the right to establish additional MOUs as necessary to ensure that homeless applicants have the opportunity to apply for housing assistance under this preference.

Reason(s) for the preference denial - Applicants have the right to appeal the denial of eligibility for the homeless preference using the established process for informal hearings.

Persons transitioning out of the Tarrant County Court's Treatment Programs will be included as a priority group as part of this preference. This would require a referral from the current case manager as well as documentation that the family was homeless prior to entering into the current program. This documentation must be provided as part of the referral.

Individuals and families transitioning, or "moving up," from Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units will also be included as a priority group as part of this homeless preference. These are persons that were previously homeless prior to entry into a PSH program but who no longer require that level of supportive services. This would require a referral from the current case manager or PSH provider as well as documentation that the family was homeless prior to entering into the PSH unit. This documentation must be provided as part of the referral.

To qualify for this preference an applicant must present evidence to TCHAO that the family is homeless by meeting one of the following definitions:

- An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence meaning:
- An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state or local government programs for low-income individuals)
- An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution
- A primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport or camping ground
- Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who-
- Have experienced a long term period, more than 60 days, without living independently in permanent housing; and
- Have experienced persistent instability as measured by frequent moves, more than two moves in 60 days, over such period; and
- Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse, the presence of a child or youth with a disability or multiple barriers to employment.

#### **4-I.D. PLACEMENT ON THE WAITING LIST [24 CFR 9 and HCV GB p.2-7]**

The PHA must accept applications/pre-applications from families for whom the list is open unless there is good cause for not accepting the application (such as denial of assistance) for the grounds stated in the regulations [24 CFR 982.206(b)(2)]. Where the family is determined to be ineligible, the PHA must notify the family in writing [24 CFR 982.201(f)]. Where the family is not determined to be ineligible, the family will be placed on a waiting list of applicants either by local preference, date and time or placed in the Lottery pool for random selection, as stated in the Public Notice.

No applicant has a right or entitlement to be listed on the waiting list, or to any particular position on the waiting list [24 CFR 982.202(c)].

## **Ineligible for Placement on the Waiting List**

### TCHAO Policy

Where a family is determined to be ineligible, the TCHAO will send written notification of the ineligibility determination. The notice will specify the reasons for ineligibility, and will inform the family of its right to request an informal review and explain the process for doing so (see Chapter 16).

## **Eligible for Placement on the Waiting List**

### TCHAO Policy

- Any family or youth certified by the PCWA as eligible, homeless veterans (VASH) and not on the HCV waiting list must be placed on the waiting list.
- Elderly and/or persons with disabilities shall be assisted in the next order of priority on the waiting list. Some applicants may qualify for the TCHAO NED Special Voucher Program.
- Families presently residing within the boundaries of Tarrant County, Texas, at the time of application, shall be assisted in the next order of priority on the waiting list.
- Additionally, in the event of a major disaster displacing large numbers of individuals and families, TCHAO will provide HCV assistance on a preferred selection basis to evacuees and/or victims of disasters, and will follow guidance established by HUD, FEMA, State and County officials, if any.

The TCHAO will make available to all pre-applicants/applicants their status (wait list number) on the waiting list, at least sixty (60) calendar days after the closing of the waiting list.

Placement on the waiting list does not indicate that the family is, in fact, eligible for assistance. A final determination of eligibility will be made when the family is selected from the waiting list and a complete application has been submitted, verified and approved by TCHAO.

Applicants will be placed on the waiting list according to TCHAO preference(s) and the date and time their fully completed pre-application/application is received by the TCHAO.

## **PART II: MANAGING THE WAITING LIST**

### **4-II.A. OVERVIEW**

The TCHAO must have policies regarding various aspects of organizing and managing the waiting list of applicant families. This includes opening the list to new applicants, closing the list to new applicants, notifying the public of waiting list openings and closings, updating waiting list information, purging the list of families that are no longer interested in or eligible for assistance, as well as conducting outreach to ensure a sufficient number of applicants.

In addition, HUD imposes requirements on how a PHA may structure its waiting list and how families must be treated if they apply for assistance from a PHA that administers more than one assisted housing program.

### **4-II.B. ORGANIZATION OF THE WAITING LIST [24 CFR 982.204 and 205]**

The TCHAO's HCV waiting list must be organized in such a manner to allow the TCHAO to accurately identify and select families for assistance in the proper order, according to the admissions policies described in this plan.

The waiting list must contain the following information for each applicant listed:

- Applicant name;
- Family unit size;
- Date and time of application;
- Qualification for any local preference;
- Racial or ethnic designation of the head of household;

HUD requires the PHA to maintain a single waiting list for the HCV program unless it serves more than one county or municipality. Such PHAs are permitted, but not required, to maintain a separate waiting list for each county or municipality served.

#### TCHAO Policy

The TCHAO will maintain a single waiting list for the HCV program.

HUD directs that a family that applies for assistance from the HCV program must be offered the opportunity to be placed on the waiting list for any public housing, project-based voucher or moderate rehabilitation program the PHA operates if 1) the other programs' waiting lists are open, and 2) the family is qualified for the other programs.

HUD permits, but does not require, that PHA maintain a single merged waiting list for their public housing, Section 8, and other subsidized housing programs.

A family's decision to apply for, receive, or refuse other housing assistance must not affect the family's placement on the HCV waiting list, or any preferences for which the family may qualify.

### TCHAO Policy

The TCHAO administers the HCV Program only, therefore will maintain a single waiting list for the HCV Program.

The organization of the TCHAO Waiting List is as follows:

1. Any family or youth certified by the PCWA as eligible and not on the HCV waiting list must be placed on the waiting list.

The TCHAO will determine if any families with children, or youths age 18 through 24 on its HCV waiting list are living in temporary shelters or on the street and may qualify for the Family Unification Program, and refer such applicants to the PCWA.

TCHAO will then determine if families with children, or youths age 18 through 24 referred by the PCWA are eligible for HCV assistance and place eligible families/youths on the HCV waiting list.

2. Elderly and/or persons with disabilities shall be assisted in the next order of priority on the waiting list.

3. Families presently residing within the boundaries of Tarrant County, Texas, at the time of application, shall be assisted in the next order of priority on the waiting list.

4. Additionally, in the event of a major disaster displacing large numbers of individuals and families, TCHAO will provide HCV assistance on a preferred selection basis to evacuees and/or victims of disasters, and will follow guidance established by HUD, FEMA, State and County officials, if any.

## **4-II.C. OPENING AND CLOSING THE WAITING LIST [24 CFR 982.206]**

### **Closing the Waiting List**

TCHAO is permitted to close the waiting list if it has an adequate pool of families to use its available HCV assistance. Alternatively, the TCHAO may elect to continue to accept applications only from certain categories of families that meet particular preferences or funding criteria.

### TCHAO Policy

The TCHAO may elect to close the waiting list and will announce the closing by the same methods used for opening the waiting list.

Any applications not returned by the close of the waiting list will not be accepted and notice will be sent to the applicant.

### **Reopening the Waiting List**

If the waiting list has been closed, it cannot be reopened until the PHA publishes a notice in local newspapers of general circulation, minority media, and other suitable media outlets. The notice must comply with HUD fair housing requirements and must specify who may apply, and where and when applications will be received.

### TCHAO Policy

The TCHAO will announce the reopening of the waiting list at least 10 calendar days prior to the date applications will first be accepted. If the list is only being reopened for certain categories of families, this information will be contained in the notice.

TCHAO will also accept applications, despite the fact that the waiting list may be closed, from a FUP applicant family or youth who is not currently on the TCHAO's HCV waiting list.

The TCHAO will give public notice by publishing the relevant information on its website, in suitable media outlets and/or by distribution of flyers at major, commonly known, community organizations located within the broad jurisdiction of TCHAO.

### **4-II.D. FAMILY OUTREACH [HCV GB, pp. 4-2 to 4-4]**

The PHA must conduct outreach as necessary to ensure that the PHA has a sufficient number of applicants on the waiting list to use the HCV resources it has been allotted.

Because HUD requires the PHA to serve a specified percentage of extremely low income families (see Chapter 4, Part III), the PHA may need to conduct special outreach to ensure that an adequate number of such families apply for assistance [HCV GB, p. 4-20 to 4-21].

PHA outreach efforts must comply with fair housing requirements. This includes:

- Analyzing the housing market area and the populations currently being served to identify underserved populations.
- Ensuring that outreach efforts are targeted to media outlets that reach eligible populations that are under-represented in the program.
- Avoiding outreach efforts that prefer or exclude people who are members of a protected class.

PHA outreach efforts must be designed to inform qualified families about the availability of assistance under the program. These efforts may include, as needed, any of the following activities:

- Submitting press releases to local and minority media sources (including print and electronic media).
- Developing informational materials and flyers to distribute to other agencies.
- Providing application forms to other public and private agencies that serve the low income population.
- Developing partnerships with other organizations that serve similar populations, including agencies that provide services for persons with disabilities.

### TCHAO Policy

Appropriate press releases will be submitted to local and minority media sources including both electronic and print media.

#### **4-II.E. REPORTING CHANGES IN FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES**

##### TCHAO Policy

While the family is on the waiting list, the family must immediately inform the TCHAO of changes in contact information, including current residence, mailing address, and phone number. The changes will only be accepted in writing or electronically.

#### **4-II.F. UPDATING THE WAITING LIST [24 CFR 982.204]**

HUD requires the TCHAO to establish policies to use when removing applicant names from the waiting list.

##### **Purging the Waiting List**

The decision to withdraw an applicant family that includes a person with disabilities from the waiting list is subject to reasonable accommodation. If the applicant did not respond to a PHA request for information or updates because of the family member's disability, the PHA must reinstate the applicant family to their former position on the waiting list [24 CFR 982.204(c)(2)].

##### TCHAO Policy

The waiting list will be updated annually to ensure that all applicants and applicant information is current and timely.

To update the waiting list, the TCHAO will send an update request via first class mail to each family on the waiting list to determine whether the family continues to be interested in, and to qualify for, the program. This update request will be sent to the last address that the TCHAO has on record for the family. The update request will provide a deadline by which the family must respond and will state that failure to respond will result in the applicant's name being removed from the waiting list.

The family's response must be in writing and may be delivered in person, by mail, or by fax. Responses should be postmarked or received by the TCHAO not later than 15 calendar days from the date of the TCHAO letter.

If the family fails to respond within 15 calendar days, the family will be removed from the waiting list without further notice.

If the notice is returned by the post office with no forwarding address, the TCHAO will attempt to contact the applicant at an alternate contact address if available. If an alternate contact address is unavailable the applicant will be removed from the waiting list without further notice.

If the notice is returned by the post office with a forwarding address, the notice will be re-sent to the address indicated. The family will have 15 calendar days to respond from the date the letter was re-sent.

If the notice is not returned to TCHAO by the post office, TCHAO presumes it was properly delivered by the post office and received by the addressee.

Similarly, any email or electronic transmission that is not returned to TCHAO electronically, the TCHAO presumes it was properly delivered and received by the addressee(s). It is the responsibility of all applicants to check their email and junk mail daily in order to keep abreast of all incoming communication.

If a family is removed from the waiting list for failure to respond, the Director or an appointed designee may reinstate the family if he/she determines the lack of response was due to TCHAO error, or to circumstances beyond the family's control.

### **Removal from the Waiting List**

#### TCHAO Policy

If at any time an applicant family is on the waiting list, the TCHAO determines that the family is not eligible for assistance (see Chapter 3), the family will be removed from the waiting list.

If a family is removed from the waiting list because the TCHAO has determined the family is not eligible for assistance, a notice will be sent to the family's address of record as well as to any alternate address provided on the initial application. The notice will state the reasons the family was removed from the waiting and will inform the family how to request an informal review regarding the TCHAO's decision (see Chapter 16) [24 CFR 982.201(f)].



## **PART III: SELECTION FOR HCV ASSISTANCE**

### **4-III.A. OVERVIEW**

As vouchers become available, families on the waiting list must be selected for assistance in accordance with the policies described in this part.

The order in which families receive assistance from the waiting list depends on the selection method chosen by the TCHAO and is impacted in part by any selection preferences that the family qualifies for. The source of HCV funding also may affect the order in which families are selected from the waiting list.

The TCHAO must maintain a clear record of all information required to verify that the family is selected from the waiting list according to the TCHAO's selection policies [24 CFR 982.204(b) and 982.207(e)].

Persons and/or families selected for assistance under certain HUD funded program vouchers, i.e. Shelter Plus Care (S+C) and Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD/VASH) vouchers are not selected from the Waiting List, but from rather from specified referral agencies as provided in the appropriate federal regulations.

### **4-III.B. SELECTION AND HCV FUNDING SOURCES**

#### **Special Admissions [24 CFR 982.203]**

HUD may award funding for specifically-named families living in specified types of units (e.g., a family that is displaced by demolition of public housing; a non-purchasing family residing in a HOPE 1 or 2 projects; Shelter Plus Care (S+C); Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), etc.

