

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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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

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

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	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	No
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes

17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.				
35.				

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

TX601 has worked diligently to address the needs of underserved communities, particularly people of color, through data-driven decision-making, racial equity training and accountability, and by increasing access to assistance.

In 2022, the CoC collaborated with underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities, to design a new housing assessment designed to capture each client's unique strengths, preferences, and housing barriers. The decision to change the assessment tool stemmed from growing concerns that the VI-SPDAT (Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool) may have inherent biases, including the potential to perpetuate racial disparities in homelessness services. As a result, TX601 developed a tailored assessment focused on addressing individual client needs and determining the best fit for housing. The new assessment was created by a CoC subcommittee that included individuals with lived experience and people of color, ensuring a diverse range of perspectives.

TX601 uses data to identify disparities in homelessness, especially among Black and Brown populations. By analyzing racial and ethnic trends, TX601 can better understand where gaps exist in service delivery and access. The CoC also collects data on fatalities throughout the year to analyze causes of death within the homeless population.

In 2024 as a further commitment to collecting and analyzing data to identify and address racial equity within our system, TX601 began conducting focus groups with people of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community to gain a deeper understanding of their lived experiences within the homeless response system.

To ensure equitable access to services, TCHC has also made information about the homeless response system and available community services accessible to Spanish-speaking residents by translating key materials into Spanish.

TX601 has a robust training department committed to providing training to internal and external partners within the CoC. Trainings, such as Coordinated Entry, Harm Reduction, and Foundations of Case Management, discuss racial equity and inclusion, providing partners the information to work effectively with diverse populations.

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)

1. TX-601 recruits new members year-round. Community Relations and Planning Department invite new members on a regular basis as they meet with individuals and organizations across the community throughout the year. There is a membership page on the TX-601 website and applicants can submit a new membership application at any time. Applications for new members are reviewed as they are submitted. During the annual State of the Homeless Address, people are invited to become new members. Currently, TX-601 has over 50 community partners. TX601 recruits people with lived experience to the CoC through word-of-mouth from current CoC members with lived experience, shelter, outreach, housing program recruiting, as well as through CoC-conducted focus groups.

2. TX-601 membership and meeting information is available on the website. The CoC shifted to Zoom virtual meetings and/or hybrid meetings since the COVID19 pandemic, which allows people with health concerns or disabilities to attend. All meeting recordings and/or notes are available for the community and the CoC. Additionally, TCHC as the lead agency assists anyone that needs help accessing CoC materials.

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

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

4. All feedback gathered throughout the year is incorporated into the CoC wide strategic plan & is used to develop annual work plans to further refine the current system. All opinions directly impact the strategic direction & local priorities of TX601. TX-601 used community feedback in the last year to create family-specific supportive service programs to assist with family homelessness, as well as setting aside County specific diversion funding for more rural areas. In 2021, Tx601 also created a new housing assessment based on community feedback that will better match people experiencing homelessness to the right intervention for them.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)		
Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:		
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;	
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;	
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and	
4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.	
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TX-601 notified the public that the competition would be accepting applications for new/renewals on August 6, 2024. TCHC, the collaborative applicant, sent an email to all contacts, posted the HUD NOFA and the competition timeline on the website and announced on social media. TCHC led a public briefing on August 9th. TCHC posted the presentation on the website. TCHC released a local RFP on August 16 on the TCHC website and sent out an email on August 19th. A social media post was posted discussing competition deadlines.

1.The email announcing the RFP invited new organizations to apply, as well as a social media post. The RFP stated that the CoC encouraged new organizations to apply. The public briefing encouraged new applicants. The CoC had preliminary meetings throughout the year with DV providers to discuss the CoC Competition. Once the HUD NOFA was released, this document was sent to DV providers in the CoC.

2.TCHC hosted a public briefing about the NOFA on August 9. The briefing included information about: CoC program description, HUD policy priorities, the consolidated application, instructions for the local competition, the timeline, and the date of a TA session. The local RFP and public briefing provided application instructions for renewal, new, DV Bonus, consolidated, and expansion projects, all of which enter their applications straight into eSNAPS by the application deadline date. Additionally, it was explained how new applicants will enter an application into Zoomgrants, a virtual application database. The RFP included detailed application instructions for all project types. A technical assistance session was offered on August 22 for all applicants to ask questions concerning the CoC NOFA and local competition process.

3.TX-601 notified the public about the project selection process in the competition timeline, public briefing, and RFP through the agency website, email blast, and social media. The RFP and briefing included information about HUD and TX601 priorities for the competition and the objective scoring criteria the CoC would use to make performance-based decisions.

