

## Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

### Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

### Attachments

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

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

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

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

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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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** CA-524 - Yuba City & County/Sutter County CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium

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

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium

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

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

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes	Yes	Yes
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	Nonexistent	No	No
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	Faith Based Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.				

<b>1B-1a.</b>	<b>Experience Promoting Racial Equity.</b>	
	NOFO Section III.B.3.c.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC has improved in effectively addressing the needs of underserved communities over the last two years, by incorporating the following strategies:

1. **Equity-Focused Outreach and Engagement:** SYHC implemented targeted outreach strategies to identify and connect with underserved communities, especially those that are Black/African American. Per our System Performance Measures (SPM), SYHC does not measure any equity issues among Brown communities, however Black/African Americans experience homelessness at roughly a 6% higher rate measured against the total population. With this disparity, SYHC has instituted Implicit Bias and Cultural Competency training for all Intake Case Workers that enter clients into our Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). We have also joined a local organization called "Connecting Cultures Collaborative" who seeks to unite the Black/African American community and provide resources. In partnering with this group, we are reaching this population at events, improving awareness of the many resources offered through the CoC to help move unhoused residents to housing and keep precariously housed individuals housed.

2. **Data-Driven Approach to Address Disparities:** SYHC has begun to analyze our total system users in HMIS via our SPMs. This has shown us that Black/African Americans make up approximately 9% of our local unhoused population compared to 3% of the general population. In addition, we have found that American Indian/Alaskan Natives make up approximately 4% of the local unhoused population compared to 1% of the general population. This analysis has led us to connect with organizations that represent these groups in our area to ensure that individuals and families are familiar with all available resources. SYHC has participated in numerous events such as the local Juneteenth Celebration and Black History Month, in collaboration with the Connecting Cultures Collaborative. SYHC met with the leadership of the Estom Yumeka Maidu Tribe of the Enterprise Rancheria, the largest tribal organization in our area. We are committed to continue analyzing and addressing disparities in our area.

3. **Culturally Responsive Services:** SYHC ensures that the services offered are culturally responsive and sensitive to the needs of diverse racial and ethnic groups. This includes training partners and their staff on cultural competency, improving language access, and creating safe spaces to receive services.

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 your CoC's geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

SYHC, the administrative entity for CoC CA-524, uses an ongoing transparent invitation process to solicit new members to join the CoC. Through our well-developed email listserv that includes over 500 members, we reach individuals currently experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, and formerly homeless, as well as an inclusive list of agencies serving vulnerable populations. Regular emails, as well as social media and radio spots, communicate the monthly CoC meetings to community members. We use this avenue, along with announcements during stakeholder meetings, to solicit new members to join the CoC. If a gap in representation on the CoC is identified, the Executive Director conducts targeted outreach to engage potential members. This last year the CoC has reached out and connected with the Connecting Cultures Collaborative to connect with the Black/African American Community, and The Estom Yumeka Maidu Tripe of Enterprise Rancheria to connect with the local Tribal representatives. The CoC has also connected with the Yuba Sutter Hmong Alliance and the Jakar Movement to connect with the local Asian population, the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement to connect with the Hispanic population, and Tri-County Diversity to connect with the LBGTQ+ population. All of these groups have given input and/or participated in CoC meetings and committees. During CoC and committee meetings, opinions are sought in order to make improvements to the homeless services delivery system. Currently, monthly CoC meetings are held via Zoom, with two in-person meetings conducted yearly. All agendas and other documents are provided electronically. The CoC works with a local Center for Independent Living, FREED, to assist those with disabilities to attend and participate in CoC meetings, whether in person, or via Zoom. We are working with this agency to become a Coordinated Entry site, further improving access to services among persons with disabilities.

<b>1B-3.</b>	<b>CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.</b>	
	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)**

SYHC sends out monthly emails to over 500 local businesses, nonprofits, government officials, schools, churches, healthcare agencies, and persons with lived expertise, inviting individuals to attend CoC meetings. The SYHC has found that personal invitations are more effective and the encouragement of CoC meeting attendance is made through relationship building. Agencies have the ability to ask questions and provide input during the monthly stakeholder meetings. Furthermore, the CoC has established a Government Affairs Committee, a committee comprised of representatives of City Councils or County Board of Supervisors of all 6 local jurisdictions. This committee meets quarterly and is open to the public. Additionally, the Executive Director of the CoC presents, either at public meetings or directly with staff, the status of projects and initiatives, and invites feedback from each of the municipalities. The CoC also participates in County planning meetings for addressing homelessness, in which there is input from a variety of county agencies and community stakeholders. All information gathered through the CoC, Government Affairs, and County Planning meetings help improve the local homeless response system. From January 2023 through September 2024, SYHC participated in over 15 local community gatherings to gain input as well as share how the Coordinated Entry Process works. The CoC participated in planning meetings with the local Agency on Aging (Area 4) and the local Center for Independent Living (FREED) to give input and expand the Coordinated Entry system to accommodate clients with disabilities. The CoC also participated, and provided feedback, in both Yuba and Sutter Counties Community Health Improvement Plans which considered and addressed persons experiencing homelessness in the area. In 2023, SYHC was tasked with creating a Strategic Plan to address homelessness. As part of the data collection, three community meetings were conducted to review SPMs and brainstorm SMART goals that would result in improvement. Over 80 community members participated during these meetings, and input was used to help guide the priorities of the Strategic Plan.

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)

On August 23, 2024, SYHC released the notice of the 2024 Continuum of Care Program Competition via email, as well as posted on SYHC's website. This document provided agencies guidance on how to apply for funds if they have not been previously funded, as well as provided training material on how to access eSNAPS. The notice also listed out the criteria all projects would be rated on, along with necessary threshold and deadline information. In addition, a webinar was conducted for all interested parties on the types of projects eligible, how to set up an applicant profile in eSNAPS, and other helpful information. The CoC announced the competition at both the August and September Stakeholder meetings, allowing opportunity for agencies to ask questions. To date, our CoC has not received Program funding from HUD, so extra care was taken to explain the process and the level of competition. Since there are no renewal projects available and only DV Bonus and CoC Bonus funds available, it was made clear what categories are eligible for funding for partner agencies. Agencies were requested to submit an Equity and Compliance Survey as well as a Housing First Assessment to ensure they met minimum standards, and technical assistance was offered to all agencies. Due to the increased need for Permanent Supportive Housing and a higher number of clients fleeing domestic violence, agencies that have permanent supportive housing with medical collaboration and agencies that service domestic violence survivors were encourage to apply. In all correspondence, technical assistance was offered to all applicants, including persons with disabilities. The Local Center for Independent Living was notified so that all announcements and applications could be assisted through the center.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Representatives from the school district(s) participate in the monthly CoC meetings. The CoC has also funded the Yuba County Multi-Disciplinary Youth Outreach Team and a Sutter County Multi-Disciplinary Youth Outreach Team within each county's Office of Education for homeless youth services, as well as fund other homeless service providers to provide youth specific services. Formal agreements are in place with Yuba County Office of Education and Sutter County Superintendent of Schools to provide youth liaisons, funded by the CoC, at the Coordinated Entry facilities. Additionally, HMIS agreements are in place to receive and send youth referrals. The CoC received technical assistance this year to address the formation of a Youth Action Board. Planning meetings are complete and initial steps have been taken to establish a permanent Youth Action Board to inform the CoC and participate in decision making.