In these cases, the TCHAO may admit special admissions families outside of the regular waiting list process, i.e., families and individuals that are not on the waiting list, or without considering the family's position on the waiting list. These special admissions families do not have to qualify for any preferences, nor are they required to be on the HCV program Waiting List. The TCHAO must maintain records showing that such families were admitted with special program funding.

#### **Targeted Funding [24 CFR 982.204(e)]**

HUD may award a PHA funding for a specified category of families NOT on the waiting list. The TCHAO must use this funding only to assist the families within the specified category. Within this category of families, the order in which such families are assisted is determined according to the policies provided in the specific federal HUD program regulations.

The TCHAO administers the following types of targeted funding:

1. Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers, as awarded by HUD
2. Mainstream Vouchers as awarded by HUD
3. Enhanced Vouchers/Preservation Vouchers as awarded by HUD
4. Shelter Plus Care (S+C)

5. Veterans Affairs Supportive Services (VASH)
6. Non-Elderly Disabled (NED), as awarded by HUD

The TCHAO may house families who are impacted by a disaster under Special Admissions. Special Admissions families may be assisted without regard to whether they are currently on the HCV waiting list or their status on the waiting list at the highest preference level. These families will be served based on available funding. This action is contingent on HUD's, state, federal and local designation disaster-related assistance and funding. See Chapter 16 – Part X for additional information

### **Regular HCV Funding**

Regular HCV funding may be used to assist any eligible family on the waiting list. Families are selected from the waiting list according to the policies provided in Section 4-III.C.

### **4-III.C. SELECTION METHOD**

PHA must describe the method for selecting applicant families from the waiting list, including the system of admission preferences that the PHA will use [982.202(d)] for families on the waiting list.

#### **Local Preferences [24 CFR 982.207; HCV p. 4-16]**

TCHAO is permitted to establish local preferences, and to give priority to serving families that meet those criteria. HUD specifically authorizes and places restrictions on certain types of local preferences. HUD also permits the TCHAO to establish other local preferences, at its discretion. Any local preferences established must be consistent with the TCHAO Administrative Plan and the Consolidated Plan, and must be based on local housing needs and priorities that can be documented by generally accepted data sources.

#### TCHAO Policy

TCHAO has established the following local preferences to be applied to all applicants for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. Residency preference will not have the purpose or effect of delaying or otherwise denying admission to the program based on the race, color, ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, or age of any member of an applicant family.

1. The TCHAO will permit preferred selection of Family Unification Program (FUP) eligible families and/or FUP eligible youths over other eligible applicants on the waiting list whenever an FUP eligible family or youth applies, and will offer any available FUP vouchers to said eligible families or youths.
2. Elderly and/or non-elderly persons with disabilities shall be assisted in the next order of priority on the waiting list.
3. Families presently residing within the boundaries of Tarrant/Navarro County, Texas, at the time of application, shall be assisted in the next order of priority on the waiting list.

4. Additionally, in the event of a major disaster displacing large numbers of individuals and families, TCHAO will provide HCV assistance on a preferred selection basis to evacuees and/or victims of disasters, and will follow guidance established by HUD, FEMA, State and County officials, if any.
5. Homeless veterans (VASH)
6. The TCHAO has received Mainstream vouchers to assist non-elderly persons with disabilities who are transitioning out of institutional or other segregated settings, at risk of institutionalization, homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless.

### **Income Targeting Requirement [24 CFR 982.201(b)(2)]**

HUD requires that extremely low-income (ELI) families make up at least 75% of the families admitted to the HCV program during the PHA's fiscal year. ELI families are those with annual incomes at or below 30% of the area median income. To ensure this requirement is met, a PHA may skip non-ELI families on the waiting list in order to select an ELI family.

Low income families admitted to the program that are "continuously assisted" under the 1937 Housing Act [24 CFR 982.4(b)], as well as low-income or moderate-income families admitted to the program that are displaced as a result of the prepayment of the mortgage or voluntary termination of an insurance contract on eligible low-income housing, are not counted for income targeting purposes [24 CFR 982.201(b)(2)(v)].

#### TCHAO Policy

The TCHAO will monitor progress in meeting the ELI requirement throughout the fiscal year. Extremely low-income families will be selected ahead of other eligible families on an as-needed basis to ensure the income target requirement is met.

### **Order of Selection**

The TCHAO order of selection from the Wait List will be according to local preferences as indicated below, the date and time of application, or lottery pool random selection [24 CFR 982.207(c)].

1. The TCHAO will permit preferred selection of Family Unification Program (FUP) eligible families and/or FUP eligible youths over other eligible applicants on the waiting list whenever an FUP eligible family or youth applies, and will offer any available FUP vouchers to said eligible families or youths.
2. Elderly and/or non-elderly persons with disabilities shall be assisted in the next order of priority on the waiting list.
3. Families presently residing within the boundaries of Tarrant/Navarro County, Texas, at the time of application, shall be assisted in the next order of priority on the waiting list.
4. Additionally, in the event of a major disaster displacing large numbers of individuals and families, TCHAO will provide HCV assistance on a preferred selection basis to evacuees and/or victims of disasters, and will follow guidance established by HUD, FEMA, State and County officials, if any.
5. Homeless veterans (VASH)

6. The TCHAO has received Mainstream vouchers to assist non-elderly persons with disabilities who are transitioning out of institutional or other segregated settings, at risk of institutionalization, homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless.

When selecting families from the waiting list TCHAO is required to use targeted funding to assist only those families who meet the specified criteria, and TCHAO is not permitted to skip down the waiting list to a family that it can afford to subsidize when there are not sufficient funds to subsidize the family at the top of the waiting list [24 CFR 982.204(d) and (e)].

#### TCHAO Policy

Families will be selected from the waiting list according to local preference on a first come, first-served basis according to the date and time their fully completed application is received by the TCHAO, or by random computerized lottery pool selection.

Individuals and families that qualify for a local preference shall be selected from the waiting list ahead of higher placed families that do not qualify for the preference. However, within any local preference category, applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis according to the priority of the local preference, date and time their complete application is received or lottery pool. Documentation will be maintained by the TCHAO as to whether families on the list qualify for and are interested in targeted funding. If a higher placed family on the waiting list is not qualified or not interested in targeted funding, there will be a notation maintained so that the TCHAO does not have to ask higher placed families each time targeted selections are made.

### **4-III.D. NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION**

When a family has been selected from the waiting list, the PHA must notify the family.

#### TCHAO Policy

The TCHAO will notify the family by first class mail, when it is selected from the waiting list. The notice will inform the family of the following:

- Date, time, and location of the scheduled application interview, including any procedures for rescheduling the interview,
- Who is required to attend the interview,
- Documents that must be provided at the interview to document the legal identity of household members, including information about what constitutes acceptable documentation
- Other documents and information that should be brought to the interview

If a notification letter is returned to the TCHAO with no forwarding address, the family will be removed from the waiting list. A notice of denial (see Chapter 3) will be sent to the family's address of record, as well as to any known alternate address.

#### **4-III.E. THE APPLICATION INTERVIEW**

HUD recommends that the PHA obtain the information and documentation needed to make an eligibility determination through a private interview [HCV GB, pg. 4-16]. Being invited to attend an interview does not constitute admission to the program.

Assistance cannot be provided to the family until all SSN documentation requirements are met. However, if the PHA determines that an applicant family is otherwise eligible to participate in the program, the family may retain its place on the waiting list for a period of time determined by the PHA [Notice PIH 2010-3].

Reasonable accommodation must be made for persons with disabilities who are unable to attend an interview due to their disability.

##### TCHAO Policy

Families selected from the waiting list are required to participate in an eligibility interview.

The head of household and the spouse/co-head must attend the interview together. Verification of information pertaining to adult members of the household not present at the interview will not begin until signed release forms are returned to the TCHAO.

The interview will be conducted only if the head of household or spouse/co-head provides appropriate documentation of legal identity. (Chapter 7 provides a discussion of proper documentation of legal identity). If the family representative does not provide the required documentation, the appointment may be rescheduled when the proper documents have been obtained.

Pending disclosure and documentation of social security numbers, the TCHAO will allow the family to retain its place on the waiting list for **thirty (30) calendar days**. If not all household members have disclosed their SSNs at the next time the TCHAO is issuing vouchers, the TCHAO will issue a voucher to the next eligible applicant family on the waiting list.

The family must provide the information necessary to establish the family's eligibility and determine the appropriate level of assistance, as well as completing required forms, providing required signatures, and submitting required documentation. If any materials are missing, the TCHAO will provide the family with a written list of items that must be submitted.

Any required documents or information that the family is unable to provide at the interview must be provided within 10 calendar days of the interview (Chapter 7 provides details about longer submission deadlines for particular items, including documentation of Social Security numbers and eligible non-citizen status). If the family is unable to obtain the information or materials within the required time frame, the family may request an extension. If the required documents and information are not provided within the required timeframe (plus any extensions) the family will be sent a notice of denial (See Chapter 3).

An advocate, interpreter, or other assistant may assist the family with the application and the interview process.

Interviews will be conducted in English. For limited English proficient (LEP) applicants, the TCHAO will provide translation services in accordance with the TCHAO's LEP plan.

If the family is unable to attend a scheduled interview, the family should contact the PHA in advance of the interview to schedule a new appointment. In all circumstances, if a family does not attend a scheduled interview, the PHA will send another notification letter with a new interview appointment time. Applicants who fail to attend two scheduled interviews without PHA approval will be denied assistance based on the family's failure to supply information needed to determine eligibility. A notice of denial will be issued in accordance with policies contained in Chapter 3.

#### **4-III.F. COMPLETING THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

The PHA must verify all information provided by the family (see Chapter 7). Based on verified information, the PHA must make a final determination of eligibility (see Chapter 3) and must confirm that the family qualified for any special admission, targeted admission, or selection preference that affected the order in which the family was selected from the waiting list.

##### TCHAO Policy

If the TCHAO determines that the family is ineligible, the TCHAO will send written notification of the ineligibility determination within 10 calendar days of the determination. The notice will specify the reasons for ineligibility, and will inform the family of its right to request an informal review (Chapter 16).

If a family fails to qualify for any criteria that affected the order in which it was selected from the waiting list (e.g. targeted funding, extremely low-income), the family will be returned to its original position on the waiting list. The TCHAO will notify the family in writing that it has been returned to the waiting list, and will specify the reasons for it.

If TCHAO determines the family eligible to receive assistance, TCHAO will invite the family to attend a briefing in accordance with the policies in Chapter 5.

## **1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference**

# **FORT WORTH HOUSING SOLUTIONS**

## **Housing Choice Voucher**

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### **4.3 PREFERENCES**

FWHS has established the following local preferences to be applied to all applicants for the Housing Choice Voucher Program:

A. **DISPLACED FAMILIES**- For purposes of the local preference only, the definition of a displaced family is: an individual or family displaced as a result of a natural disaster; government action (eminent domain); HUD disposition of a multi-family complex (which includes moves necessary due to modernization or demolition programs instituted by FWHS); disposition of Public Housing units owned by FWHS, including sale of Scattered Sites units; Public Housing deemed uninhabitable by FWHS; conversion of Public Housing units to Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD); or a need to move due to hate crimes or because they have agreed to testify for a legal proceeding regarding a criminal action. The Housing Choice Voucher Program wait list always remains open to applicants who qualify for this preference.

B. **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)** - Preference for victims of domestic violence who are FWHS Public Housing (PH) or Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program residents and need an external emergency transfer under VAWA when there are no PH or RAD units available.

C. **PUBLIC HOUSING REASONABLE ACCOMODATION FOR A DISABILITY**- An individual or family who is residing in a FWHS public housing unit but whose special needs due to a disability cannot be economically met in one of the public housing sites will receive a preference under the Hocusing Choice Voucher Program.

D. **HOMELESS COLLEGE STUDENTS**- Ten vouchers are set aside for homeless students who are homeless and enrolled fulltime in a local accredited college or university's special program for homeless students. Applicants must be referred by the program in accordance with provisions outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement between FWHS and the college or university.

E. **HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH SCHOOL -AGED CHILDREN**- Twenty vouchers are set aside for homeless families with children in the Fort Worth Independent School District, or a neighboring school district. Applicants must be referred by the school district in accordance with provisions outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement between FWHS and the respective school district.

F. **MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON**- Ten vouchers are set aside for persons being discharged from a nursing facility or other institutional care setting for community-based long term housing. Applicants must be referred by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) in accordance with provisions outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement between FWHS and DADS.

G. **MY HEALTH MY RESOURCES (MHMR)**- Forty vouchers are set aside for homeless persons with disabilities who are referred by MHMR of Tarrant County.

Applicants must be referred by MHMR in accordance with provisions outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement between FWHS and MHMR of Tarrant County.

H. TARRANT COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION- Fifty vouchers are set aside for persons who are homeless and are on the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC) Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry List. Referrals must be made by TCHC in accordance with provisions outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement between FWHS and TCHC.

I. PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING “MOVE-UP”- One hundred fifty vouchers will be set aside for individuals or families moving up from a local Continuum of Care Permanent Supportive Housing Program. Referred applicants must meet self-sufficiency criteria established by FWHS and certified by their supportive services representative.