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

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	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?	No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

The CoC includes education providers (youth education providers, local education agency, and school districts) as voting members in Youth, Family, and Implementation, Coordination, and the Training (ICT) committee. In addition to committees, local ISD representatives & the President of Tarrant County College are voting members of the CoC Board.

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

CoC service organizations provide direct referrals to programs such as Early Head Start, Head Start, and a program to enroll children in school. The CoC has partnerships with community colleges and the workforce center to assist with employment and GED services. Local independent school districts (ISDs) provide tutoring for homeless children and transportation to and from school.

Previously, TX-601 explored data sharing with ISDs. TX-601 learned that the ISDs would not share data with our system. TX-601 continues to work with the two largest ISDs on plans for the Department of Education funding they received to address homelessness and explore data sharing opportunities.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

To enhance educational access, the CoC has implemented a policy that mandates all CoC and ESG-funded programs to comply with the rights outlined in the McKinney-Vento Act. This includes informing individuals and families about their eligibility for educational services at all access points.

To ensure this policy is followed, the CoC provides comprehensive McKinney-Vento training for all its members. The CoC also collaborates with an agency specializing in McKinney-Vento webinars, promoting upcoming training opportunities through a bi-monthly newsletter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5.	Federal Home Visiting Program—(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	Yes
6.	Head Start	No	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	Yes
8.	Public Pre-K	No	Yes
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

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

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

	Organizations	
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	No
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	No
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes
	Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)	
4.	Local DV Non-profits, Safehaven of TC, Safe City Commission	Yes

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

SafeHaven of Tarrant County, the largest victim service provider within the CoC, receives funding for several CoC projects and holds voting membership on various CoC committees. The Center for Transforming Lives is another key DV service provider, also holding voting membership on several CoC committees. The Salvation Army plays a crucial role in supporting individuals escaping domestic violence and holds voting memberships across multiple CoC committees. Additionally, Unbound, a local human trafficking agency, is a member of the CoC and actively participates in case conferencing. The local public hospital operates a trauma program focused on reducing injury and death from domestic violence, particularly among those experiencing homelessness, and is represented by a voting member on the CoC Board.

All victim service providers have voting membership on the Implementation, Coordination, and Training Committee, which approves CoC policies before they are presented to the CoC Board. The CoC's policies prioritize housing options for those fleeing domestic violence, ensure the use of separate databases to protect client information, facilitate emergency transfers, and secure housing access for survivors of domestic violence. CoC policies allow for self-certification of domestic violence status, eliminating the need for documentation from a DV shelter or police reports.

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. In 2023, TCHC added a position to improve safety and access to housing in coordinated entry for DV clients. The CoC prioritizes safety for DV survivors through safety planning protocols. Case managers create safety plans for clients who are DV survivors, which could include helping them access DV shelter while they search for housing. The TX601 policies require trauma-informed, victim-centered services to prioritize safety needs, complete safety plans, accommodate a survivor's unique circumstances, and allow survivors to choose their housing. Throughout the housing process, safety remains a priority.

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

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

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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.			

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)

1. In 2017, the CoC adopted an emergency transfer policy/procedure which is stated in the CoC Policy/Procedure handbook. This procedure is also outlined in the operations manual for the CoC and states that whenever a participant is housed through CE or CoC programs, the housing agency must inform the participant of their right to an emergency transfer plan at intake. The emergency transfer plan must ensure that all DV survivors maintain safe in the case of new DV threats or experiences. The plan must also allow for rehousing the participant safely.

2. The CoC policy and procedure states that all CoC agencies give all clients—regardless of known survivor status—information about the emergency transfer policy and the process for requesting an emergency transfer as part of the client intake.

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

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

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

1C-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.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

All CoC staff are required to complete Trauma-informed and survivor-centered training. Additionally, the assessment used to connect individuals to the coordinated entry system is designed to allow participants to skip any question that they do not want to answer. In training for this assessment, staff are trained the importance of informed consent and voluntary participation. This allows survivors to receive assistance without the burden of answering questions that may put them in any type of distress, as well as an understanding of why the questions are being asked.

In 2023, TCHC, lead agency for TX601, hired a DV CE Specialist to focus specifically on victims of domestic violence. This specialist serves as a resource and the point of contact between DV providers and the CoC. This specialist serves as a resource for every domestic violence provider in our COC, ensuring that domestic violence clients receive a consistent quality of support regardless of the agency from which they enter the system.

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)

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

Agencies serving DV survivors are active on all committees, including the CoC Board of Directors, ensuring their unique perspective from serving the community is heard and considered during decision-making.

Additionally, TCHC, lead agency for TX601, hired a DV CE Specialist to focus specifically on victims of domestic violence in 2023. This specialist serves as the point of contact between DV providers and the CoC and often interacts with survivors while on site with partner agencies. This specialist serves as a resource for every domestic violence provider in our COC, ensuring that domestic violence clients receive a consistent quality of support regardless of the agency from which they enter the system.