1C-4b.	<b>Informing Individuals and Families Who Have Recently Begun Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.</b> NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	
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Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC uses to inform individuals and families who have recently begun experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for educational services.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Through the Coordinated Entry System, individuals and families are informed about the various education services available. Each client's needs are identified through the CE Vulnerability Assessment, and are then connected to the appropriate programs and organizations who are able to provide wraparound services. Case Managers at the Coordinated Entry sites immediately refer individuals and families to both local County Health and Human Service programs to assist with State and County programs available. Families with children are prioritized via the vulnerability assessment and referred to family specific shelter and housing options. The CoC also works closely with the local school districts to provide information of education service eligibility to youth and families by funding liaisons at the Coordinated Entry facilities. This allows individuals and families easy access to information regarding their eligibility for educational services.

1C-4c.	<b>Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.</b> NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	
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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	Yes	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	Yes
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	Yes
4.	Early Head Start	Yes	No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	Yes
6.	Head Start	Yes	No
7.	Healthy Start	Yes	No
8.	Public Pre-K	Yes	Yes
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

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

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

	Organizations	
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	Yes
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	Yes
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes
	Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)	
4.		

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in Question 1C-5 to:
1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC's geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC collaborates closely with Casa de Esperanza, the local Victim Service Provider (VSP) to ensure services are provided in a safe manner to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. Through conversations with the VSP, whose Executive Director sits on the CoC Board, the CoC-wide policies are updated as needed. This includes the Coordinated Entry Policy and Procedure Manual. The Coordinated Entry Policy and Procedure Manual has guidance on providing services to survivors, maintaining client autonomy and confidentiality. The Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health Department and Casa de Esperanza host annual training sessions of best practices and safety, including trauma-informed care. These sessions are made available to homeless service providers. Furthermore, staff representatives of Casa de Esperanza are embedded at the two (2) Coordinated Entry facilities.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Casa de Esperanza has been providing shelter and services to domestic violence victims in the region for over forty (40) years. This agency provides training to law enforcement, social services, medical providers, and other nonprofit agencies on the dynamics of domestic violence, prevention, intervention, and aftercare. Casa de Esperanza receives funding through the CoC and is involved in Coordinated Entry, providing training for Coordinated Entry Staff and CoC partner agencies as requested. Furthermore, Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health conducts annual trainings on safety and best practices which are made available to CoC-affiliated agencies.

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

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

		Project Staff	Coordinated Entry Staff
1.	Training Occurs at least annually?	Yes	Yes
2.	Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices?	Yes	Yes
3.	Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices?	Yes	Yes
4.	Identifies and assesses survivors' individual safety needs?	Yes	Yes

5.	Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations?	Yes	Yes
6.	Ensures survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated?	Yes	Yes
	Other? (limit 500 characters)		
7.			

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

	Describe in the field below:
1.	whether your CoC's written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer;
3.	what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and
4.	what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

SYHC has a written Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking. This plan is available to all funded agencies and is present at both Coordinated Entry sites. The plan is based on HUDS's model emergency transfer plan and conforms to all guidelines. Case Managers at both Coordinated Entry and Casa de Esperanza, the local Victim Service Provider, notify clients of their rights to emergency transfer as soon as a client indicates they are in a violent situation. All HUD funded housing providers are required to provide all applicants and tenants notice of occupancy rights and a certification form. To request an emergency transfer, the tenant must notify the housing provider and submit a written request for a transfer to a safe unit. If the housing provider is unable to accommodate the transfer request, then they housing provider is required to contact the CoC to work with Coordinated Entry to assist the survivor. The Coordinated Entry System and its network of providers will, act as quickly as possible to move a tenant who is a victim to another unit.

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

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

As an individual or family is identified as being a victim of domestic violence or its other subpopulations, the local domestic violence shelter or the Counties victim witness providers are asked to assist in the vulnerability assessment. Staff inform the client of the available programs and services, allowing the client to choose how to engage. Financial assistance is available to help survivors identify safe and affordable housing. If housing agencies are unable to provide a safe housing unit for the individual or family, they work closely with the local domestic violence provider and law enforcement to identify a safe location, whether it is in or out of the county, and ensure they enter into a safe environment. With assistance from HUD TA, the CoC now has revised the written standards to comply with the VAWA Reauthorization Act and has developed a Emergency Transfer Plan with procedures.

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.e.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:		
1.	identifying barriers specific to survivors; and	
2.	working to remove those barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The local VSP coordinates closely with the Coordinated Entry System to ensure survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all housing services within the CoC geographic area. When a homeless or at-risk individual/household is identified to be in need of domestic violence services, Casa de Esperanza is contacted immediately. The VSP will conduct an assessment onsite in a secure location to ensure confidentiality. The survivor has full access to Coordinated Entry regardless of their desire to seek services from the VSP. If a client does not wish to receive DV-specific services, they are informed of the ways to ensure safety, including contacting law enforcement and providing information of the offender to non-victim service providers. Upon completing the assessment, referrals will be made to rapid rehousing providers, and financial assistance is made available to the client. The CoC has analyzed several cultural and linguistic barriers for survivors seeking services. Translation services, both in person, and by phone, are now available to assist survivors. In addition, the CoC has recently implemented Cultural Competency training and Implicit Bias training for all case workers and users of the HMIS system to further assist in connecting clients in a timely, appropriate, and culturally sensitive response.