J. NON-ELDERLY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES- A preference will be given to non-elderly persons with disabilities who are transitioning out of institutional and other segregated settings, currently experiencing homelessness, or previously experienced homelessness and currently a client in a permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project.

LOCAL PREFERENCE INELIGIBILITY – An applicant may not claim a local preference for a housing voucher housing application if the family failed to complete their recertification requirements, moved without notice, owes money under any subsidized housing program, or left a previous tenancy under a housing voucher program in violation of the family obligations. These obligations include, but are not limited to:

1. Property unit failing HQS requirements due to tenant related damages or non-payment of utilities;
2. Failure to meet tenant rent obligations;
3. Failure to supply information requested by FWHS to resolve any questionable circumstances regarding previous tenancy and termination;
4. Failure to provide required documentation to support preference claim.

Unless otherwise specified in a Memorandum of Agreement with FWHS, the definition of homelessness includes:

- A. An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
  - An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping



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### 3. Working Preference

During the COVID-19 pandemic, if someone is pulled from the waiting list because they met the working preference, but lost employment due to COVID-19, AHA will allow them to maintain the preference provided they are able to document some employment prior to COVID-19.

On April 7, 2004, the Arlington Housing Authority Board of Commissioners approved a preference for working families which became effective April 8, 2004 (per Resolution 04-05). Elderly or disabled heads of household (or their spouses) who are elderly or disabled were automatically included in the working preference.

When an application is selected from the AHA Waiting List, their eligibility for participation in the HCV program will be verified by the Housing Specialists, according to HUD guidelines prior to issuance of a Housing Choice Voucher.

**If there are a sufficient number of applicants meeting both the residency and working preferences to utilize all available vouchers, applicants must meet both the residency preference and the working preference at the time of certification to receive a voucher.**

The AHA will monitor the income level of new admissions in each fiscal year to ensure that AHA is in compliance with HUD regulatory requirements and the statutory requirement regarding new admissions (“not less than 75% of the families admitted to the PHA’s tenant-based voucher program during the PHA’s fiscal year shall be extremely low-income families”) If the AHA determines that the number of new admissions falls below the HUD income targeting threshold (75% of new admissions must have incomes at or below 30% of AMI), the AHA will temporarily suspend the working preference and select an appropriate number of persons from the waiting list to admit enough extremely low-income persons to the Housing Choice Voucher Program to meet applicable statutory income targeting requirement (Resolution 05-04, April 5, 2006). Although the working preference may be suspended, the AHA will continue to apply the residency preference when selecting applicants from the waiting list. On February 1, 2007, the Working Preference was temporarily suspended to achieve the income targeting criteria.

### 4. Special Needs Programs Participants

The AHA also established a local preference for participants in the Special Needs Programs. Participants of these programs may be enrolled on the AHA waiting list (whether the list is closed or open) when the Special Needs Programs client has completed their program goals or if their program funding has ended. Pending funding availability, these clients may be added to the HCV waiting list and selected from the waiting list in accordance with waiting list procedures and local preferences. Special Needs Programs applicants are afforded the top preference and are selected before any other local preferences (see section 4-D Order of Selection).

### 5. Hurricane Katrina Impacted Families

This local preference was discontinued in March 2015.

### 6. Special Vouchers

#### Money Follows the Person

On April 18, 2013, at the request of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Arlington Housing Authority Board of Commissioners adopted a policy that “set aside” ten (10) AHA Housing Choice Vouchers as special purpose vouchers for participants in the HUD “Money Follows the Person” Demonstration. These 10 special vouchers are established as part of a demonstration with the U.S. Department of HUD and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a housing capacity building initiative for community living for

# **1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group**

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

**Date:** August 28th, 20223

**To:** HUD, FY 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and the Renewal and Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Grants Competition Review Board

**From:** The TX601 Advisory Council Committee

**Topic:** Letter of Support from Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness for the FY 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and the Renewal and Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Grants

We serve on the TX601 Advisory Council Committee, which comprises individuals with lived experience with homelessness. We are writing this letter to show our support for the TX601 Continuum of Care. We believe renewal and acceptance of additional funding will create remarkable changes for the homeless population in our Continuum of Care (CoC).

**Our CoC has identified the following funding priorities for the FY2023 CoC Competition:**

- Submit a consolidated application that meets the threshold and maximizes available funding.
- Fund projects that meet community needs and improve system performance
- Fund projects that are cost-effective and optimize program and mainstream resources, including leveraging healthcare, workforce, and public housing authority
- Fund projects that successfully end homelessness
- Promote the use of best practices, including Housing First
- Fund projects that reduce unsheltered homelessness

Please consider our pledge of support to The TX601 Continuum of Care as you determine the amount of funding you can provide for the Tarrant and Parker Counties. The collaborative applicant, Tarrant County Homeless Coalition, helps connect homeless service providers and homeless people with housing and services that help them gain independence, sustainable living options, healthcare access, and personal goals. The Tarrant County Homeless Coalition is a valuable organization that works diligently to address the issue of homelessness in our local communities.

Sincerely,

Reginald Sanchez  
Ken E. Tracy  
[Signature]

# **1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation**

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

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**Q1**

Grant Recipient/Grant Sub-Recipient

Tarrant County

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**Q2**

CoC Grant/Project Name

SafeTomorrows

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**Q3**

Yes

Is access to your program(s) not contingent on sobriety, minimum income requirements, lack of a criminal record, completion of treatment, participation in services, or other unnecessary conditions?

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**Q4**

Yes

Do your programs or projects do everything possible not to reject an individual or family based on poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, minor criminal convictions, or behaviors that are interpreted as indicating a lack of "housing readiness"?

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**Q5**

Yes

Are people with disabilities offered clear opportunities to request reasonable accommodations within applications and screening processes and during tenancy, and building and apartment units include special physical features that accommodate disabilities?

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**Q6** **Yes**

Does your agency programs or projects that cannot serve someone work through the coordinated entry process to ensure that those individuals or families have access to housing and services elsewhere?

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**Q7** **Yes**

Are your housing and service goals and plans highly tenant-driven?

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**Q8** **Yes**

Do your supportive services emphasize engagement and problem-solving over therapeutic goals?

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**Q9** **Yes**

Is participation in services or compliance with service plans not conditions of tenancy but are reviewed with tenants and regularly offered as a resource to tenants?

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**Q10** **Yes**

Are your services informed by a harm-reduction philosophy recognizing that drug and alcohol use and addiction are a part of some tenants' lives?

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**Q11** **Yes**

Are your clients allowed to engage in non-judgmental communication regarding drug and alcohol use, and are offered education on avoiding risky behaviors and engaging in safer practices?

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**Q12** **Yes**

In your program(s), substance use in and of itself, without other lease violations, is not considered a reason for eviction.

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**Q13** **Yes**

Are tenants in supportive housing given reasonable flexibility in paying their share of rent on time and offered special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements?

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**Q14**

**Yes**

Is every effort made to allow a tenant to transfer from one housing situation, program, or project to another if a tenancy is in jeopardy? Whenever possible, is eviction back into homelessness avoided?

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# **1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline**

1E-1. Web Posting of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline—Advance Public Notice. NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g

https://ahomewithhope.org/coc/funding-opportunities/

# CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

## 2023 HUD Continuum of Care Competition

The US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) has released the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity). Tarrant County Homeless Coalition is responsible for conducting a local funding competition and submitting the CoC Consolidated Application. The CoC Program promotes a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness by providing funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness.

The FY2023 Local RFP will be released on July 17, 2023. Applicants will have the opportunity to apply for new or renewal projects as part as the annual CoC NOFO competition. Applicants applying for more than one new project will need to submit separate applications for each project.

**RFP ISSUE DATE: July 17, 2023**  
**PROPOSAL DEADLINE: 5:00pm, August 18, 2023**

ESTIMATED FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH COC ANNUAL NOFO: PENDING RELEASE OF HUD ANNOUNCEMENT

**All TX601 CoC Local Competition application components for CoC Program funding for all projects are due on August 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM.**

Before submission of renewal or new projects for the FY2023 CoC Competition, TCHC recommends reviewing the CoC NOFO in its entirety, as well as the competition timeline and Local RFP.

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### Timeline: 2023 CoC Program Competition

COC NOFA FY23 TIMELINE

#### Notices and Documents: 2022 CoC Competition

No.	Date	Description	Deadline
CoC-23-001	07/10/2023	<a href="#">HUD Guidance and Notices</a> FY23 NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY COC AND YHDP CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM COMPETITION COC AND ESG VIRTUAL BINDERS	N.A.
CoC-23-002	07/10/2023	<a href="#">E-SNAPS ASSISTANCE</a> <i>On the website, the following sections provide the most appropriate assistance:            Submitting Applications for Project Funding, How To: Technical Guides, Special Topics</i>	N.A.
CoC-23-003	07/10/2023	<a href="#">TX-601 Competition Policies</a> FY23 RANKING POLICY REALLOCATION POLICY	N.A.
CoC-23-004	07/10/2023	<a href="#">2023 Baseline Statistics and Data</a> 2023 GRANT INVENTORY WORKSHEET 2023 POINT IN TIME 2023 HOUSING INVENTORY CHART 2023 HDX COMPETITION REPORT	N.A.

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CoC-23-005	07/17/2023	<b>2023 Competition Progression and Updates</b> FY23 TX 601 LOCAL RFP	08/18/23
CoC-23-006	07/17/2023	FY 2023 COC NOFA BRIEFING RECORDING	N.A.

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# Fort Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County Continuum of Care TX-601 FY2023 CoC Program Local Competition Scoring Tool

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# 1. Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for each Project

## Renewal Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Each Project: Renewal Projects									
FY23 Renewal Projects Scored Using Performance Scorecard									
Program	Agency	Project Type	2023 GIW Amount (& Project Requested Amount)	Amount Awarded in Tier 1	Amount Awarded in Tier 2	Maximum Points Available	Actual Points Awarded	FY23 Weighted Total Score	Submitted Racial And LGBTQ Equity Policies?
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH	CitySquare	Joint TH/RRH	\$120,503	\$120,503	N/A	130	105	61%	Yes
Housing SPC	Tarrant County	PSH	\$98,460	\$98,460	N/A	140	110	84%	Yes
SafeTomorrows	Tarrant County	PSH	\$144,192	\$144,192	N/A	140	110	84%	Yes
SPC 1 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$1,928,338	\$1,928,338	N/A	140	105	77%	Yes
SPC 2 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$1,499,039	\$1,499,039	N/A	140	100	74%	Yes
Change 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$209,227	\$209,227	N/A	140	95	70%	Yes
TSA SIMON PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	\$646,211	\$646,211	N/A	140	90	66%	Yes
SPC 6 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$227,711	\$227,711	N/A	140	95	65%	Yes
Housing Solutions Combined	Presbyterian Night Shelter	PSH	\$1,865,404	\$1,865,404	N/A	140	90	62%	Yes
TBLA 17 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	\$208,991	\$208,991	N/A	140	90	62%	Yes
Salvation Army Veterans PSH Program	Tarrant County	PSH	\$438,458	\$438,458	N/A	140	90	62%	Yes
Quail Trail	Day Resource Center for the Homeless	PSH	\$496,301	\$496,301	N/A	140	95	60%	Yes
TBLA 13 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	\$172,493	\$172,493	N/A	140	85	58%	Yes
AHA SPC FY2022	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	PSH	\$403,819	\$403,819	N/A	140	75	56%	Yes
Project New Start Renewal FY22	Recovery Resource Council	PSH	\$860,358	\$860,358	N/A	140	70	55%	Yes
Samaritan House Grace Village	Tarrant County	PSH	\$119,781	\$119,781	N/A	140	85	54%	Yes
Gateway to Housing FY22	MHMR of Tarrant County	PSH	\$406,044	\$308,592	\$97,452	140	95	68%	Yes
TSA Housing First PSH Combined	Tarrant County	PSH	\$729,944	N/A	\$548,428	140	75	46%	Yes
HFOL RRH 2022	Hearts Full of Love	RRH	\$280,365	\$280,365	N/A	140	120	96%	Yes
SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY 2022	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	RRH	\$512,107	\$512,107	N/A	150	140	*96%	Yes
CTL Rapid Rehousing Renewal of 2108	Center for Transforming Lives	RRH	\$840,918	\$840,918	N/A	140	100	83%	Yes
AHA ANFP FY22	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	\$54,384	\$54,384	N/A	140	100	82%	Yes
TBLA 114 Tarrant County	Tarrant County	RRH	\$1,288,838	\$1,288,838	N/A	150	110	80%	Yes
CTL 3CP	Tarrant County	RRH	\$380,433	\$380,433	N/A	140	110	73%	Yes
AHA RRH FY22	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	\$285,035	N/A	\$285,035	140	70	53%	Yes
FY2021 Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven	Presbyterian Night Shelter	SH	\$184,526	\$184,526	N/A	140	90	57%	Yes
FY23 Renewal Projects Not Scored Using Scorecard (But Ranked in Local CoC Competition)									
Seasons of Change, Incorporated	Seasons of Change, Inc - The Community Changers Project	Joint TH & PH-RRH (YHDP)	\$659,156	\$659,156	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH Expansion	CitySquare	Joint TH & PH-RRH (YHDP)	\$141,744	\$141,744	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Youth RRH Program	Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.	PH (YHDP)	\$327,062	\$327,062	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
OnTRAC Tarrant PSH	CitySquare	PH (YHDP)	\$170,676	\$170,676	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
RISE Excel Rapid Rehousing Initiative	Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering	PH (YHDP)	\$310,543	\$310,543	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Dune's LGBT Homeless Solution - CTH	Dunes LGBT Homeless Solutions Foundation	TH (YHDP)	\$472,731	\$472,731	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
CoC Coordinated Entry System FY22	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	\$491,048	\$491,048	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Optimizing CE for DV Clients FY22	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	\$68,392	\$68,392	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
CoC HMIS FY22	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	HMIS	\$370,122	\$370,122	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

Renewal projects are scored based on a Renewal Project Scorecard, which was adopted by the TX-601 Board of Directors. The scorecard reflects the HUD System Performance Measures, HUD Policy Priorities, and local priorities and comprises 100% of the total renewal project score. Scorecard criteria include project performance based on system performance measures, HMIS data quality, coordinated entry metrics, and grants management/spend down rate.