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

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;
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2.	how your CoC assisted housing and services providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy;
3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and
4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC collaborates with local orgs and members of the LGBTQ community to ensure that its anti-discrimination policies are updated to meet the needs of all individuals within the system. Qualitative data regarding discrimination and safety for LGBTQ people is collected through focus groups involving current residents of CoC-funded projects. To ensure sensitivity on this matter, focus group members are provided with contact info to privately reach out to CoC staff. Feedback on anti-discrimination policies is gathered from 2 consumer panels, both of which include LGBTQ members, as well as service providers, agency leaders, and city officials.

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

2.The CoC helps providers to update their anti-discrimination policies based on the final rules, when needed. In 2024, the CoC added training on the rule and best practices for working with LGBTQ+ people. The CoC provides all funded agencies with the final rules and the anti-discrimination policy. Training on LGBTQ+ anti-discrimination rules is provided annually to the CoC.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing 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?
Fort Worth Housing Solutions	31%	Yes-HCV	Yes
Arlington Housing Authority	10%	Yes-HCV	Yes

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

All homeless-dedicated vouchers are referred through coordinated entry.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	Mainstream, FUP/FYI

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

	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?	No
2.	Health Care Facilities?	Yes
3.	Residential Care Facilities?	No
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.	35
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.	35
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)

1.The CoC competition incorporates Housing First (HF) as an inclusion or elimination criterion for project selection. Non-compliant projects are excluded, preventing the introduction of projects that won't adhere to this approach. Renewal projects are evaluated through performance scorecard indicators and monitoring. A HF questionnaire is completed annually for each renewal. Any non-compliant activities observed during monitoring triggers a quality improvement plan.

2.The project scorecard contains the following metrics that help indicate concerns about HF implementation: participants in housing, permanent exits, returns to homelessness, lease-up time, and CE referrals. If any of these metrics score below the CoC average, it indicates that the program may not be fully adhering to HF. CoC Planning staff works with the CE staff by sharing a HF Tracker, which documents CE housing first concerns.

The HF questionnaire includes questions regarding requirements to enter or stay in projects for participants, such as income, sobriety, or criminal justice involvement. It also asks about requirements placed on participants, such as supportive services or MH/SA treatment.

3.TX-601 includes Housing First in its monitoring activities through a HF questionnaire. Quarterly scorecards also signal non-compliance. If either the questionnaire or scorecard indicates such concerns, the program is required to provide a performance improvement plan.

Monitoring involves HF policy reviews and TA is offered to all projects. When information from the CE team indicates a project is not Housing First, TCHC provides TA to resolve the issue. In 2023, CE identified a project whose policies concerning drug-use went against HF principles. TCHC was able to provide TA to resolve this issue.

4.TX601 has implemented several key strategies to increasing the fidelity of Housing First in our community.

Training: TX601 has prioritized training and offers bimonthly Housing First training to all service providers and internal staff. Housing First training is also integrated into required case management training.

Policies: TCHC monitors all program policies annually. Any language or processes that do not match housing first principles trigger a quality improvement plan.

Funding Allocation: TX601 won't approve funding for a new or renewal project that does not follow Housing First Principles. Promising to adhere to housing first is a required field in new project applications.

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)

TX601 identified through HMIS data and collaborating with local service providers that people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, as well as the chronically homeless population, are often the most difficult to service and least likely to request assistance.

In 2024, the CoC worked with the City of Fort Worth, the largest city in our CoC, to create and implement a multidisciplinary Outreach team and housing program funded by the City of Fort Worth. This team works with local business owners, landlords, police officers, and emergency responders to identify chronically homeless and harder to service clients. This outreach team includes case managers, outreach workers, medical personnel, and mental health providers to offer these clients immediate housing with supportive services. This targeted approach to outreach has allowed more than 20 chronically homeless people to be housed within the first several months of project implementation.

TX601 also implemented a systematic, documented approach to Outreach by mapping out the locations and patterns of people experiencing homelessness and tracking outreach contacts and coordinates in HMIS. The Director of Community Impact leads a monthly meeting of all the outreach teams to coordinate their work to ensure outreach services reach all those who need it within the CoC.

1D-4.	Strategies to Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness.	
	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	No
2. Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	No
3. Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
4. Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		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	1,555	1,102

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	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)

1.TX-601 has strong relationships with the area’s largest agencies that enroll people into healthcare benefits: the local mental health authority, MHMR Tarrant; and the local public hospital, JPS Health Network. Both organizations work with community partners to enroll people experiencing homelessness into Medicaid and into the local public hospital “insurance” program for the homeless.