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

1.	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	Yes
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)?	Yes

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has a formal anti-discrimination policy within the Coordinated Entry Policy/Procedure Manual and the ESG Written Standards. Feedback is requested at least annually by consumers of services, and as it is received, updates to the CoC-wide policy are made. For the last two years, the CoC has been able to actively engage with Tri-County Diversity, the local LGBTQ+ agency. With their involvement this year, the CoC has received input from LGBTQ+ advocates in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion through the anti-discrimination policy.

All agencies receiving funding through the CoC are required to have an anti-discrimination policy in place. A contract monitoring process is in development, with one of the evaluation items being policy compliance. A process for addressing noncompliance will be developed alongside the monitoring process. We anticipate this goal to be met by March 31, 2025.

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

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

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



Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Regional Housing Authority- HCV	28%	Yes-HCV	No

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Regional Housing Authority (the only PHA in our area) has adopted a homeless admission preference. Additionally, the CoC has provided funding for the Regional Housing Authority to develop additional affordable and permanent supportive housing. The CoC also collaborated with Regional Housing Authority to place 62 participants in the Emergency Housing Voucher program into permanent housing. These individuals were directly taken from the CoC's by-name list of homeless individuals accessing Coordinated Entry.

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:
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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.	

In the chart below, indicate if your CoC includes units from the following PHA programs in your CoC's coordinated entry process:
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1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	No
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	Yes
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
7.	Public Housing	No
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	

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

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

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

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

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) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Agencies receiving funding through the CoC are required to follow the Housing First approach. Every Request for Proposal, whether it be HUD or State funding, has a section where each agency is required to explain how the proposed project meets Housing First Requirements. Each subgrantee is required to sign a housing first self certification as part of their applications for funding. Prior to an agency submitting a project for the CoC competition, agencies were asked to complete a Housing First self determination survey. During the application review, the rating and ranking members review aspects of the application to determine Housing First Compliance. This includes questions regarding program eligibility/acceptance and program termination. Assistance is provided to agencies who do not have knowledge of how to utilize Housing First. An Agency monitoring process is nearly complete and will be in place by March of 2025 to ensure agencies are compliant with all HUD requirements, including Housing First. Factors that will be used to evaluate an agency are reviewing the agency's policies and speaking with staff on any program participation requirements.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Data—Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Both Sutter and Yuba Counties' Health and Human Services provide outreach to the region. A majority of the homeless population reside in the 2 larger cities within the county, but these outreach teams provide outreach to 100% of the geographic area. Outreach is conducted weekly throughout the region. Outreach is conducted along the business corridors and other encampment locations where individuals are resistant to receive services. Sutter County Health and Human Services has begun a quarterly outreach called "Open Doors" that connects to individuals in the river bottoms not accessing Coordinated Entry services. Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health also provides outreach to individuals with behavioral health or substance use issues, as well as those who decline services at the Coordinated Entry locations through a special team called HEART. This team works to connect those who are not accessing services through Coordinated Entry to be connected with services by doing in field intakes into HMIS. Regional outreach teams through Harmony Health and Peachtree Health have also been created to provide both supportive and basic medical services to individuals living outdoors in the local encampments and/or along the river bottoms. This team provides services 5 days per week. Additionally, the coordinated entry locations partner with FREED, the local disability advocacy group, to provide outreach to those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness with disabilities.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers	Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness
1.	Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?	Yes	Yes
2.	Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	395	347

<b>1D-6.</b>	<b>Mainstream Benefits–CoC Annual Training of Project Staff.</b>	
	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.	works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including those that provide substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services, including Medicaid; and
2.	promotes SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Coordinated Entry System and partnering agencies assist homeless individuals and families obtain mainstream benefits. Representatives from both Health and Human Service agencies and Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health actively participate in the CoC and provide updates regarding mainstream benefits available to homeless individuals and families, as well as provide onsite enrollment services at the Coordinated Entry locations. Ampla Health, Harmony Health, and Peachtree Health, who are all Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers with mobile units, provide enrollment and other healthcare services, including behavioral health, at the Coordinated Entry locations. FREED, the local disability advocacy group, provides assistance to older adults and people with disabilities in completing paperwork in order to obtain mainstream benefits. FREED and HNSA staff are certified in SOAR and CalFresh. Furthermore, stakeholders are notified at the monthly CoC meetings of new healthcare programs as they become available. Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health's Options for Change program (Substance Use disorder program) and Pathways (In patient Substance Use Disorder program) receive referrals through the Coordinated Entry System to assist clients. Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health also offers a "Start to Finish" program that immediately places clients in temporary emergency shelter and then transfers to in patient substance use disorder treatment programs. This program is referred through HMIS via the Coordinated Entry System. All of these programs are SOAR certified.

ID-7.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that:

1.	respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

SYHC has been an active partner with both Yuba and Sutter Counties Health and Human Services departments in receiving and disseminating information to partner agencies regarding public health concerns. During the initial Covid-19 responses, SYHC was the central point in connecting public health and emergency shelters, day centers, and housing agencies, as well as street outreach partners. During the COVID outbreak, the Homeless Task Force worked to provide non-congregate shelter, meal and PPE distribution, and infectious disease education to those living in unsheltered situations. With the street nursing team working alongside Coordinated Entry, the CoC is able to receive "real-time" notice regarding any infectious disease outbreaks. SYHC has been a collaborator on both counties Community Health Improvement Plans, which addressed infectious diseases in our area. SYHC has received masks, hand sanitizer, air purification machines, and documentation on diseases, all of which has been shared with emergency shelters and Coordinated Entry day centers. When there has been Covid-19 outbreaks at Coordinated Entry day centers and shelters, SYHC has been pivotal in connecting residents with alternative services to reduce the spread of disease. SYHC was recently the connection point to provide air purification machines to all local emergency shelters.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

During infectious disease outbreaks, homeless service providers have weekly meetings with the Public Health Officer that is coordinated through SYHC via video conferencing. These meetings inform providers on safety measures that need to be implemented and the changing levels of emergency within the region. Homeless service providers and street outreach teams coordinate closely to provide necessary sanitation and PPE supplies to homeless individuals. As new information arises, the public is notified at the CoC meetings and through email notification or via social media. SYHC is the point distribution of information and materials to the homeless services community. SYHC also participates in Quarterly Access and Functional Needs (AFN) county meetings to discuss and plan preventative steps and responsive steps for infectious disease outbreaks. Notifications for infectious disease outbreaks at shelters and Coordinated Entry Day Centers are shared in English, Spanish, Punjabi, and Hmong languages to connect to all clients.