## New Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Each Project: New Projects									
Program	Agency	Project Type	Project Requested Amount	Amount Awarded in Tier 1	Amount Awarded in Tier 2	Maximum Points Available	Actual Points Awarded	FY23 Total Score	Submitted Racial And LGBTQ Equity Policies?
Sam House PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	\$296,036	\$0	\$296,036	115	95	83%	Yes
Seasons of Change CCP 2.0	Seasons of Change, INC.	RRH	\$927,924	\$0	\$0	115	93	81%	Yes
AGIF-NVOP FY 2024 Permanent Supportive Housing	American GI Forum National Veterans Outreach Program	PSH	\$386,372	\$0	\$0	115	93	81%	Yes
Grace Village Expansion	Tarrant County	PSH	\$128,255	\$0	\$0	115	94	82%	Yes
TSA Match	Tarrant County	PSH	\$398,092	\$0	\$0	115	100	87%	Yes

New Projects were required to answer over 20 narrative questions, which were scored by reviewers across 13 scoring categories, including: General Description and Organization Experience, Unsheltered and People with Barriers, Leveraging Housing Resources, Leveraging Healthcare Resources, Supportive Services, System Performance Measures, Timeline Description, Income, Work with Mainstream Employment Organizations, Educational Access/Services, Racial Equity/LGBTQ, Housing First / Low Barrier.



## 2. Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Objective Criteria

### Renewal Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Objectives: Renewal Projects									
FY23 Renewal Projects Scored Using Performance Scorecard									
Program	Agency	Project Type	2023 GIW Amount (& Project Requested Amount)	Amount Awarded in Tier 1	Amount Awarded in Tier 2	Maximum Points Available for Objective Criteria	Actual Points Awarded for Objective Criteria	FY23 Weighted Total Score	Submitted Racial And LGBTQ Equity Policies?
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH	CitySquare	Joint TH/RRH	\$120,503	\$120,503	N/A	130	105	61%	Yes
Housing SPC	Tarrant County	PSH	\$98,460	\$98,460	N/A	140	110	84%	Yes
SafeTomorrows	Tarrant County	PSH	\$144,192	\$144,192	N/A	140	110	84%	Yes
SPC 1 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$1,928,338	\$1,928,338	N/A	140	105	77%	Yes
SPC 2 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$1,499,039	\$1,499,039	N/A	140	100	74%	Yes
Change 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$209,227	\$209,227	N/A	140	95	70%	Yes
TSA SIMON PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	\$646,211	\$646,211	N/A	140	90	66%	Yes
SPC 6 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$227,711	\$227,711	N/A	140	95	65%	Yes
Housing Solutions Combined	Presbyterian Night Shelter	PSH	\$1,865,404	\$1,865,404	N/A	140	90	62%	Yes
TBLA 17 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	\$208,991	\$208,991	N/A	140	90	62%	Yes
Salvation Army Veterans PSH Program	Tarrant County	PSH	\$438,458	\$438,458	N/A	140	90	62%	Yes
Quail Trail	Day Resource Center for the Homeless	PSH	\$496,301	\$496,301	N/A	140	95	60%	Yes
TBLA 13 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	\$172,493	\$172,493	N/A	140	85	58%	Yes
AHA SPC FY2022	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	PSH	\$403,819	\$403,819	N/A	140	75	56%	Yes
Project New Start Renewal FY22	Recovery Resource Council	PSH	\$860,358	\$860,358	N/A	140	70	55%	Yes
Samaritan House Grace Village	Tarrant County	PSH	\$119,781	\$119,781	N/A	140	85	54%	Yes
Gateway to Housing FY22	MHMR of Tarrant County	PSH	\$406,044	\$308,592	\$97,452	140	95	68%	Yes
TSA Housing First PSH Combined	Tarrant County	PSH	\$729,944	N/A	\$548,428	140	75	46%	Yes
HFOL RRH 2022	Hearts Full of Love	RRH	\$280,365	\$280,365	N/A	140	120	96%	Yes
SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY 2022	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	RRH	\$512,107	\$512,107	N/A	150	140	*96%	Yes
CTL Rapid Rehousing Renewal of 2108	Center for Transforming Lives	RRH	\$840,918	\$840,918	N/A	140	100	83%	Yes
AHA ANFP FY22	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	\$54,384	\$54,384	N/A	140	100	82%	Yes
TBLA 114 Tarrant County	Tarrant County	RRH	\$1,288,838	\$1,288,838	N/A	150	110	80%	Yes
CTL 3CP	Tarrant County	RRH	\$380,433	\$380,433	N/A	140	110	73%	Yes
AHA RRH FY22	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	\$285,035	N/A	\$285,035	140	70	53%	Yes
FY2021 Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven	Presbyterian Night Shelter	SH	\$184,526	\$184,526	N/A	140	90	57%	Yes
FY23 Renewal Projects Not Scored Using Scorecard (But Ranked in Local CoC Competition)									
Seasons of Change, Inc - Incorporated	Seasons of Change, Inc - The Community Changers Project	Joint TH & PH-RRH (YHDP)	\$659,156	\$659,156	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH Expansion	CitySquare	Joint TH & PH-RRH (YHDP)	\$141,744	\$141,744	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Youth RRH Program	Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.	PH (YHDP)	\$327,062	\$327,062	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
OnTRAC Tarrant PSH	CitySquare	PH (YHDP)	\$170,676	\$170,676	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
RISE Excel Rapid Rehousing Initiative	Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering	PH (YHDP)	\$310,543	\$310,543	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Dune's LGBT Homeless Solution - CTH	Dunes LGBT Homeless Solutions Foundation	TH (YHDP)	\$472,731	\$472,731	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
CoC Coordinated Entry System FY22	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	\$491,048	\$491,048	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Optimizing CE for DV Clients FY22	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	\$68,392	\$68,392	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
CoC HMIS FY22	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	HMIS	\$370,122	\$370,122	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

Renewal scorecard is 100% based on objective criteria, including project performance based on system performance measures, HMIS data quality, coordinated entry metrics, and grants management/spend down rate.

## New Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Objective Criteria: New Projects									
Program	Agency	Project Type	Project Requested Amount	Amount Awarded in Tier 1	Amount Awarded in Tier 2	Maximum Points Available	Actual Points Awarded	FY23 Total Score	Submitted Racial And LGBTQ Equity Policies?
Sam House PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	\$296,036	\$0	\$296,036	75	57	76%	Yes
Seasons of Change CCP 2.0	Seasons of Change, INC.	RRH	\$927,924	\$0	\$0	75	56	75%	Yes
AGIF-NVOP FY 2024 Permanent Supportive Housing	American GI Forum National Veterans Outreach Program	PSH	\$386,372	\$0	\$0	75	62	83%	Yes
Grace Village Expansion	Tarrant County	PSH	\$128,255	\$0	\$0	75	56	75%	Yes
TSA Match	Tarrant County	PSH	\$398,092	\$0	\$0	75	63	84%	Yes

New Projects were required to answer over 20 narrative questions, which were scored by reviewers across 13 scoring categories. The following 6 scoring categories are based on objective criteria:

Objective Criteria: New Projects	
Scoring Category #	Name
1	General Description and Organization Experience (Program Type, # and Type of Units, Population Served)
2	Special Populations Served
3	Leveraging Housing Resources
4	Leveraging Healthcare Resources
7	Timeline Description
12	Is program low barrier and does it meet housing first requirements?

### 3. Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for System Performance Criteria

#### Renewal Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for System Performance Criteria : Renewal Projects					
FY23 Renewal Projects Scored Using Performance Scorecard					
Program	Agency	Project Type	Maximum Points Available for System Performance Criteria	Actual Points Awarded for System Performance Criteria	FY23 System Performance Criteria Score (Weighted 50% of Total Scorecard Score)
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH	CitySquare	Joint TH/RRH	40	25	63%
Housing SPC	Tarrant County	PSH	40	30	75%
SafeTomorrows	Tarrant County	PSH	40	30	75%
SPC 1 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	40	25	63%
SPC 2 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	40	25	63%
Change 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	40	25	63%
TSA SIMON PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	40	25	63%
SPC 6 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	40	15	36%
Housing Solutions Combined	Presbyterian Night Shelter	PSH	40	15	36%
TBLA 17 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	40	15	36%
Salvation Army Veterans PSH Program	Tarrant County	PSH	40	15	36%
Quail Trail	Day Resource Center for the Homeless	PSH	40	15	36%
TBLA 13 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	40	15	36%
AHA SPC FY2022	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	PSH	40	15	36%
Project New Start Renewal FY22	Recovery Resource Council	PSH	40	25	63%
Samaritan House Grace Village	Tarrant County	PSH	40	10	25%
Gateway to Housing FY22	MHMR of Tarrant County	PSH	40	30	75%
TSA Housing First PSH Combined	Tarrant County	PSH	40	10	25%
HFOL RRH 2022	Hearts Full of Love	RRH	40	40	100%
SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY 2022	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	RRH	50	50	100%
CTL Rapid Rehousing Renewal of 2108	Center for Transforming Lives	RRH	40	30	75%
AHA ANFP FY22	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	40	30	75%
TBLA 114 Tarrant County	Tarrant County	RRH	50	35	70%
CTL 3CP	Tarrant County	RRH	40	25	63%
AHA RRH FY22	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	40	10	25%
FY2021 Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven	Presbyterian Night Shelter	SH	40	10	25%
FY23 Renewal Projects Not Scored Using Scorecard (But Ranked in Local CoC Competition)					
Seasons of Change, Incorporated	Seasons of Change, Inc - The Community Changers Project	Joint TH & PH-RRH (YHDP)	N/A	N/A	N/A
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH Expansion	CitySquare	Joint TH & PH-RRH (YHDP)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Youth RRH Program	Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.	PH (YHDP)	N/A	N/A	N/A
OnTRAC Tarrant PSH	CitySquare	PH (YHDP)	N/A	N/A	N/A
RISE Excel Rapid Rehousing Initiative	Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering	PH (YHDP)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dune's LGBT Homeless Solution - CTH	Dunes LGBT Homeless Solutions Foundation	TH (YHDP)	N/A	N/A	N/A
CoC Coordinated Entry System FY22	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	N/A	N/A	N/A
Optimizing CE for DV Clients FY22	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	N/A	N/A	N/A
CoC HMIS FY22	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	HMIS	N/A	N/A	N/A

Renewal Project Scorecards include the following System Performance Criteria: Quarterly Occupancy Utilization Rate, Percentage of Chronically Homeless Households Served, Percentage of Participants who Remained in Housing or Exited to Permanent Housing, Average Length of Stay of Program Leavers, Percentage of Adults at Exit or Annual Assessment who Gained or Increased Employment Income, Percentage of Adults at Exit or Annual Assessment who Gained or Increased Non-Employment Cash Income, Returns to Homelessness.

Discrepancies in total points available are based on unique project factors, such as a project not having anyone exit 2 years ago, making their returns to homelessness “N/A.”