JPS has a street medicine team that serves people experiencing homelessness and helps to enroll people who are unsheltered into healthcare benefits. MHMR Tarrant has an outreach team that also can help people experiencing homelessness access mental health and substance abuse treatment.

TX601 holds monthly meetings with representatives from all partner agencies to foster collaboration and ensure that local providers are well-informed on how to connect residents with local healthcare services.

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

In 2023, TX-601 SOAR-certified specialists helped secure over \$500,000 in income benefits for housing program recipients.

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

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)

1. In the event of an infectious disease outbreak, the CoC develops an action plan based on the unique needs on the ground at the time of the public health event. This has been more successful for TX-601 because each plan is tailored to the specific situation. For example, the specific response needs for Hepatitis or extreme weather are different than the response needed for COVID-19.

Regardless of the type of infectious disease outbreak, TX601 acts quickly and effectively to coordinate efforts to protect the health and safety of the homeless population, service providers, and the community.

First, CoC leadership meets with the Public Health experts, including the Tarrant County Public Health Department and the County Hospital System to better understand the needs of the situation. Based on this information, a community plan of action is developed. A meeting between CoC leadership, public health experts, and agency staff is called to discuss the plan, how it should be implemented and any necessary supplies or training efforts.

Infection control measures, such as screening, enhanced sanitation, and social distancing within shelters, are implemented. Throughout the outbreak, CoC leadership acts as the point of contact of Public Health and partner agencies to ensure clear, consistent, and transparent communication.

2. The CoC reduces infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness through ongoing collaboration meetings with public health and the public hospital to ensure the CoC is aware of any emerging health threats. The CoC and Public Health Department also have a data sharing agreement for tuberculosis testing information.

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

Most recently, Tarrant County Public Health staff saw an increase in Shigella sickness in the emergency shelter system. This triggered a meeting between the Public Health Department, Public Hospital, and shelter leadership staff to better understand the illness and how to combat the spread within the 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)

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

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

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

Most recently in Spring of 2024, Tarrant County Public Health staff saw an increase in Shigella sickness in the emergency shelter system. This triggered a meeting between the Public Health Department, Public Hospital, outreach and shelter leadership staff to better understand the illness and how to combat the stop within the shelters.

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)

1. The CoC has made coordinated entry (CE) accessible to all people experiencing homelessness. People can access CE through emergency shelters, helpline, the day shelter, and through multiple outreach teams. Information on how to access CE is published in a homeless services document called a “pocket pal”, which is offered for free to anyone in the community to hand out.

The CoC increased its outreach teams from a total of 10 staff in 2019 to 30 staff currently. Outreach teams are deployed throughout the geographical area. GIS location mapping is used to document outreach efforts.

2.The CES uses a standardized assessment process. In 2022, the CoC implemented a new housing assessment that collects information about each client’s unique strengths, preferences, and barriers to housing.

Changing the standardized assessment tool came from increasing fears that the VI-SPDAT may have potential biases, including concerns about racism. Many argue that the tool may perpetuate racial disparities in homelessness services, which lead to TX601s decision to create an assessment that focuses on the unique client needs and most appropriate fit for housing.

The new assessment information is paired with a person’s homeless span to prioritize and match someone to housing services. Data is used during case conferencing to discuss specific client concerns, as well as system level data to guide the CE process. TX601s CE software allows CE staff to create cohorts of subpopulations to ensure a speedy and easy CE process for all.

3.All CoC staff are required to complete Trauma-informed care. Also, the CAS assessment is designed to allow participants to skip question that they do not want to answer. Staff receive training on informed consent and voluntary participation. This allows people to receive assistance without the burden of answering questions that may put them in any type of distress.

4.TX601 regularly updates its CES based on feedback from CoC partners, the CoC Board, and two lived-experience committees. TCHC completes a CES evaluation annually, including both a survey of providers and focus groups of people with lived experience. This data is used to find continuous quality improvement opportunities for CES.

TX601 completed two CE pivots since 2020 based on community feedback. For each CES change, the CoC developed workgroups of agency leaders, direct service providers, and people with lived experience, to design and test the system changes

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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)

1. The CoC markets housing and services by making accessing CAS as easy as possible. This includes numerous points of entry, including emergency shelters, the day shelter, and multiple outreach teams throughout the CoC. The Homeless Coalition also operates a helpline that connects people experiencing homelessness to the CE access points or outreach. Information for the helpline and other housing services can be found in a pamphlet that is widely distributed within the community. Information on housing and coordinated entry is also available on TCHC's website and social media accounts. TCHC's staff educates community institutions that might find people experiencing homelessness—including libraries, the public hospital, mental health providers, police and fire staff, nonprofits, food banks, churches, and city offices—on how to connect people to coordinated entry through the helpline or contacting an outreach team. The CoC has outreach teams that are specific to the public hospital, the public mental health provider, and fire and police that provide access to CE.