1D-8.	Coordinated Entry Standard Processes.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	can serve everybody regardless of where they are located within your CoC's geographic area;	

2.	uses a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services within your CoC;
3.	collects personal information in a trauma-informed way; and
4.	is updated at least annually using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium has several Coordinated Entry locations in Sutter and Yuba Counties, serving 100% of the geographic area. Each individual entered into the Coordinated Entry System is assessed using a standardized assessment tool to identify his/her/their needs and vulnerability. Those with the highest vulnerability score are placed at the top of the By-Name List. Depending on the severity of needs, the client may receive either intensive or non-intensive case management services to remove any housing barriers. Clients are able to complete anonymous surveys to provide feedback on ways to improve the Coordinated Entry System. These surveys are reviewed annually. Additionally, a committee of service agencies meet regularly to evaluate the local process and make revisions as necessary. Coordinated Entry intake surveys are now performed out in the field by Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health's HEART outreach team, FREED (local disability, senior, and independent living center), Harmony Health's Street Nurse Outreach team. All teams and Coordinated Entry intake workers are required to attend mandatory training, at least once a year. This training includes Trauma Informed Care in Data Gathering, Implicit Bias, and Cultural Competency. The Coordinated Entry Committee of SYHC meets monthly and annually reviews all policies and procedures and makes updates. Anonymous Coordinated Entry Client Surveys are gathered annually and reviewed to update processes.

1D-8a.	Coordinated Entry—Program Participant-Centered Approach.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their needs and preferences; and	
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**



Each individual entering the Coordinated Entry System is assessed using a standardized assessment tool to identify his/her/their needs and vulnerability. Those with the highest vulnerability score are placed at the top of the By-Name List. Depending on the severity of needs, the client may receive either intensive or non-intensive case management services to remove any housing barriers. CE staff and the partnering agencies provide special outreach to the river bottoms and other encampment locations, as well as to local meal programs and community events, to ensure the CoC is providing services to individuals who are least likely to request assistance. Additionally, the CoC has created a Multidisciplinary Team comprised of law enforcement, medical personnel, homeless service agencies, and behavioral health staff to provide outreach to these individuals, attempting to reduce the number of arrests and hospitalizations. This team meets weekly to evaluate the Coordinated Entry system and assist Chronically Homeless clients who have faced barriers in standard access points and programs. Sutter County, along with the CoC, has a program called "Open Doors" that is a quarterly outreach event in the river bottoms to clients not accessing Coordinated Entry to connect those clients with shelter, food, medical services, and behavioral health services.

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry—Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies—Reporting Violations.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.o.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC through its coordinated entry:		
1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;	
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and	
3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium collaborates closely with rapid rehousing providers, as well as affordable housing developers. As housing is developed, through either the Regional Housing Authority or Habitat for Humanity, persons experiencing homelessness are notified through the street outreach teams, coordinated entry staff, and/or social media. All homeless service providers work closely together to ensure the whole community has access to appropriate and available housing. Notices regarding fair housing and civil rights are publicly posted at the two (2) coordinated entry locations. Individuals are also informed of their rights under all applicable fair housing and civil rights laws during intake. Additionally, California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) provides services onsite at coordinated entry locations. This includes providing legal services and education regarding fair housing and participant rights. If any impediments to fair housing are identified, the client will work with CRLA to notify the appropriate parties. CRLA contracted with the California Civil Rights Department to provide a Regional Fair Housing Summit to inform and train housing providers and Coordinated Entry staff on recent changes in law and access.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	05/13/2024

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

As part of SYHC's application to the State of California for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 5 grant, racial disparities were analyzed. This process was accomplished by examining most recent Point in Time (PIT) data, HUD's Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) data, and System Performance Measures (SPM) data. The data was then reviewed by the Data Committee of the SYHC, along with Yuba County's Epidemiologist, to compare to general area demographic information. SYHC discovered that Black/African American clients account for approximately 9% of active Coordinated Entry users, as compared to accounting for only 4% of the area's population. In addition, Multi Racial clients make up 24% of the unsheltered homeless population, while the area multi racial population is 14%. American Indian/Alaska Native clients accounted for 5% of the unsheltered homeless population whereas that group only makes up 2% of the local population. SYHC has engaged and become a part of the "Connecting Cultures Collaborative," a local non-profit that seeks to unify the Black/African American population. SYHC has presented and participated in several outreach events to share information on prevention programs and Coordinated Entry to this group. SYHC has engaged and not meets with the local Estom Yumeka Maidu Tribe of the Enterprise Rancheria, the local Federally recognized Native American Tribe, to share information on prevention programs and Coordinated Entry with members of this tribe and other local unrecognized tribes. SYHC has hosted Implicit Bias and Cultural Competency training for HMIS users and Intake workers in order to best serve all clients in our region. Continued data analysis will occur every six months as SPMs become available.

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

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

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
4.	Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	Yes
5.	Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	Yes
6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	Yes
7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity?	Yes
9.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

SYHC is committed to analyzing and addressing disparities and ensuring the Coordinated Entry process is racial equitable. The Coordinated Entry Committee reviews CE policies and procedures annually to ensure they are current with State and Federal regulations and address all residents in an equitable manner. The current Coordinated Entry Policy and Procedures includes a comprehensive section on racial equity. The Data Committee now analyzes demographic data of Coordinated Entry users every six months when new System Performance Measures are available. When disparities are discovered, the Coordinated Entry Committee works with local cultural groups to connect resources and training for Intake and Outreach workers. As mentioned in the previous questions, SYHC has connected and is working with the local group that represents the Black/African American Community, as well as the local Native American Tribe, to provide resources in prevention and Coordinated Entry with the goal better serving those groups. Training classes for Intake and Outreach workers will continue and recently Cultural Competency and Implicit Bias training was required for these workers.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

SYHC is using data from Point in Time (PIT) count, HUD's Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA), and System Performance Measures (SPM) to analyze data compared to local population census. SYHC has worked with an Epidemiologist recently and is in the process of contracting with a new Epidemiologist to help examine data through the filter of equity and inclusion. This Epidemiologist, along with our Data Committee, will be analyzing disparities and then recommending programs and outreach to target areas of opportunity. All of these system measures will be analyzed every six months to determine if racial disparities still exist, and if so, an action plan will be made to address the disparities. SYHC works hand in hand with all of the local Outreach teams (Homeless Engagement and Resolution Team (HEART), Harmony Health's Street Medicine team, Peachtree Health's mobile team, Ampla Health's mobile team) and local law enforcement and school outreach liaisons to connect with all ethnic and demographic groups. The Data and Coordinated Entry Committees will examine disparities to schedule appropriate trainings for Intake and Outreach workers. Trainings will happen at least annually with a target of trainings being held every six months. If disparities continue, SYHC will examine program related HMIS data to ensure that all programs are serving residents equitably. The Data and Coordinated Entry committees enlist the aid of at least one person with lived experience for input and responsive strategies.