## New Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded System Performance Criteria: New Projects									
Program	Agency	Project Type	Project Requested Amount	Amount Awarded in Tier 1	Amount Awarded in Tier 2	Maximum Points Available for System Performance Criteria	Actual Points Awarded for System Performance Criteria	FY23 Total Score for System Performance Criteria	Submitted Racial And LGBTQ Equity Policies?
Sam House PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	\$296,036	\$0	\$296,036	55	53	96%	Yes
Seasons of Change CCP 2.0	Seasons of Change, INC.	RRH	\$927,924	\$0	\$0	55	49	89%	Yes
AGIF-NVOP FY 2024 Permanent Supportive Housing	American GI Forum National Veterans Outreach Program	PSH	\$386,372	\$0	\$0	55	42	76%	Yes
Grace Village Expansion	Tarrant County	PSH	\$128,255	\$0	\$0	55	53	96%	Yes
TSA Match	Tarrant County	PSH	\$398,092	\$0	\$0	55	52	95%	Yes

New Projects were required to answer over 20 narrative questions, which were scored by reviewers across 13 scoring categories. The following 5 scoring categories are based on system performance criteria:

System Performance Criteria: New programs	
Scoring Category #	Name
1	General Description (Score based on whether program meets performance objectives in application)
5	Supportive Services (Score based on how program helps participants obtain permanent housing, remain in in permanent housing or exit to a stable permanent situation, and access mainstream employment and nonemployment benefits)
6	System Performance Measures (Score based on program's strategies to contribute to CoC's system performance measures)
8	Income (Score based on how agency provides information to staff and clients about mainstream benefits)
9	Work with Mainstream Employment Organizations (Score based on how program helps clients increase cash income)

# 4. Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Projects Addressing Severe Barriers to Housing and Services

## Renewal Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Projects Addressing Severe Barriers to Housing and Services: Renewal Projects							
FY23 Renewal Projects Scored Using Performance Scorecard							
Program	Agency	Project Type	Project Serves Specific Subpopulation with Severe Barriers?	Maximum Points Available	Actual Points Awarded	FY23 Weighted Total Score	Submitted Racial And LGBTQ Equity Policies?
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH	CitySquare	Joint TH/RRH	Youth (under 25); Former Foster Youth	130	105	61%	Yes
Housing SPC	Tarrant County	PSH	Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless	140	110	84%	Yes
SafeTomorrows	Tarrant County	PSH	Domestic Violence; Chronic Homeless	140	110	84%	Yes
SPC 1 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	Chronic Homeless, Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Mentally Ill	140	105	77%	Yes
SPC 2 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	Chronically Homeless (Not Veterans), Veterans (Not Chronically Homeless), Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Mentally Ill, Domestic Violence	140	100	74%	Yes
Change 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless (Not Veterans), Veterans (Not Chronically Homeless), Domestic Violence	140	95	70%	Yes
TSA SIMON PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless	140	90	66%	Yes
SPC 6 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	Chronically Homeless (Not Veterans), HIV/AIDS, Mental Illness, Domestic Violence	140	95	65%	Yes
Housing Solutions Combined	Presbyterian Night Shelter	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; HIV/AIDS; Chronic Homeless; Domestic Violence; Physical Disability	140	90	62%	Yes
TBLA 17 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness	140	90	62%	Yes
Salvation Army Veterans PSH Program	Tarrant County	PSH	Veterans; Chronic Homeless	140	90	62%	Yes
Quail Trail	Day Resource Center for the Homeless	PSH	N/A	140	95	60%	Yes
TBLA 13 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	Mental Illness	140	85	58%	Yes
AHA SPC FY2022	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	PSH	Chronic Homeless (Not Veterans)	140	75	56%	Yes
Project New Start Renewal FY22	Recovery Resource Council	PSH	Chronic Homeless (Not Veterans)	140	70	55%	Yes
Samaritan House Grace Village	Tarrant County	PSH	Families with Children; Chronic Homeless	140	85	54%	Yes
Gateway to Housing FY22	MHMR of Tarrant County	PSH	Veterans; Families with Children; Domestic Violence; Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless	140	95	68%	Yes
TSA Housing First PSH Combined	Tarrant County	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless; Chronic Physical Disabilities	140	75	46%	Yes
HFOL RRH 2022	Hearts Full of Love	RRH	Families with and without Children	140	120	96%	Yes
SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY 2022	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	RRH	Domestic Violence	150	140	*96%	Yes
CTL Rapid Rehousing Renewal of 2108	Center for Transforming Lives	RRH	Families with Children	140%	100	83%	Yes
AHA ANFP FY22	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	First time mothers who are pregnant at time of program admission or have children under the age of 2.	140	100	82%	Yes
TBLA 114 Tarrant County	Tarrant County	RRH	Youth (under 25); Families with Children; Domestic Violence	150	110	80%	Yes
CTL 3CP	Tarrant County	RRH	Families with Children; Domestic Violence	140	110	73%	Yes
AHA RRH FY22	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	HIV/AIDS, Severely Mentally Ill, Domestic Violence, Physical Disability	140	70	53%	Yes
FY2021 Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven	Presbyterian Night Shelter	SH	Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless, Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Physical Disability, Domestic Violence	140	90	57%	Yes
FY23 Renewal Projects Not Scored Using Scorecard (But Ranked in Local CoC Competition)							
Seasons of Change, Incorporated	Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering	Joint TH & PH-RRH (YHDP)	Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH Expansion	CitySquare	Joint TH & PH-RRH (YHDP)	Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Youth RRH Program	Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.	PH (YHDP)	Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
OnTRAC Tarrant PSH	CitySquare	PH (YHDP)	Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
RISE Excel Rapid Rehousing Initiative	Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering	PH (YHDP)	Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Dune's LGBT Homeless Solution - CTH	Dunes LGBT Homeless Solutions Foundation	TH (YHDP)	Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
CoC Coordinated Entry System FY22	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Optimizing CE for DV Clients FY22	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	Domestic Violence	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
CoC HMIS FY22	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	HMIS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

The renewal project scorecard includes information about if the project will serve a special population with severe barriers to housing and services. The Ranking Workgroup takes this information into consideration when ranking renewal projects and making funding decisions.

## New Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Projects Addressing Severe Barriers to Housing and Services: New Projects									
Program	Agency	Project Type	Project Requested Amount	Amount Awarded in Tier 1	Amount Awarded in Tier 2	Maximum Points Available for Addressing Specific Severe Barriers to Housing and Services	Actual Points Awarded for Addressing Specific Severe Barriers to Housing and Services	FY23 Total Score for Addressing Specific Severe Barriers to Housing and Services	Submitted Racial And LGBTQ Equity Policies?
Sam House PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	\$296,036	\$0	\$296,036	33	29	88%	Yes
Seasons of Change CCP 2.0	Seasons of Change, INC.	RRH	\$927,924	\$0	\$0	33	27	82%	Yes
AGIF-NVOP FY 2024 Permanent Supportive Housing	American GI Forum National Veterans Outreach Program	PSH	\$386,372	\$0	\$0	33	29	88%	Yes
Grace Village Expansion	Tarrant County	PSH	\$128,255	\$0	\$0	33	29	88%	Yes
TSA Match	Tarrant County	PSH	\$398,092	\$0	\$0	33	26	79%	Yes

New Projects were required to answer over 20 narrative questions, which were scored by reviewers across 13 scoring categories. The following 3 scoring categories are based on whether the project addresses specific severe barriers to housing and services:

System Performance Criteria: New programs	
Scoring Category #	Name
2	Special Populations Served (project can select from unsheltered, physical disabilities, mental illness, substance abuse disorders, criminal histories, charged with sexual offence)
11	Racial Equity/LGBTQ (How will project identify and eliminate barriers faced by persons of different races and ethnicities; How will project provide safe access for LGBTQ population)
12	Housing First/Low Barrier (Will project screen clients out for any reason?; Will project ensure that participants are not terminated due to not participating in supportive services, not making progress on a service plan, not improving income, etc.)

## 5. Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Projects Submitted By Victim Service Providers Using Data from Comparable Databases

### Renewal Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Projects Addressing Severe Barriers to Housing and Services: Renewal Projects							
FY23 Renewal Projects Scored Using Performance Scorecard							
Program	Agency	Project Type	Project Serves Specific Subpopulation with Severe Barriers?	Maximum Points Available	Actual Points Awarded	FY23 Weighted Total Score	Submitted Racial And LGBTQ Equity Policies?
SafeTomorrows	Tarrant County	PSH	Domestic Violence; Chronic Homeless	140	110	84%	Yes
SPC 2 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	Chronically Homeless (Not Veterans), Veterans (Not Chronically Homeless), Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Mentally Ill, Domestic Violence,	140	100	74%	Yes
Change 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless (Not Veterans), Veterans (Not Chronically Homeless), Domestic Violence	140	95	70%	Yes
TSA SIMON PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless	140	90	66%	Yes
SPC 6 2022-2023	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	Chronically Homeless (Not Veterans), HIV/AIDS, Mental Illness, Domestic Violence,	140	95	65%	Yes
Housing Solutions Combined	Presbyterian Night Shelter	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; HIV/AIDS; Chronic Homeless; Domestic Violence: Physical Disability	140	90	62%	Yes
Gateway to Housing FY22	MHMR of Tarrant County	PSH	Veterans; Families with Children; Domestic Violence; Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless	140	95	68%	Yes
SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY 2022	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	RRH	Domestic Violence	150	140	*96%	Yes
TBLA 114 Tarrant County	Tarrant County	RRH	Youth (under 25); Families with Children; Domestic Violence	150	110	80%	Yes
CTL 3CP	Tarrant County	RRH	Families with Children; Domestic Violence	140	110	73%	Yes
AHA RRH FY22	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	HIV/AIDS, Severely Mentally Ill, Domestic Violence, Physical Disability,	140	70	53%	Yes
FY2021 Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven	Presbyterian Night Shelter	SH	Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless, Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Physical Disability, Domestic Violence	140	90	57%	Yes
FY23 Renewal Projects Not Scored Using Scorecard (But Ranked in Local CoC Competition)							
Optimizing CE for DV Clients FY22	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	Domestic Violence	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

Renewal projects submitted by victim service providers are scored on the same scorecard metrics as non-victim service provider renewal projects. Victim service providers are required to complete and submit Annual Performance Report data (de-identified) for the scorecard timeframe. With this additional data from victim service providers, TCHC staff has all information needed to complete every metric of the renewal scorecard.

### New Projects

No new projects were submitted by victim service providers in the FY2023 annual CoC Competition.



# Fort Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County Continuum of Care TX-601 FY2023 CoC Program Scored Forms for One Project

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# SPC 1 Project Scorecard

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## Report Summary

<b>Recipient</b>	CITY OF F	<b>Project Component Type</b>	PH - Permanent Supportive Housing
<b>Subrecipient</b>	N/A	<b>Reporting Period</b>	Apr 1, 2022 - Mar 31, 2023
<b>Project Name</b>	SPC 1	<b>Scorecard Status</b>	Pre-filled
<b>CoC Funding Year</b>	NOFO FY	<b>Full Grant Term</b>	06/01/202
<b>Expansion Year?</b>	?	<b>Project Less Than 2 Years Old?</b>	?
<b>Exclusively Serve a Special Population?</b>	CH Vetera	<b>Geographic Location</b>	TX601

## Total Project Score

Total Project Score = Project Performance Percentage Achieved + HMIS Data Quality Percentage Achieved + Coordinated Entry Participation Percentage Achieved + Grant Management & Financials Percentage Achieved	Scoring Category	Total Points Achieved	Total Points Available	Category Weight	Percentage Achieved
	<b>Project Performance</b>	25	<b>40</b>	<b>50%</b>	31%
	<b>HMIS Data Quality</b>	30	<b>30</b>	<b>20%</b>	20%
	<b>Coordinated Entry Participation</b>	20	<b>20</b>	<b>20%</b>	20%
	<b>Grant Management &amp; Financials</b>	30	<b>50</b>	<b>10%</b>	6%
	<b>Total Score</b>				77%

## Project Performance 50%

Achieving project outcomes provides a benchmark for how well projects help to end homelessness. Assessing & monitoring project outcomes is necessary to understand a project's rate of success and contribution to CoC-wide performance goals.

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information		Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
Quarterly Occupancy Utilization Rate	Household utilization rates demonstrate that the CoC is fully utilizing its inventory. <a href="#">APR Q8b</a> & Application	January Total (Q8b, Row 1, Column 1)	132	87		
		April Total (Q8b, Row 2, Column 1)	139			
		July Total (Q8b, Row 3, Column 1)	137			
		October Total (Q8b, Row 4, Column 1)	132			
		Adjusted Total from 2017 Project Application (Auto Calculates)	135			
		Proposed number of households served				
Percentage of participants who remained in PSH or exited to permanent housing	Successful housing outcomes are one of the most important measures of project success. <a href="#">APR Q23c</a>	Total Number of Persons Served (Q05a, Row 1)	218	98	PSH: >= 98% RRH: >= 95%	Points: 5 PSH: 90-97% RRH: 90% - 94%
		Total Persons exiting to positive destinations (Q23c, 3rd row from bottom)	22			

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information		Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
		Total Exits (Q23c, 4th row from bottom)	31		Points: 0 PSH: <= 89% RRH: <= 89%	
		Total persons whose destinations excluded them from the calculation (Q23c, 2nd row from bottom)	4			
		Unsuccessful exits (Auto Calculated)	5			
Average length of stay of program leavers	Length of Stay is measured to determine if clients are moving through the programs in an appropriate length of time and are efficiently moving towards a permanent and stable home. It also assists community system modeling efforts.  <a href="#">APR Q22b</a>	N/A (RRH Only)		92 months	Points: 10 RRH: >=3-18 months  Points: 5 RRH: 19-24 months  Points: 0 RRH: >=25 / <=2 months	N/A (RRH Only)
Percentage of adults at exit or annual assessment who gained or increased employment income	Improving household access to financial resources is crucial to reducing vulnerability to homelessness. Increase in income is measured in the			8	Points: 10 PSH: >= 15% RRH: >= 56%	0

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information	Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
	<p>NOFA &amp; System Performance Measures</p> <p><a href="#">APR Q19a1, Q19a2</a></p>			<p>Points: 5 PSH: 9% - 14% RRH: 50% - 55%</p> <p>Points: 0 PSH: &lt;= 8% RRH: &lt;= 49%</p>	
Percentage of adults at exit or annual assessment who gained or increased non-employment cash income	<p>Improving a household's access to financial resources is crucial to reducing vulnerability to homelessness. Increase in income is measured through the NOFA &amp; System Performance Measures.</p> <p><a href="#">APR Q19a1, Q19a2</a></p>		65	<p>Points: 10 PSH: &gt;= 61% RRH: &gt;= 21%</p> <p>Points: 5 PSH: 55 - 60% RRH: 15% - 20%</p> <p>Points: 0 PSH: &lt;= 54% RRH: &lt;= 14%</p>	10
Returns to Homelessness	<p>Reducing returns to homelessness is one of the most important measures of program success and is HUD System Performance Measure 2a.</p> <p><a href="#">SPM Measure 2</a></p>		Blank	<p>Points: 10 &lt;= 5%</p> <p>Points: 5 6% - 15%</p>	N/A

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information	Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
				Points: 0 >= 16%	

## HMIS Data Quality 20%

HMIS participation and data quality are priorities for TX-601 & HUD. Accurate, complete & timely data is crucial to determine how projects are contributing to ending homelessness. High quality data is key to understanding what projects are doing and how the CoC & HUD can make informed decisions about the project.