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

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

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.	02/03/2022

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)

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

The CoC identified that the most important quantitative metrics to review in 2023's analysis was moves into permanent housing, length of time to housing, and people who positively exit or remain in permanent housing.

TX601 expanded focus groups from annually to quarterly in 2023. This included adding focus groups specifically for POC to better understand their experiences and needs.

TX601 continues to incorporate people with lived experience on all boards/committees, including the CoC Board to use their expertise to guide decision-making.

2. TCHC employs a data analyst who collects and analyzes all system-wide data to ensure we are addressing any racial equity concerns. This includes a thorough review of key metrics such as moves into permanent housing, length of time individuals and families spend waiting for housing, and the outcomes for those who exit or remain in permanent housing.

By examining these areas, the data analyst helps us understand whether certain groups—particularly underserved populations—are experiencing disparities in their access to housing services. For instance, they analyze how long it takes different racial and ethnic groups to move into permanent housing and whether there are inequities in the success rates of clients who exit the system or stay housed long term.

In 2023, we found that people of color (POC) are over-represented in homelessness. The 2023 annual needs/gaps analysis found that 55% of people served within the emergency response system were POC, while POC make up 19% of the general population. The quantitative analysis showed that POC were more likely to move into housing (70% POC who attained permanent housing vs 23% of white people) and have shorter length of time to get into permanent housing (34 days to housing for POC vs 46 days to housing for white people). A new trend for TX601 over the last year is the increased rate of POC returning to our system with 68% of people returning to homelessness being POC compared to 19% being white.

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

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

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	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.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In 2024, TCHC, serving as the collaborative applicant for TX601, initiated a comprehensive review of all current CoC policies and procedures to ensure they are up-to-date and effective in preventing or eliminating racial disparities within the homeless response system. This effort is CoC-wide and involves a detailed examination of each policy and procedure to assess their relevance and identify any necessary updates or revisions.

After the initial review by TCHC leadership, all policies and procedures will be brought to the ICT Committee, which is responsible for overseeing policy changes within the response system. This committee includes leadership from every CoC-funded agency, ESG leadership, and individuals with lived experience. Following ICT's review and updates, the policies will then be presented to two additional lived experience committees—the Advisory Committee and the Youth Action Board. Although these committees have representation within ICT, this additional step ensures that all members can share their opinions on any policy updates.

Once the ICT, Advisory Committee, and Youth Action Board have all reviewed and proposed changes, TCHC will consult with an external agency to further assess TX601's policies.

This consultant will evaluate whether the policies are sufficient to prevent or eliminate racial disparities and will also conduct a full racial equity assessment for the entire CoC.

Following this external review, the CoC Board will have the final approval of all policies and procedures.

Moving forward, TCHC will review and update policies and procedures annually, with a complete racial equity review conducted every three years.

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)

1.TCHC evaluates all system performance measures by intervention, race, ethnicity, and sub-population annually to monitor disparities.

TCHC employs a dedicated data analyst, who continuously tracks racial disparities in the outcomes of our homeless response system. The analyst systematically collects and analyzes data on service delivery and client outcomes, evaluating this information by race and ethnicity. By identifying patterns and disparities, the data analyst provides data that informs decision-making and program adjustments. The data analyst evaluates our systems SPMs by project type, as well as individual projects to get a better understanding of the health of each program. This ongoing analysis allows the agency to implement targeted interventions, monitor the effectiveness of these efforts over time, and ensure that our services are equitable and accessible to all populations within our CoC.

If the data analyst finds a higher-than-average level of length of time to housing, negative exits, or returns to homelessness for any population, then TCHC provides technical assistance to help the program reduce disparities. Agencies also must complete a performance improvement plan.

Additionally, in the CoC competition, agencies are required to answer questions about improving equity in performance. The ranking workgroup reviews each program's performance scorecards along with a specific question on racial/ethnic and sexual orientation equity.

The combination of quarterly monitoring, technical assistance, and purposeful funding decisions allows programs to identify issues, make improvements, and have accountability and consequences for inaction.

2.Tools currently used by TX601 to measure and track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities within our system include performance scorecards, Green River (HMIS database and Warehouse), a CQI tool, Power BI, and subpopulation committees' dashboards. All SPMs, performance scorecards and system-level monitoring are reviewed by people with lived experience in the Advisory Council and Youth Action Board, and these groups provide recommended changes for the CoC.

1D-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)

TX601 actively recruits individuals with lived experience into the CoC using word-of-mouth referrals, outreach teams and shelter recruiting, housing program involvement, social media and case conferencing.