1D-10.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC’s Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Individuals with lived experience of homelessness are invited to attend the SYHC's monthly Stakeholder Meetings. These meetings are held primarily via Zoom, but are held in person at least twice a year. Zoom connections are available via computers at the Coordinated Entry day center locations in the computer labs. Stakeholder meetings and public forums are advertised on SYHC's social media pages, via SYHC's Stakeholder email list (over 500 recipients), and via flyers at the Coordinate Entry day centers. SYHC's board currently has two individuals with lived experience (out of 8 members), including one board member who currently resides in an emergency shelter. Out of the 11 subcommittees of the SYHC, 7 have members with lived experience. SYHC held public input meetings for the most recent Local Homeless Action Plan in several locations and actively recruited persons with lived experience to participate and give recommendations. These participants were contacted via social media, email, and through outreach teams. SYHC has recently participated in a Community Health Needs Assessment and organized a panel of persons with lived experience to give input to Health Care consultants. The Executive Director of the agency operating the two Coordinated Entry locations is an individual with lived experience of homelessness, and he also serves on the SYHC board as Secretary. Both Coordinated Entry sites have numerous Case Managers and Intake Workers that have lived experience and regularly participate in feedback for intake and Coordinated Entry process.

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	5	8
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	2	6
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC’s local competition rating factors.	5	8
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC’s coordinated entry process.	1	3

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The local Coordinated Entry System has a working relationship with the local One-Stops in Yuba and Sutter Counties (The Local America Job Centers of California) and Economic Development Corporation. Through numerous life skills classes offered at the Coordinated Entry locations, individuals with lived experience of homelessness are able to be connected with employment services, job training opportunities, and other professional development opportunities. Both Yuba and Sutter County One Stop's provide personnel at the Coordinated Entry sites for job recruitment, training, and life skills classes. The One Stop's offer quarterly Expungement workshops to assist clients with clearing their criminal records to help them with job success. Additionally, Sutter County provides mentoring and professional development for community members with lived experience. This includes payment for public speaking, serving on the behavioral health advisory board, and non-traditional work opportunities. City of Yuba City, Sutter County, and The Salvation Army are working together on a new program called "Pathway to Work," where job training and a weekly stipend is provided to homeless individuals. This program gives the opportunity for daily work for up to a 12 week period to assist the community, build resume and job experience, and provide wages to individuals. SYHC regularly markets via social media, flyers, and email announcements for all local job fairs held by the One Stops, Yuba and Sutter Counties, and the local School districts.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Coordinated Entry System encourages individuals to complete anonymous surveys to evaluate the effectiveness of the homeless response system, and the CoC board reviews feedback on an annual basis. Additionally, agencies who receive Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding through the CoC are required to submit survey results to the CoC board. These surveys help identify any issues that individuals experiencing homelessness may have been experiencing with homeless service providers. This feedback helps the CoC address any challenges, either through revision of the CoC policies or providing specific trainings. The CoC has recently developed a universal survey so staff can analyze information across multiple programs, including ESG funded programs, in order to create a baseline and set goals. As barriers and/or challenges are identified through participant feedback, this information is brought to the appropriate committees. This feedback is also included in the Strategic Plan, serving as data that informs the region's priorities. SYHC developed a new Local Homeless Action Plan in the last year that included participation from persons with lived experience both in surveys, and in person meetings. SYHC now has a board member with lived experience who currently resides in a shelter and has gone through the Coordinated Entry process, and her input is becoming instrumental to streamlining processes.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC and its affiliate housing development agencies have worked closely with the Counties to address the permanent housing needs of the region. The Executive Director for SYHC gives presentations to the City Councils of Marysville, Yuba City, Live Oak, and Wheatland, as well as the Board of Supervisors for Sutter County and Yuba County, at least once per year. Local councils are educated on the current number of sheltered and unsheltered individuals and the need to support emergency shelter and affordable housing projects. The region has been successful in receiving Homekey funding, allowing for the conversion of a local hotel/motel into permanent housing as well as new construction of an affordable housing development. The Counties have been able to relax certain land use policies to allow for this development. Additionally, the CoC and county agencies work together to advocate for policy changes at the state level. SYHC is very active in sharing housing and construction grant opportunities with local housing developers and municipalities and will be presenting a local application for the current HUD builds grant program. SYHC participates in Economic Development Corporations (The Local Economic Development District designated by the U.S. Department of Commerce) "Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)" and advocate for additional considerations for affordable housing land use and development.

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	08/23/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	08/23/2024

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

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

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

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



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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	0
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	None

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC currently does not receive any project funding under the Continuum of Care Program. However, the ranking tool has points associated to projects serving chronically homeless and/or victims of domestic violence. New projects are reviewed based on the applicant's plan to quickly move individuals into permanent housing and how the project coordinates with mainstream health. Scoring was also based upon project applicants demonstration of success in housing clients with other funding sources and programs. Project applicants were also scored on whether their organization had policies and procedures based on Racial Equity, and if they were demonstrating those values. One of the greatest barriers to applications was the lack of experience and success in the CoC. Until 2023, no organization had attempted a project in the HUD CoC competition and it was well known that CA-524 was the lowest funded CoC in the nation. Several meetings and announcements were needed to encourage applicants to apply and involve more organizations in the overall Competition application to help collaboration and present a more accurate and informed CoC application.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC currently does not receive program funds through the Continuum of Care Program Competition so no existing projects could be evaluated. For new projects, the rating tool does have criteria associated with addressing racial equity. SYHC requires each subgrantee to have a Racial Equity Policy and Procedure and to demonstrate the application of the policy in their grant application. For the rating and ranking of new project proposals, the team consisted of men and women of various ages and ethnicities. As the greatest disparity amongst racial and ethnic groups is Black/African American, SYHC has asked for input from the "Connecting Cultures Collaborative," which is the local Black/African American advocate organization. The CCC is surveying participants and sharing information with SYHC to inform future rating and ranking and considerations to be made.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC has never received program funds through the Continuum of Care Program Competition. Thus, there were no projects to consider for reallocation. However, agencies are evaluated through other funding programs and the Sustainability Committee has the discretion to reallocate funding from agencies that are underperforming to other higher performing programs.