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information	Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
Personal Identifying Information Error Rate	To achieve accurate data collection and to satisfy HUD HMIS data requirements, projects must ensure that data entered into the local HMIS system is complete. HUD Data Quality Report; <a href="#">APR Q6a, Q6b, Q6c</a>		0	Points: 10 0% - 1%	10
Universal Data Elements Error Rate			0	Points: 5 2% - 5%	10
Income and Housing Data Quality			0	Points: 0 >= 6%	10

## Coordinated Entry System Participation 20%

24 CFR 578.(a)(8) states that CoCs must establish and operate a Coordinated Entry System to allocate assistance as effectively as possible, prioritizing services to those that need it the most.

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information	Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
Time to Lease Up	TX-601 established Community-wide performance expectations in 2016 and identified that well-functioning Housing Crisis Response System moves households from homelessness to permanent housing in less than 30 days.  <a href="#">APR Q22c</a>	Average Time to Lease Up	0	Points: 10 ≤60 Days Points: 5 61 - 75 Days	10

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information	Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
				Points: 0 ≥76 Days	
Accepted Referrals	TX-601 established Community-wide performance expectations in 2016 to allocate assistance as effectively as possible, prioritizing services to those that need it the most.	Number of CES Referrals	0	Points: 10 ≥0%	10
		Number of Accepted Referrals			

## Grant Management & Financials 10%

Projects must demonstrate understanding of compliance with federal & local regulations of project operations.

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information	Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
Projected Project Spend Down	Ensure the program is on track to spend down all project funds by the end of its current grant term. For sub-contracted programs, subtract one month for the "number of months since start of grant term" to allow for the HUD billing delay in sub-contracted programs.  Agency Self-Report and eLOCCS data	Funds expended to date, as reflected in eLOCCS	23	Points: 10 (+/-) 0 - 10%	0
		Total Grant Amount Awarded		Points: 5 (+/-) 11 - 15%	
		Number of months since start of grant term to present		Points: 0 (+/-) 16% +	
Cost Efficiency	It is important to HUD that programs demonstrate cost efficiency - the annual cost to retain or move someone into permanent housing. For projects that had an	Actual Expenditures in eLOCCS	4170	Points: 10 PSH ≤\$8,999 RRH ≤\$2,499	10
		Number of participants who exited to or		209	

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information		Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
	expansion, this question is marked N/A. Project Application & APR Data	remained in permanent supportive housing during the reporting period			\$9,000 - 11,000 RRH \$2,500 - 4,500 Points: 0 PSH >=\$11,001 RRH >=\$4,501	
Percentage of total grant funds that were recaptured in the most recent grant closeout	It is important to HUD that programs show agency capacity to spend funds allocated in a timely manner and in full and allows for potential fund reallocation of unspent funds during the HUD CoC Competition. APR Data	Total Grant Award		22	Points: 10 0-2%	0
		Total Spent			Points: 5 3-5%	
		Unspent Amount	404949		Points: 0 >=6%	
PIT Count Participation	The measure indicates if agency is participating in CoC-related activities PIT Registration or PIT Data				Points: 10 Yes Points: 0 No	10
CoC General Meeting Attendance	To support collaboration between agencies and knowledge of local resources at the CoC will provides CoC wide meetings with varying topics related to homelessness and housing services. The measure indicates agency participation. TCHC Sign-In Sheets	Number of Meetings		88	Points: 10 >= 75%	10
		Number Attended			Points: 5 50 - 74%	
					Points: 0 <= 49%	



## Review Only:

Unscored measures that provide insight into community performance. May be scored in future competitions.

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information	Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
Site Monitoring	<p>HUD requires that projects meet threshold requirements throughout the life cycle of the project.</p> <p>TCHC Monitoring Reports</p>			<p>Points: 10 No Findings</p> <p>Points: 5 Findings but Resolved</p> <p>Points: 0 Findings with No Resolution</p>	0
CES Rejected Referrals	<p>TX-601 established Community-wide performance expectations in 2016 to allocate assistance as effectively as possible, prioritizing services to those that need it the most. Projects are allowed to reject up to 10% of CES referrals for reasons stated in the CES Operation Manual.</p>	<p>Number of CES Referrals</p> <p>Number of Accepted Referrals</p>		<p>Points: 10 ≤ 10%</p> <p>Points: 0 ≥ 11%</p>	
VI-SPDAT		<p>Number of clients enrolled</p> <p>Number of clients with VI-SPDATs</p> <p>Average VI-SPDAT score</p>	<p>218</p> <p>34</p> <p>Blank</p>		

## Agency Response Section

In the boxes below, please respond to the following questions (if applicable). These responses will be reviewed by the Allocations Committee.

1) For scored elements that received 0 or 5 points, please explain how your agency plans to improve the performance over time.

*Blank*

2) If your grant recaptured more than 10%, please explain how you intend to spend project funds in the coming year OR if you plan to voluntarily reallocate the excess budget.

*Blank*

The following areas are evaluated as part of the renewal project evaluation process.

Scorecard Category Weight	
Project Performance	50%
HMIS Data Quality	20%
Coordinated Entry Participation	20%
Grant Management & Financials	10%
Total Score	100%

**Project Performance:**

1. Quarterly Occupancy Utilization Rate
  - a) Purpose: Indicates efficient use of community resources. High occupancy indicates system efficiency and community demand for services. Project occupancy data is reported to HUD three times a year via the Housing Inventory Chart (HIC), the Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA), and the Annual Performance Report (APR).
2. Percentage of participants who remained in PSH or exited to permanent housing
  - a) Purpose: Indicates project success in ending homelessness by measuring the number of participants with a permanent destination at project exit and those who remained in a permanent supportive housing project compared to the total number of participants active in the project during the measured year.
3. Average length of stay of participants (RRH projects only)
  - a) Purpose: Indicates the efficiency of the program and self-sufficiency of participants.
4. Percentage of adults at exit or annual assessment who gained or increased employment income
  - a) Purpose: Indicates that the project is assisting households to increase self-sufficiency and stabilize housing by retaining or gaining employment income.
5. Percentage of adults at exit or annual assessment who gained or increased non-employment cash income
  - a) Purpose: Indicates that the project is assisting participants toward self-sufficiency through retaining or increasing income by utilizing all possible resources available to participants.
6. Returns to Homelessness
  - a) Purpose: Indicates the project’s long-term success of participants who successfully exited two years ago.

**HMIS Data Quality:**

7. Personal Identifying Information Error Rate
  - a) Purpose: To achieve accurate data collection and to satisfy HUD HMIS data requirements, projects must ensure that data entered into the local HMIS system is complete.
8. Universal Data Elements Error Rate
  - a) Purpose: To achieve accurate data collection and to satisfy HUD HMIS data requirements, projects must ensure that data entered into the local HMIS system is complete.
9. Income and Housing Data Quality
  - a) Purpose: To achieve accurate data collection and to satisfy HUD HMIS data requirements, projects must ensure that data entered in the local HMIS system is complete.

*Data provided from non-HMIS participating agencies is unable to be processed through the electronic database utilized by HMIS participating agencies. The data is sent in a CSV format and will be reviewed outside of the system for data quality and completeness.*

**Coordinated Entry System Participation:**

10. Time to Lease Up

- a) Purpose: TX-601 set a community-wide goal to house clients within 30 days of project enrollment. This metric will allow TX-601 to measure progress towards reaching this goal.

11. Accepted Referrals

- a) Purpose: TX-601 set a community-wide goal of accepting at least 90% of clients referred from Coordinated Entry (no more than 10% denial rate). This metric will allow TX-601 to measure progress towards reaching this goal.

**Grant Management & Financials:**

12. Projected Project Spend Down

- a) Purpose: Ensure the program is on track to spend down all project funds by the end of its current grant term.

13. Cost Efficiency

- a) Purpose: It is important to HUD that programs demonstrate cost efficiency – the annual cost to retain or move someone into permanent housing

14. Percentage of total grant funds recaptured in the most recent grant closeout

- a) Purpose: It is important to HUD that programs show agency capacity to spend funds allocated in a timely manner and in full and allows for potential fund reallocation of unspent funds during the HUD CoC Competition.

15. 2021 PIT Count Participation

- a) Purpose: Indicates if agency is participating in CoC-related activities.

16. CoC General Meeting Attendance

- a) Purpose: Indicates if agency is participating in CoC-related activities.

**Review Only:**

This section is **not** part of the FY2023 total project score. These are test questions to begin evaluating performance in the specified areas. These questions may be scored during future competitions.

1. Site Monitoring

- a) Purpose: HUD requires that project meet threshold requirements throughout the life cycle of the project.

2. CES Rejected Referrals

- a) Purpose: Ensure all programs are prioritizing services to those that need it most and abiding to fair-housing and anti-discrimination laws.

3. PSH Move On

- a) Purpose: Ensure PSH projects are assisting clients to independent living and effectively utilizing project beds.

# **1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected- Reduced**

1E-5. Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps. NOFO Section V.B.2.g.

## FY23 CoC Competition Results

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Tue 8/29/2023 5:49 PM

Screen evidence that your CoC provided notification no later than September 13, 2023

To:sofchanginc@aol.com <sofchanginc@aol.com>;tharris@seasonsofchangeinc.com <tharris@seasonsofchangeinc.com>

Cc:CoC Planning Department <CoCPlanningDepartment@ahomewithhope.org>

Good afternoon.

Thank you for your application for the TX-601 local competition for the Continuum of Care for FY23.

The reason(s) why our CoC reduced or rejected the project— which could be the project score; and rank order of the project.

The ranking workgroup met on August 25<sup>th</sup> to review and rank project applications. The CoC Board has voted and approved the ranking workgroup's recommendations. The ranking workgroup followed the grading rubric outlined in our local RFP and made decisions based on local CoC priorities. No members of the ranking workgroup receive any CoC funding.

Unfortunately, **Seasons of Change, INC's** application for **Seasons of Change CCP 2.0** will not be included in the funding recommendations to HUD for FY23.

Project name

You can see the projects selected for funding and their rank order on our website at [Funding Opportunities – Tarrant County Homeless Coalition \(ahomewithhope.org\)](#).

We will host a virtual debriefing session on November 3rd, if interested.

Thank you again for your application and all the work you do for our community.

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## FY23 CoC Competition Results

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Unfortunately, **Tarrant County's** application for **TSA Match** will not be included in the funding recommendations to HUD for FY23.

Project name

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Cc:CoC Planning Department <CoCPlanningDepartment@ahomewithhope.org>

Good afternoon.

Thank you for your application for the TX-601 local competition for the Continuum of Care for FY23.

The reason(s) why our CoC reduced or rejected the project— which could be the project score; and rank order of the project.

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Project name

Unfortunately, **American GI Forum National Veterans Outreach Program's** application for **AGIF-NVOP FY 2024** **Permanent Supportive Housing** will not be included in the funding recommendations to HUD for FY23.

Project name

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Good afternoon.

Thank you for your application for the TX-601 local competition for the Continuum of Care for FY23.

The reason(s) why our CoC reduced or rejected the project— which could be the project score; and rank order of the project.

The ranking workgroup met on August 25<sup>th</sup> to review and rank project applications. The CoC Board has voted and approved the ranking workgroup's recommendations. The ranking workgroup followed the grading rubric outlined in our local RFP and made decisions based on local CoC priorities. No members of the ranking workgroup receive any CoC funding.

Unfortunately, Tarrant County's application for **Grace Village Expansion** will not be included in the funding recommendations to HUD for FY23.

Project name

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# FY23 CoC Competition Results

Individual notifications to project applicants, e.g., email

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Cc:CoC Planning Department <CoCPlanningDepartment@ahomewithhope.org>

Good afternoon.