Case managers play a vital role in recommending candidates. The Advisory Council, comprised of adults with lived experience, currently has 8 members, with 2 joining in the past year. The Youth Action Board (YAB), for individuals aged 18-24 with lived experience, has 4 members and is in the process of recruiting 3 more. All members have experienced homelessness in the past 7 years or are current program participants.

As part of the current push to recreate additional YAB members, TCHC staff has put out flyers to partner agencies, included an incentive payment to current YAB members who recruit new members, as well as plan a mixer for potential YAB members to meet current YAB members.

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

People with lived experience of homelessness are recruited through the Advisory Council and YAB to be part of the CoC Competition's Ranking Committee, which determines funding for all CoC projects. For the FY24 competition, 40% of the Ranking Committee had experienced homelessness. Both the Advisory Council, as well as the YAB, review and approve application scoring criteria, contribute to system-wide and program-specific scorecard assessments, and participate in the approval of strategic and CoC-wide plans through majority votes. This collaborative effort ensures robust consumer involvement in shaping and evaluating initiatives within TX601.

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.	19	14
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	19	14
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	14	12
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	18	12

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)

All Advisory Council and Youth Action Board members receive training on the CoC structure, the data used to evaluate homelessness and performance in the CoC, performance improvement, and community planning. TX601 has been able to improve its professional development opportunities for people with lived experience through technical assistance for YHDP by sharing the training information from YHDP with the Advisory Council.

In the CoC competition, people with lived experience receive training on the competition requirements, process, and evaluating applicants. Further, all Advisory Council and Youth Action Board members are paid for their expertise, time, and participation.

When the CoC has a job opening, TCHC provides those job openings to the Advisory Council and YAB. This increases employment opportunities and also gives the CoC more employees with lived expertise.

All CoC and ESG agencies include lived experience as a preferred experience in their job descriptions. The CoC's two largest shelters and one of its largest housing partners have developed employment and skill-based training for people with lived experience of homelessness.

Employment programs for people with lived experience of homelessness have grown significantly in TX601 since 2020. The largest shelter also has a social enterprise where it employs people experiencing homelessness with a living wage and benefits for work at the shelter and contracts with other companies and nonprofits.

Another shelter in our system began a structured employment and economic stability program for people experiencing homelessness in 2022.

The day shelter, which acts as a "one stop shop" for people to receive case management, food, mail services, and a safe place to stay, includes skill-based training classes, continuing education trainings, and employment assistance to any person experiencing homelessness.

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;
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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)

1.The CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness through committees, surveys, and focus groups. 2 key committees, the Advisory Council and the Youth Action Board (YAB), consist of people with lived experience, some of whom participated in CoC and/or ESG-funded programs. These boards provide feedback on system-wide performance, policies, strategic plans, and the CoC competition. People with lived experience are members of the CoC Board, the Ranking for the CoC competition, and the ICT Committee, which approves all system policy before it goes to the CoC Board.

2. In addition to holding monthly meetings with the Advisory Council and Youth Action Boards, TCHC conducts quarterly focus groups. Each quarter targets a specific population, such as unsheltered, individuals in the shelter system, those residing in housing projects, people of color, and members of the LGBTQ+ community.

3.TX601 gathers feedback from people in a CoC or ESG program through surveys and focus groups. Focus groups are lead by planning staff quarterly.

4. TX601 conducts quarterly focus groups. One focus group is dedicated to people who are currently receiving housing services through CoC or ESG funded projects. Continuous feedback is provided from monthly Advisory Council and YAB meetings. Many of these members are current or past residents of CoC or ESG funded projects.

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

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

In 2022, consumers highlighted the need to enhance case management (CM) services within the CoC. In response, the CoC introduced a CM training series called Foundations of CM and developed CM standards to ensure consistency across services.

For the 2023 PIT count, TX601 simplified the questions to reduce interview time, addressing consumer feedback that the process was too lengthy and intrusive.

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)

1.To promote increased housing development through zoning reform & land use policies, the CoC participated in the creation of the City of FTW Neighborhood Conservation Plan & Affordable Housing Strategy. During this initiative, the CoC provided input on local policy changes and advocated for the implementation of essential tools needed to facilitate affordable housing creation and innovative land use approaches, including the establishment of a land bank/trust. The lead agency created a group called HOME FTW to specifically address how to preserve and create affordable housing. This group has identified policy priorities including creation of a land bank, creation of a land trust (completed), and implementing tools to create revenue to build affordable housing.

2.Related to the Affordable Housing Plan, the lead agency is working on two primary policy changes: to waive all fees by statute for affordable developers creating housing for those making less than 80% AMI and to expedite the permitting process within the City of Fort Worth for the same group of developers. The City of Fort Worth is currently reviewing the ROI for these policies.