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	09/06/2024
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-.	Yes
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1E-5c.	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.	10/27/2024
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email 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.	10/27/2024
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## 2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/29/2024
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	05/09/2024
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CA-524's last unsheltered PIT count was in January, 2023. The CoC works closely with the region's two youth multidisciplinary outreach teams throughout the year, including the PIT planning process and the day of the count. These teams operate through each County's Office of Education and/or Superintendent's Office. Outreach staff have already built trust with the local youth, which is important when identifying where homeless youth are located. SYHC also participates in the local Homeless and Foster Youth Council and the Yuba County's Children's Wellness and Child Abuse Prevention Council. In addition, SYHC is part of both the Yuba County and Sutter County Displaced Youth Multidisciplinary team. All of these organizations volunteered staff for the PIT count as well as connected with all of their clients for surveys. The 2023 PIT count identified 12 unaccompanied youth ages 18-24.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;	
	2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;	
	3. describe whether your CoC's PIT count was affected by people displaced either from a natural disaster or seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance who recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic; and	
	4. describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or	
	5. state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2024.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Not Applicable, as SYHC did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2024.

## 2C. System Performance

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Yuba County and Sutter county CalWORKs Housing Support Programs are active in HMIS, increasing the number of first time homeless in the system. These two programs provide rental assistance and homeless prevention services to eligible families with children. Families with children who are ineligible, CalWORKs provides minor case management to support housing retention or relocation for families. Unfortunately, there is very limited homeless prevention funding for individuals at risk of becoming homeless in Sutter and Yuba Counties. SYHC has made Homeless Prevention a top priority in the most recent Local Homeless Action Plan and is now committing funds to this via California's HHAP funding sources as well as the HHIP funding source. Over \$600,000 is being invested in Prevention services over the next 3 years. Additionally, the city/county officials and the CoC have created a Government Affairs Committee to address homelessness in Sutter and Yuba Counties and identify the various risk factors of becoming homeless using Coordinated Entry intake data and best practices. Risk factors include domestic violence, loss of employment, and inability to maintain rental payments. This Bi-County Homeless Group strategizes on ways to increase homeless prevention and landlord mitigation funding. Furthermore, both counties' Health and Human Services agencies have received funding for a program called "Homesafe." This program provides financial assistance to at-risk elderly and/or dependent adults who are victims of abuse or neglect. Prevention assistance is provided at both Coordinated Entry facilities. Chaya Galicia is the SYHC's Vice President of the Strategic Planning division, in which the Homeless Prevention subcommittee is under.

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 CoC's geographic area?	No

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

- In the field below:
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| 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)**

Sutter and Yuba Counties do not have an adequate amount of affordable housing, causing the length of time a person experiences homelessness to remain high. The CoC utilizes the Coordinated Entry System to identify and house individuals and families with the longest lengths of time homeless. The partnering agencies conduct outreach to potential landlords to develop a working relationship, as well as help clients apply for Housing Choice Vouchers and income-based housing through the Regional Housing Authority. The Service Access Committee is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the Coordinated Entry system operations. The Sustainability Committee is responsible for monitoring agency performance as well as seek additional funding for homeless services. For the last two years the CoC has established a "Coordinated Entry Homeless Adult and Family Disciplinary Personnel Team" which meets weekly to provide group case strategies for chronically homeless residents. This team includes outreach teams, street nurse teams, law enforcement, behavioral health, jail and hospital staff, youth liaisons, and more. Since the inception of this group, average length of homelessness in the CoC has dropped from 114 days to 106 days. John Floe is SYHC's Vice President over the Service Access division of which the Coordinated Entry subcommittee is under.

2C-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention –CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	

- In the field below:
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| 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; |  |
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2.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium's affiliated agencies are committed to successfully placing individuals and families in permanent housing. Through the CE system, individuals and families with the highest vulnerability are referred to appropriate agencies for rental assistance. Case management and supportive services are important factors in obtaining permanent housing. These agencies also help with mediation between the client and landlord to maintain a good landlord/agency relationship. Flexible funding has allowed agencies to incentivize landlords renting to the homeless clientele, as well as being able to "braid" together funding and leverage housing vouchers. The Coordinated Entry System also offers various life-skills classes to help individuals and families retain permanent housing. Within the last 2 years, the CoC has partnered with local housing developers to create 2 new permanent supportive housing apartment complexes. Additionally, the Government Affairs Committee meets quarterly to discuss the expansion of housing options and creating landlord incentives. Lastly, the CoC has been educating the local RRH providers on the importance of follow up "aftercare" services for housing retention. This focus on aftercare and Permanent Support Housing has led to a drop in those returning to homelessness after permanent housing from 8.79% to 5.66% over the last two years. SYHC's Vice President of Strategic Planning, Chaya Galicia, oversees the committee responsible for this focus.

2C-4.	Reducing Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium has been successful in keeping individuals and families housed with a 5.66% return to homelessness rate within 6-12 months. This is due to the exemplary case management and supportive services offered by the partnering agencies. As an individual is housed, case management and supportive services is continued until the individual has stabilized in housing. If said individual returns to homeless, the CoC is able to track this information through both HMIS and re-entry into coordinated entry. If an individual or family has reentered Coordinated Entry, case management staff set a meeting to discuss the reason for his/her return to homelessness and how to help the individual or family remove housing barriers. Return clients are automatically referred to the weekly "Coordinated Entry Homeless Adult and Family Disciplinary Personnel Team" to involve as many agencies and case managers as possible to rehouse the individual or family. Coordinated Entry also offers various life skills classes to help address the key issues that causes a return to homelessness. These classes include financial literacy, anger management, narcotics anonymous, and AA. The Service Access Committee, overseen by SYHC's Vice President, John Floe, is responsible to oversee the CoC 's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families' return to homelessness.