Thank you for your renewal application for the TX-601 local competition for the Continuum of Care for FY23.

The reason(s) why our CoC reduced or rejected the project— which could be the project score; and rank order of the project.

The ranking workgroup met on August 25<sup>th</sup> to review and rank project applications. The CoC Board has voted and approved the ranking workgroup’s recommendations. The ranking workgroup followed the grading rubric outlined in our local RFP and made decisions based on local CoC priorities. No members of the ranking workgroup receive any CoC funding.

During the ranking and review process, the committee decided to reallocate/reduce funding to one of your renewal projects. **TSA Housing First PSH Combined** has been awarded \$548,428. This is a reduction of \$181,516.

Project name

Your renewal application will need to be adjusted to reflect this reduction. If you need guidance or assistance with this process, please reach out to [Cocplanningdepartment@ahomewithhope.org](mailto:Cocplanningdepartment@ahomewithhope.org) and/or the Planning Coordinator assigned to your project.

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# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## I CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

### 2023 HUD Continuum of Care Competition

The US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) has released the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition (COC) for funding opportunities. The program is designed to provide funding for the development and implementation of the CoC Continuum of Care (CoC) program. The CoC program provides a comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness by providing a continuum of care from emergency shelter to permanent housing. HUD is seeking applications from local governments, non-profit organizations, and other eligible entities to compete for funding. The program is designed to provide funding for the development and implementation of the CoC program. HUD is seeking applications from local governments, non-profit organizations, and other eligible entities to compete for funding. The program is designed to provide funding for the development and implementation of the CoC program. HUD is seeking applications from local governments, non-profit organizations, and other eligible entities to compete for funding.

**Timeline: 2023 CoC Program Competition**

**2023 HUD P1234567890**

**Notices and Documents: 2023 CoC Competition**

No.	Date	Description	Status
COC-23-001	07/10/2023	HUD Guidance and Notices	N/A
COC-23-002	07/10/2023	FY23 NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY COC AND YHDP CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM COMPETITION	N/A
COC-23-003	07/10/2023	COC AND RIG VIRTUAL BIDDING	N/A
COC-23-004	07/10/2023	2022 GRANT INVENTORY WORKSHEET	N/A
COC-23-005	07/10/2023	2022 HOUSING INVENTORY CHART	N/A
COC-23-006	07/10/2023	2022 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-23-007	07/10/2023	2022 Competition Progression and Updates	08/14/23
COC-23-008	07/10/2023	2022 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-23-009	07/10/2023	2022 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-23-010	07/10/2023	2022 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-23-011	07/10/2023	2022 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-23-012	07/10/2023	2022 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-23-013	07/10/2023	2022 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-23-014	07/10/2023	2022 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-23-015	07/10/2023	2022 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-23-016	07/10/2023	2022 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-23-017	07/10/2023	2022 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-23-018	07/10/2023	2022 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-23-019	07/10/2023	2022 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-23-020	07/10/2023	2022 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A

FY23 COC PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF RANKED PROJECT APPLICATIONS

## I PREVIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

### 2022 HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM COMPETITION

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**Timeline: 2022 CoC Program Competition**

**2022 HUD P1234567890**

**Notices and Documents: 2022 CoC Competition**

No.	Date	Description	Status
COC-22-001	08/10/2022	HUD Guidance and Notices	N/A
COC-22-002	08/10/2022	FY22 NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY COC AND YHDP CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM COMPETITION	N/A
COC-22-003	08/10/2022	COC AND RIG VIRTUAL BIDDING	N/A
COC-22-004	08/10/2022	2021 GRANT INVENTORY WORKSHEET	N/A
COC-22-005	08/10/2022	2021 HOUSING INVENTORY CHART	N/A
COC-22-006	08/10/2022	2021 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-22-007	08/10/2022	2021 Competition Progression and Updates	08/24/22
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COC-22-016	08/10/2022	2021 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
COC-22-017	08/10/2022	2021 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A
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COC-22-020	08/10/2022	2021 HUD COMPETITION REPORT	N/A

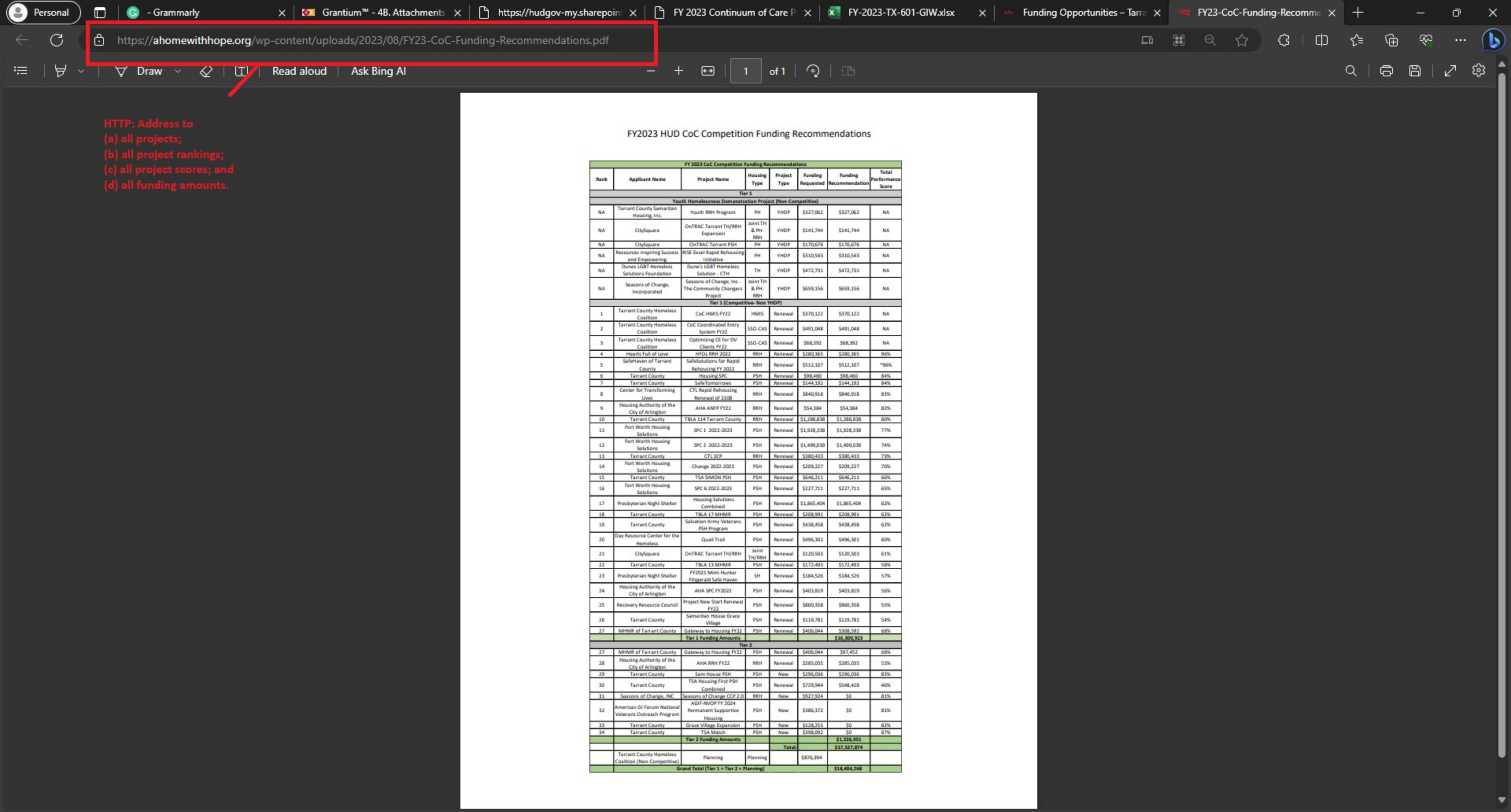
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- 2021 YHDP PROGRAM COMPETITION
- 2021 HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM COMPETITION
- 2021 NOFA FOR MOBILE ASSESSORS LOCAL COMPETITION
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(a) all projects;  
(b) all project rankings;  
(c) all project scores; and  
(d) all funding amounts.

### FY2023 HUD CoC Competition Funding Recommendations

FY 2023 CoC Competition Funding Recommendations								
Rank	Applicant Name	Project Name	Housing Type	Project Type	Funding Requested	Funding Recommendation	Total Performance Score	
<b>Tier 1</b>								
<b>Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (Non-Competitive)</b>								
NA	Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.	Youth RRH Program	PH	YHDP	\$327,062	\$327,062	NA	
NA	CitySquare	OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH Expansion	Joint TH & Ph-RRH	YHDP	\$141,744	\$141,744	NA	
NA	CitySquare	OnTRAC Tarrant PSH	PH	YHDP	\$170,676	\$170,676	NA	
NA	Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering	RISE Excel Rapid Rehousing Initiative	PH	YHDP	\$310,543	\$310,543	NA	
NA	Dunes LGBT Homeless Solutions Foundation	Dunes LGBT Homeless Solution - CTH	TH	YHDP	\$472,731	\$472,731	NA	
NA	Seasons of Change, Incorporated	Seasons of Change, Inc - The Community Changers Project	Joint TH & Ph-RRH	YHDP	\$659,156	\$659,156	NA	
<b>Tier 1 (Competitive- Non YHDP)</b>								
1	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	CoC HMIS FY22	HMIS	Renewal	\$370,122	\$370,122	NA	
2	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	CoC Coordinated Entry System FY22	SSO-CAS	Renewal	\$491,048	\$491,048	NA	
3	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	Optimizing CE for DV Clients FY22	SSO-CAS	Renewal	\$68,392	\$68,392	NA	
4	Hearts Full of Love	HFOLO RRH 2022	RRH	Renewal	\$280,365	\$280,365	96%	
5	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY 2022	RRH	Renewal	\$512,107	\$512,107	*96%	
6	Tarrant County	Housing SPC	PSH	Renewal	\$98,460	\$98,460	84%	
7	Tarrant County	SafeTomorrows	PSH	Renewal	\$144,192	\$144,192	84%	
8	Center for Transforming Lives	CTL Rapid Rehousing Renewal of 2108	RRH	Renewal	\$840,918	\$840,918	83%	
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10	Tarrant County	TBLA 114 Tarrant County	RRH	Renewal	\$1,288,838	\$1,288,838	80%	
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# **1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted**

1E-5a. Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. NOFO Section V.B.2.g

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**Email notification of projects accepted to all project applicants, proof that our CoC posted to our CoC's website a listing and provided an email to all project applicants**

FY 23 CoC Competition Results

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Cc: CoC Planning Department

Tue 8/29/2023 6:18 PM

Good afternoon.

Thank you for submitting your new or renewal applications for the TX-601 local competition for the Continuum of Care for FY23.

**All Projects**

The ranking workgroup met on August 25<sup>th</sup> to review and rank project applications. The CoC Board has voted and approved the ranking workgroup's recommendations. The ranking workgroup followed the grading rubric outlined in our local RFP and made decisions based on local CoC priorities. No members of the ranking workgroup receive any CoC funding.

This is a notification of the funding recommendations to HUD for FY23 for applicants. You can see the projects selected for funding and their rank order on our website at [Funding Opportunities – Tarrant County Homeless Coalition \(ahomewithhope.org\)](https://www.ahomewithhope.org).

**Notice that provides a website link to access; (a) all projects; (b) all project rankings; (c) all project scores; and (d) all funding amounts.**

We will host a debrief session on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you all for your applications.

Please note, this email was sent to at least one respective email address from each applicant agency. Please feel free to forward to any other interested parties.