Housing designated for 100% people with disabilities is granted the ability to bypass the local zoning process with approval from a city council member. The CoC has built valuable relationships to ensure the success of this process. The CoC met with Ft Worth officials to gain expedited permitting of two PSH projects. Housing developments that target people with disabilities are eligible for an automatic city waiver for select permits and regulations. The CoC has encouraged all new PSH developments to seek this waiver.

The CoC's biggest barrier to supportive housing development has been funding. The CoC has reduced this barrier by securing \$55M in ARPA & HOME-ARPA funding for supportive housing development. The CoC engages the Leadership Council, which includes elected officials from all jurisdictions within the CoC, about the need for supportive housing investment and reduced barriers for developing housing.

The CoC has worked with the city of Ft Worth and Tarrant County on their RFP and post-award process for ARPA-funded supportive housing development. The CoC's recommendations to the city & county are aimed at reducing barriers to project development and ensuring that all properties are complete by 2026.

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) 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

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.	08/16/2024
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.	08/16/2024

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.	

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	150
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	37
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

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

4.TX-601's Ranking Committee considered geographic distribution and populations with severe barriers, including youth, chronic homelessness, DV, severe mental illness, criminal history, and substance abuse. The Ranking Workgroup ranked projects higher to ensure that needs of these populations are met.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The Advisory Council, Youth Action Board, the Allocations Committee, the Implementation, Coordination, and Training Committee and the CoC Board evaluated the rating factors used to review project applications. This group included 22 people of color, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and 17 people who previously experienced homelessness.

2.The review, ranking, and recommendations for the CoC Competition is overseen by the Allocations Committee. The chair of the Allocations Committee is black. The Allocations Committee included four members who were people of color, comprising 40% of the workgroup. The Ranking Workgroup also included six people with lived experience (60% of the workgroup).

TX-601 recruits diverse people, including those over-represented in homelessness, to serve on these work groups, committees, and the CoC Board. The CoC and these committees have put an emphasis on renewing program performance, especially in occupancy rates, length of time homeless, positive/negative exits, and returns to homelessness. People of color in the CoC and the CoC at large recognize these factors as being vital to ending homelessness in TX-601.

Additionally, the community was concerned with ensuring that there are enough projects that serve vulnerable populations with severe barriers and that projects that serve vulnerable populations are maintained. The CoC includes questions in the competition about how the projects will improve equity in TX-601.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

2. TX-601 reviewed the performance of the bottom 30% of scorecards (10 projects). TX-601 also reviewed the projects with high recapture rates found on the scorecard (6 projects).

3. The CoC did not reallocate any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year.

4. The Allocations Committee reviewed the scorecards of the bottom 30% of scorecards, including their current utilization rates within HMIS. Part of the scorecard is the projects' ability to add comments to explain discrepancies and low scores in certain areas. The lowest performing agency went through a lot of change in the last grant cycle working with HUD to transition from site-based to scattered site housing. This change impacted several of their indicators. Since this project was a higher scoring project in the previous competition, the Allocations Committee decided to not reallocate their funding. As for the other 9 projects, the Allocation Committee reviewed their scorecards and current utilization to make the decision not to reallocate at this time. All projects in the bottom 30% of ranking will be put on a performance enhancement plan.

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?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	09/30/2024

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.	09/30/2024
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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.	10/24/2024
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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.	10/24/2024
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Green River
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	04/30/2024
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2A-4.	Comparable Databases for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. TCHC serves as the HMIS lead for TX-601. TCHC conducts HMIS audits annually for all programs, including TX-601's domestic violence programs. In this audit, TCHC reviews the data elements that are collected to ensure that they meet the most recent HMIS Data Standards. The local domestic violence providers use a database that is used across the country as a domestic violence database equivalent to HMIS. TCHC has a designated DV Coordinated Entry Specialist who works directly with domestic violence providers to submit their deidentified aggregated data for: 1) quarterly programmatic monitoring using the project scorecard and 2) annually for reporting of CoC-wide system performance measures in the LSA. The domestic violence providers also provide data to TCHC for the PIT and HIC count.

2. All DV housing and service providers in TX601 are using a HUD-compliant comparable database that is compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	2,058	98	1,234	57.24%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	20	0	20	100.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	194	28	202	90.99%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	1,036	66	1,102	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	2,035	15	2,041	99.56%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	673	0	626	93.02%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The bed coverage rate for Emergency Shelter is the only bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent.

1. As the bed coverage rate for emergency shelter was 100% in the last HIC and historically stays at 100%, this dramatic decrease in bed coverage rate resulted in an intensive review of the data submitted in the most recent HIC. Upon review, it was discovered that some of the non-HMIS participating beds were inflated causing a discrepancy. In the next 12 months, CoC and HMIS Lead staff will conduct meetings with non-HMIS participating ES agencies to solidify a standard process for more accurate and timely data sharing.