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.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

All eligible clients at Coordinated Entry are referred to Yuba and Sutter Counties Health and Human Services departments to apply for cash aid programs. Then, whether the client receives aid or not, clients have opportunities at Coordinated Entry. Several employment readiness courses are offered onsite at the two (2) CE locations. The local One-Stops(our local American Job Center of California) teach classes, provide available job listings, as well as meet individually with clients to match them with jobs and assist with any job applications. Local employment agencies also come onsite to conduct mock job interviews and provide job readiness trainings. Additionally, Coordinated Entry staff make constant referrals to both Counties' Health and Human Services agencies and the Economic Development Department (EDD). The City of Yuba City, Sutter County, and The Salvation Army are working together on a new program called "Pathway to Work," where job training and a weekly stipend is provided to homeless individuals. This program gives the opportunity for daily work for up to a 12 week period to assist the community, build resume and job experience, and provide wages to individuals. SYHC regularly markets via social media, flyers, and email announcements for all local job fairs held by the One Stops, Yuba and Sutter Counties, and the local School districts. The Service Access Committee, headed up by SYHC's Vice President, John Floe, is tasked with monitoring Coordinated Entry's system operations.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Yuba and Sutter County Health and Human Services (HHS) staff come onsite at both of the Coordinated Entry locations to provide enrollment opportunities for CalFresh, California's low income food support program, and MediCal, California's no cost health care. The CoC is encouraging member agencies to provide SOAR services, with Yuba County HHS, Sutter County Public Health, and FREED implementing SOAR services. The Service Access committee, headed up by SYHC's Vice President, John Floe, is responsible for overseeing this strategy.

### 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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<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?	Yes
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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?	Yes
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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
Habitat for Human...	PH-PSH	1	Both

### 3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Habitat for Humanity yuba/Sutter

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): LEK1XYNBNYL7

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 1

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

### 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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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	700
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	144
3.	Unmet Need:	556



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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

For the number of survivors needing housing or services, the Coordinated Entry Manager ran a system wide report of active clients that had indicated that they were fleeing a Domestic Violence situation. These clients were included in projects such as Coordinated Entry, Homeless Prevention Projects, Rapid Rehousing projects, Emergency Shelter projects, Street Outreach, Permanent Housing projects, Permanent Supportive Housing projects, and transitional housing projects. This number is unduplicated clients. For the number of survivors our CoC is currently serving, Casa de Esperanza, our local Victim Services Provider, ran a system wide report of active clients being served in all capacities. This report was run through Casa's EmpowerDB system, an HMIS comparable data base for VSPs.

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

<b>Applicant Name</b>
Casa de Esperanza

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

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

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

1.	Applicant Name	Casa de Esperanza
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	19%
3.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	0%

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

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

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

**(limit 1,500 characters)**

Casa de Esperanza calculated the rates by the number of individuals housed divided by the total number of individuals sheltered times 100. The rates do account for exits to safe housing destinations, but housing retention is not currently tracked. Data for this calculation was pulled from EmpowerDB, the HMIS-comparable database.

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

Describe in the field below how the project applicant:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Casa de Esperanza ensures that domestic violence (DV) survivors experiencing homelessness are swiftly moved into safe, affordable housing through multiple strategies. Beginning by providing immediate emergency shelter services, which offers a safe and secure environment. This is followed by weekly case management sessions tailored to develop personalized care plans that address each individual's unique needs and circumstances, encompassing various aspects such as mental health support, employment opportunities, and housing. An individualized housing plan is developed to ensure ongoing stability and self-sufficiency. Case management continues for up to 12 months post-housing, providing essential support and resources for helping clients navigate any challenges they may face as they settle into permanent housing..

<b>4A-3d.</b>	<b>Applicant's Experience in Ensuring DV Survivors' Safety.</b>	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:	
	1. taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;	
	2. making determinations and placements into safe housing;	
	3. keeping survivors' information and locations confidential;	
	4. training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and	
	5. taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Casa de Esperanza is committed to ensuring the safety and confidentiality of domestic violence survivors, many of whom may be experiencing homelessness. Our approach integrates privacy protections throughout the intake and interview process. We prioritize privacy during intake by having survivors sign a confidentiality agreement. Additionally, all communications regarding their situations require the release of information to further protect their privacy. The emergency shelter’s location remains confidential, ensuring survivors are safe from threats. Security is paramount; the facility is equipped with security cameras, locking doors, and an alarm system to discourage unauthorized access further. Regular safety assessments are conducted, and staff are trained to address any safety concerns promptly. Staff must complete an 80-hour course, and safety and confidentiality practices must be addressed during the training. In addition to these measures, staff undergo continuous training and onboarding processes, incorporating a detailed review of our confidentiality policies and safety practices. When making placement determinations, we ensure survivors’ safety is our top priority. Before acceptance, case managers conduct a walk-through of any potential housing locations. This process allows us to assess security features and physical safety comprehensively. Alongside this, we provide survivors with personalized safety planning guidance that includes strategies for maintaining their safety and confidentiality, especially concerning their location and contact information. To manage survivors’ data securely, a HIPAA-compliant, comparable database is utilized to protect personal details. All paper documents are securely stored and shredded when no longer needed. Email communications are encrypted, and a unique identifier system replaces identifiable information, safeguarding our clients’ privacy.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In evaluating the organization’s capability to ensure the safety of domestic violence (DV) survivors, we assessed several key areas contributing to effective support and protection. Current practices include: 1. established comprehensive safety planning protocols that involve collaboration with survivors to assess their unique risks and create tailored plans; 2. services are designed to be accessible with physical locations, hotlines, text, and online chat resources; 3. recent enhancements of our fencing project directly contributes to the safety at the shelter by providing controlled access, making the shelter completely inaccessible from unauthorized entry; 4. upgraded security cameras around the facility and within communal living areas serve as an added protective barrier, ensuring the safety of all survivors within the shelter; 5. collaboration with local law enforcement, healthcare providers, and legal aid organizations to create a cohesive support network.; 6. established crisis response protocols are in place for immediate safety interventions. Areas for Improvement identified are: 1. enhancing training for staff on contemporary safety planning techniques, including technology safety measures; 2. ongoing assessments of security measures to help identify potential weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement; 3. regular drills and simulations for staff to enhance preparedness and response times during critical incidents.

4A-3e.	Applicant’s Experience in Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below the project applicant's experience in:	
1.	prioritizing placement and stabilization of survivors;
2.	placing survivors in permanent housing;
3.	placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their preferences; and
4.	placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their stated needs.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Our approach to addressing the unique challenges faced by survivors as they transition into permanent housing is grounded in being trauma-informed responsive, which recognizes the impact of trauma on individuals and emphasizes safety, trust, and empowerment throughout the housing process. Our experience in placing and stabilizing survivors begins with the understanding that each individual's journey is unique. We prioritize listening to survivors' stated needs and infusing their preferences into every step of the housing process. For example, we conduct assessments beyond basic requirements, allowing survivors to express their desires for housing location, environment, and support services.