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# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## I CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

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**SPF ISSUE DATE:** July 20, 2023  
**PROPOSAL DEADLINE:** 8:00AM, August 15, 2023

**ESTIMATED FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH COC ANNUAL NOFO:** PENDING RELEASE OF HUD ANNOUNCEMENT

**ALL 2023 CoC Competition application components for CoC Program Funding for all projects are due on August 15, 2023 at 8:00 PM.**

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 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Virtual (Thursday, July 20, 2023)  
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#### Timeline: 2023 CoC Program Competition

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00-00-012	07/15/2023	2022 HOUSING INVENTORY CHART	N/A
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00-00-014	07/17/2023	2023 Competition Progression and Updates	08/15/23
00-00-015	07/17/2023	FY23 COC RIG VIRTUAL BIDDING RECORDING	N/A
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00-00-017	07/17/2023	FY23 COC NOFA BIDDING RECORDING	N/A
00-00-018	08/14/2023	FY23 COC NOFA ALLOCATIONS BRIEFING PRESENTATION	N/A
00-00-019	08/21/2023	FY23 COC PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF RANKED PROJECT APPLICATIONS	N/A

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**PROPOSAL DEADLINE:** 8:00AM, August 15, 2022

**ESTIMATED FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH SPECIAL NOFO:** \$50.5 MILLION

**ESTIMATED FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH COC ANNUAL NOFO:** PENDING RELEASE OF HUD ANNOUNCEMENT

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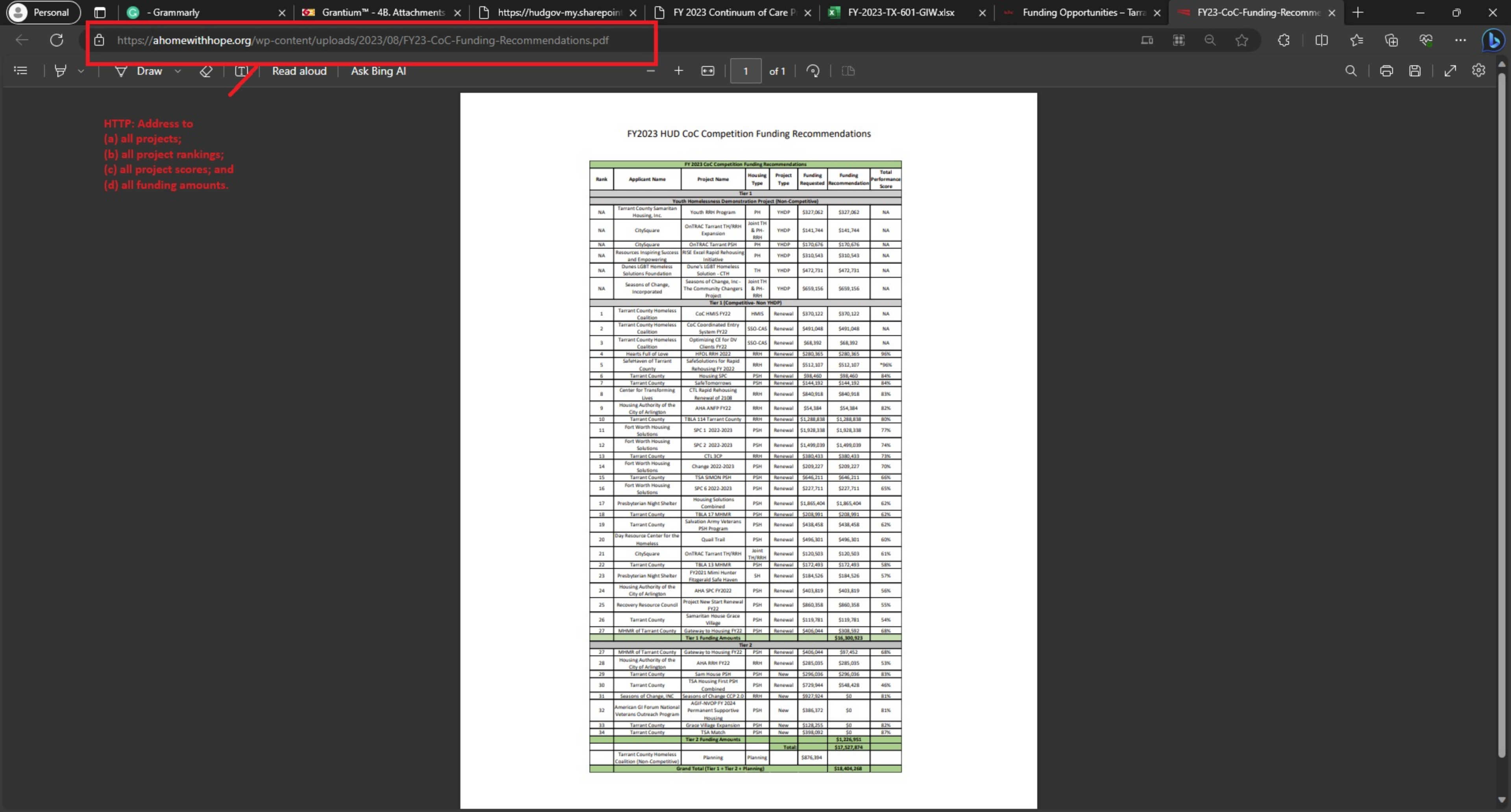
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### FY2023 HUD CoC Competition Funding Recommendations

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12	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	SPC 2 2022-2023	PSH	Renewal	\$1,499,039	\$1,499,039	\$0	Accepted	74%
13	Tarrant County	CTL 3CP	RRH	Renewal	\$380,433	\$380,433	\$0	Accepted	73%
14	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	Change 2022-2023	PSH	Renewal	\$209,227	\$209,227	\$0	Accepted	70%
15	Tarrant County	TSA SIMON PSH	PSH	Renewal	\$646,211	\$646,211	\$0	Accepted	66%
16	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	SPC 6 2022-2023	PSH	Renewal	\$227,711	\$227,711	\$0	Accepted	65%
17	Presbyterian Night Shelter	Housing Solutions Combined	PSH	Renewal	\$1,865,404	\$1,865,404	\$0	Accepted	62%
18	Tarrant County	TBLA 17 MHMR	PSH	Renewal	\$208,991	\$208,991	\$0	Accepted	62%
19	Tarrant County	Salvation Army Veterans PSH Program	PSH	Renewal	\$438,458	\$438,458	\$0	Accepted	62%
20	Day Resource Center for the Homeless	Quail Trail	PSH	Renewal	\$496,301	\$496,301	\$0	Accepted	60%
21	CitySquare	OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH	Joint TH/RRH	Renewal	\$120,503	\$120,503	\$0	Accepted	61%
22	Tarrant County	TBLA 13 MHMR	PSH	Renewal	\$172,493	\$172,493	\$0	Accepted	58%
23	Presbyterian Night Shelter	FY2021 Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven	SH	Renewal	\$184,526	\$184,526	\$0	Accepted	57%
24	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	AHA SPC FY2022	PSH	Renewal	\$403,819	\$403,819	\$0	Accepted	56%
25	Recovery Resource Council	Project New Start Renewal FY22	PSH	Renewal	\$860,358	\$860,358	\$0	Accepted	55%
26	Tarrant County	Samaritan House Grace Village	PSH	Renewal	\$119,781	\$119,781	\$0	Accepted	54%
27	MHMR of Tarrant County	Gateway to Housing FY22	PSH	Renewal	\$406,044	\$406,044	\$0	Accepted	68%
28	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	AHA RRH FY22	RRH	Renewal	\$285,035	\$48,282	\$0	Accepted	53%
<b>Tier 1 Funding Amounts</b>						<b>\$14,364,745</b>			
<b>Tier 2</b>									
28	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	AHA RRH FY22	RRH	Renewal	\$285,035	\$236,753	\$0	Accepted	53%
29	Tarrant County	Sam House PSH	PSH	New	\$296,036	\$296,036	\$0	Accepted	83%
30	Tarrant County	TSA Housing First PSH Combined	PSH	Renewal	\$729,944	\$685,777	\$44,167	Accepted	46%
31	Tarrant County	TBLA 15 Samaritan House	PSH	Renewal	\$114,520	\$0	\$114,520	Rejected	50%
32	Seasons of Change, INC	Seasons of Change CCP 2.0	RRH	New	\$927,924	\$0	\$0	Rejected	81%
33	American GI Forum National Veterans Outreach Program	AGIF-NVOP FY 2024 Permanent Supportive Housing	PSH	New	\$386,372	\$0	\$0	Rejected	81%
34	Tarrant County	Grace Village Expansion	PSH	New	\$128,255	\$0	\$0	Rejected	82%
35	Tarrant County	TSA Match	PSH	New	\$398,092	\$0	\$0	Rejected	87%
<b>Tier 2 Funding Amounts</b>						<b>\$1,218,566</b>			
<b>Total:</b>						<b>\$15,583,311</b>			
	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (Non-Competitive)	Planning	Planning		\$870,405	\$870,405			
<b>Grand Total (YHDP, Tier 1, Tier 2 + Planning)</b>						<b>\$18,415,844</b>			

## 2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report

# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## PIT Count Data for TX-601 - Fort Worth, Arlington/Tarrant County CoC

### Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	466	308	377	2776
Emergency Shelter Total	336	208	314	1479
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	20
Transitional Housing Total	99	86	49	189
Total Sheltered Count	435	294	363	1688
Total Unsheltered Count	31	14	14	1088

### Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	247	165	196	368
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	142	83	114	161
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	105	82	82	207

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## PIT Count Data for TX-601 - Fort Worth, Arlington/Tarrant County CoC

### Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	154	88	120	216
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	151	88	120	213
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	3	0	0	3

### Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011 PIT	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	235	128	92	137	175
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	207	108	67	112	112
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	28	20	25	25	63

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

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## HIC Data for TX-601 - Fort Worth, Arlington/Tarrant County CoC

### HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	1,562	1,399	1,399	100.00%	163	163	100.00%	1,562	100.00%
SH Beds	20	20	20	100.00%	0	0	NA	20	100.00%
TH Beds	236	160	184	86.96%	52	52	100.00%	212	89.83%
RRH Beds	1,555	1,429	1,429	100.00%	126	126	100.00%	1,555	100.00%
PSH Beds	2,059	2,035	2,035	100.00%	24	24	100.00%	2,059	100.00%
OPH Beds	662	615	662	92.90%	0	0	NA	615	92.90%
Total Beds	6,094	5,658	5,729	98.76%	365	365	100.00%	6,023	98.83%

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## HIC Data for TX-601 - Fort Worth, Arlington/Tarrant County CoC

**Notes**

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

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

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

### PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	1703	1636	1901	1922

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

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	190	262	268	243

### Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	816	1027	1068	1555



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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

### Summary Report for TX-601 - Fort Worth, Arlington/Tarrant County CoC

#### Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

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

**Metric 1.1:** Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.  
**Metric 1.2:** Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

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

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)				Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)			
	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	5187	6970	52	68	58	-10	14	28	19	-9
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	5442	7244	56	75	64	-11	16	31	22	-9

b. This measure is based on data element 3.17.

This measure includes data from each client's Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added to the client's entry date, effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

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	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)				Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)			
	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	6078	7966	231	379	276	-103	23	70	45	-25
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	6363	8264	233	414	300	-114	26	82	52	-30

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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)		Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months			Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months			Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months			Number of Returns in 2 Years	
	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	% of Returns	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	% of Returns	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	133	53	8	2	4%	6	2	4%	9	3	6%	7	13%
Exit was from ES	1108	1006	70	82	8%	80	49	5%	78	106	11%	237	24%
Exit was from TH	131	126	11	6	5%	7	3	2%	10	12	10%	21	17%
Exit was from SH	4	7	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0%
Exit was from PH	1100	1002	62	42	4%	54	50	5%	76	70	7%	162	16%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	2476	2194	151	132	6%	147	104	5%	173	191	9%	427	19%

### Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

#### Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	1293	1665	372
Emergency Shelter Total	658	1047	389
Safe Haven Total	19	19	0
Transitional Housing Total	137	120	-17
Total Sheltered Count	814	1186	372
Unsheltered Count	479	479	0

### Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	5953	5813	7957	2144
Emergency Shelter Total	5756	5572	7722	2150
Safe Haven Total	32	32	29	-3
Transitional Housing Total	237	309	301	-8

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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	232	549	608	59
Number of adults with increased earned income	23	37	42	5
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	10%	7%	7%	0%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	232	549	608	59
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	126	314	330	16
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	54%	57%	54%	-3%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	232	549	608	59
Number of adults with increased total income	135	335	356	21
Percentage of adults who increased total income	58%	61%	59%	-2%

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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

### Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	204	285	292	7
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	80	82	89	7
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	39%	29%	30%	1%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	204	285	292	7
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	72	125	76	-49
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	35%	44%	26%	-18%

### Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	204	285	292	7
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	135	188	152	-36
Percentage of adults who increased total income	66%	66%	52%	-14%

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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	4968	4817	7026	2209
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	992	1273	1496	223
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	3976	3544	5530	1986

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	6278	6125	8616	2491
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	1479	1822	2170	348
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	4799	4303	6446	2143



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### FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	690	751	1378	627
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	124	117	51	-66
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	170	211	216	5
% Successful exits	43%	44%	19%	-25%

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

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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	1815	3024	4670	1646
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	904	971	1101	130
% Successful exits	50%	32%	24%	-8%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	1756	1862	2118	256
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	1599	1700	2030	330
% Successful exits/retention	91%	91%	96%	5%

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## FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality

### TX-601 - Fort Worth, Arlington/Tarrant County CoC

	All ES, SH			All TH			All PSH, OPH			All RRH			All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	1389	1401	1409	144	136	118	1986	1885	2595	581	852	934			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	1389	1401	1409	112	112	118	1830	1690	2444	581	852	934			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC ( % )	100.00	100.00	100.00	77.78	82.35	100.00	92.15	89.66	94.18	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	5930	5596	7733	299	307	301	1927	2282	2540	1341	2419	2748	1322	2618	3001
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	2614	4393	6422	121	221	219	81	615	281	732	1341	1597	327	1276	2272
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	1329	2095	4244	31	41	37	4	186	70	21	206	206	103	579	1568
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	50.84	47.69	66.09	25.62	18.55	16.89	4.94	30.24	24.91	2.87	15.36	12.90	31.50	45.38	69.01

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**FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality**

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## Submission and Count Dates for TX-601 - Fort Worth, Arlington/Tarrant County CoC

### Date of PIT Count

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

### Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/21/2023	Yes