We foster and develop strong partnerships with local housing providers, community organizations, and mental health services, creating a robust network that assists survivors in securing stable housing. Through these collaborations, we have facilitated successful placements tailored to each individual's specific needs, ensuring they feel supported throughout their transition.

Our trauma-responsive approach includes ongoing support after placement. We offer case management services that help survivors navigate challenges in their new living situations, whether related to finances, community integration, or personal well-being. Our trained staff is skilled at employing empathetic communication strategies that help survivors articulate their challenges and preferences, leading to more effective and responsive support. Our housing sustainability program ensures consistent follow-up and adjustment of services, ensuring that we remain responsive to their evolving needs and preferences.

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

Casa de Esperanza trauma-informed and survivor-centered approach lays a strong foundation for healing, resilience, and empowerment. Punitive interventions are consciously avoided, ensuring that interactions between survivors and staff are grounded in equality and minimize power differentials. Through no-cost therapy services, survivors are provided with comprehensive access to information on trauma. Our staff undergo trauma-responsive training to ensure they can effectively engage with survivors in meaningful ways. This training emphasizes the importance of recognizing and celebrating each survivor's strengths and developing personalized care plans tailored to their unique goals and aspirations. Cultural diversity among our staff enhances our ability to provide culturally responsive and inclusive services. We prioritize cultural competence and provide equal access to training for all staff members, ensuring that our interactions are sensitive to the diverse backgrounds of the survivors we serve. Additionally, we understand the importance of communication and accessibility. Our organization offers language access to ensure that all survivors can participate fully in our programs. We provide a variety of opportunities for engagement through weekly, biweekly, and monthly workshops and support groups. Survivors also have access to free therapy services, which are essential for emotional healing, as well as trauma-informed parenting education classes. Our advocacy services include personalized accompaniment to help survivors connect with other resources, fostering a supportive environment that encourages their growth and independence.

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

Describe in the field below examples of supportive services the project provided to domestic violence survivors while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs.
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(limit 5,000 characters)

Casa de Esperanza is dedicated to providing comprehensive supportive services to domestic violence survivors, focusing on both immediate safety and long-term stability. Services offered:

1. Emergency Shelter: Safe, confidential emergency shelter for survivors, ensuring they have a secure place to stay while we assist them in finding permanent housing.
2. Housing Assistance: Personalized housing search assistance, connecting survivors with local landlords and housing agencies. Our case managers work closely with clients to identify suitable permanent housing options that meet their needs.
3. Safety Planning: tailored safety plans that address unique situations. This includes strategies for safe transportation, secure housing, and emergency contacts, which empower clients to feel safer in their day-to-day lives.
4. Access to Financial Resources: The Housing Navigation program offers financial assistance for application fees, first month’s rent, and security deposits, alleviating some of the financial burden often faced by survivors. We also provide information and support in accessing government benefits and community resources.
5. Counseling and Support Groups: No-cost counseling services and support groups that provide emotional support, coping strategies, and a sense of community among survivors.
6. Legal Advocacy: Survivors are connected with legal resources to help them navigate challenges related to family law, restraining orders, and custody issues. Our advocates support clients throughout the legal process, ensuring their rights are protected. By integrating these supportive services and many others, we aim to address the immediate safety needs of domestic violence survivors while facilitating their transition to permanent housing and fostering a stable and secure future.

4A-3h.	Applicant’s Plan for Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	
	Describe in the field below how the project(s) will:	
1.	prioritize placement and stabilization of program participants;	
2.	place program participants in permanent housing;	
3.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their preferences; and	
4.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their stated needs.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**



Casa de Esperanza program prioritizes the placement and stabilization of participants in permanent housing through a carefully structured, trauma-informed approach. Each survivor's journey is unique; therefore, tailored services align with individual preferences and state needs. Engagement involves a needs assessment that empowers them to articulate their housing desires and requirements. Once preferences are identified, a broad network of housing options, from subsidized apartments to supportive housing models, is utilized. Each option is presented to participants, allowing them to choose what aligns best with their circumstances and goals. Our Housing Transition Navigation Program plays a crucial role in this process. Participants are paired with dedicated case managers who guide them through the often complex and overwhelming housing application landscape. These navigators help participants understand eligibility criteria, paperwork, and timelines, offering emotional support and practical assistance. Once individuals and families are successfully housed, the program ensures they remain connected to vital supportive services. Participants have access to mental health resources, job training, legal advocacy, and childcare services, all aimed at fostering long-term self-sufficiency and stability. By providing a comprehensive suite of services, we address the holistic needs of survivors, ensuring they can thrive in their new environments.

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

Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:	
1.	establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;
2.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
3.	emphasize program participants' strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
4.	center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
5.	provide a variety of opportunities for program participants' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
6.	offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

Casa de Esperanza is committed to implementing a trauma-informed and survivor-centered approach within the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Project. Our primary focus is on honoring client autonomy and ensuring that all staff members are trained to recognize trauma triggers and respond with empathy and respect.

Staff Training and Development: Our staff training will encompass trauma-informed methodologies, survivor-centered practices, and best practices in the field. This will include cultural competency and active listening training to foster a supportive environment.

Program Environment: We will maintain a safe, welcoming, and non-punitive environment for all participants. Strict interventions will be prohibited, and our policies and procedures will be firmly grounded in equity and quality programming.

Commitment to Continuous Improvement: We are dedicated to adaptability and responsiveness. Participants' insights will inform both immediate and long-term actions and strategies, ensuring that our programs continually evolve to meet their needs.

Participant Resources: Participants will have access to no-cost individual therapy services, monthly workshops, and referrals to community resources, ensuring comprehensive support and connection opportunities.

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

Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:

1.	with a range of lived expertise; and
2.	in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Casa de Esperanza approach will focus on a collaborative framework that centers the voices of survivors by 1. Creating an advisory committee with individuals with lived experience represented; 2. conduct focus groups with survivors to gather detail insights about their needs; 3. implement survivor surveys to collect quantitative data on their experiences and preferences.

## 4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	RHA Homeless Pref...	10/25/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	Lived Experience ...	10/25/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	CA 524 Housing Fi...	10/18/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	HUD CoC Project S...	10/18/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	HFHYS Project Sco...	10/18/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	No Projects Rejec...	10/25/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	HFHYS Notificatio...	10/25/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	CA-524 2024 Prior...	10/25/2024
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	HDX Data Exchange...	10/09/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	Housing Leveragin...	10/25/2024
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Healthcare Formal...	10/25/2024
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
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