2. These steps will be implemented by increased collaboration with non-HMIS participating ES organizations by increased meeting schedules, standardized processes, and accountability check-ins.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?		Yes

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.	01/25/2024
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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.	04/30/2024
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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)

1. From 2021-2023, TX-601 planned and implemented their YHDP-funded projects. Implementation of these projects relied heavily on collaboration with the Youth Action Board and youth-serving agencies. The high engagement of youth providers for the YHDP process was leveraged regarding community stakeholders to plan for the 2024 PIT count.

Stakeholders involved with the YHDP process included: school districts, child welfare, youth outreach teams, outreach teams, law enforcement, libraries, churches, shelters, human trafficking organizations, and youth service organizations.

Members of the YAB, as well as staff from youth agencies, were included in conversations about the 2024 PIT Count, including what interview questions should be asked during the PIT Count.

PIT Count planning was discussed in various meetings across the CoC, including Youth Action Board, Youth Committee, Family Committee, and case conferencing.

2. The Youth Action Board, composed of young individuals with experience with homelessness, actively participated in organizing the 2024 PIT Count. YAB members collaborated on innovative outreach strategies for engaging youth and identified potential areas to locate unsheltered youth.

All stakeholders and Youth Action Board listed above encouraged youth experiencing homelessness to check in to a shelter on the night of the 2024 PIT Count. Outreach teams provided youth with transportation to the shelter.

Our community's largest youth service provider put together a team of their outreach workers to help find unsheltered youth during the PIT Count.

The YAB and stakeholders believed that youth were most likely to be found in specific shelters (TRAC, ACH Family Services, Arlington Life Shelter), parks, and libraries.

3. All members of the YAB were encouraged to participate in the 2024 PIT Count, as well as youth currently housed within CoC-funded projects

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 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)

1.The CoC had no changes to its sheltered PIT count implementation between 2023 and 2024 and no major data quality changes in this time.

2.The CoC had no changes to its unsheltered PIT count implementation between 2023 and 2024 and no major data quality changes in this time.

3. TX601's 2024 PIT count was not impacted by people displaced either from a natural disaster or seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance in our CoCs' geographic area.

4. NA

5. NA

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. TX601 identified risk factors for becoming homeless through the PIT count survey, housing assessment tool, focus groups, HUD assessment, and provider input.

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

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

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

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

3. Director of Community Impact, TCHC

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

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

1.	natural disasters?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your 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:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	
2.	describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

1. TX601 implemented a new housing assessment that will better match people experiencing homelessness to the right housing intervention through automated coordinated entry. TX601 has also implemented a universal housing application for all CoC and ESG programs. TX601's continued goal is to streamline the coordinated entry process to avoid any initial delays to housing due to paperwork. Minimizing these types of delays will limit the amount of time people experience homelessness before being matched to a housing program.

Additionally, TX601 has begun in-person case conferencing for all agencies serving people and families experiencing homelessness. During these meetings, CoC and project staff focus on families within the shelter system and identify intervention types.

TX-601 has implemented monthly agency-level accountability reports for occupancy and length of time from housing match to move-in which is shared with the whole CoC. TCHC also studied the programs with the fastest length of time to better provide technical assistance and best practices to agencies with the longest length of time.

In 2024, TCHC applied for private funding to fund additional family-focused projects. A large portion of this funding went to Rapid Exit Projects. Rapid Exit provides limited financial assistance to those with income potential and minimal barriers to quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent housing. Through these projects, TX601 aims to provide income-earning families quick access to stable housing.

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

3. Director of System Response, TCHC

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.TX-601's strategy to increase the rate of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing is to streamline CE and other processes to reach 100% utilization in projects. TX601 developed community accountability reports to track utilization rates for all housing projects. This report allows for discussion on needed measures to ensure 100% utilization. Housing projects with less than 90% bed coverage work with CoC staff to create an improvement plan. TX601 replaced the VISPDAT with a new housing assessment to speed up the process to house people and better place people in the right housing intervention. The assessment asks a series of 16 questions. Based on those answers, people are referred to either short-term or long-term interventions.

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

In 2023, the CoC was awarded 368 EHV's through the state of TX. The CoC & TC Housing Authority dispersed the EHV's focusing on a move-on strategy to transition eligible PSH recipients to EHV's. People in transitional housing who are at risk of returning to homelessness were connected to PSH through CE. For those in RRH but need long-term interventions, TX601 moved people who qualify into PSH and EHV's.

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

TCHC also provides technical assistance for housing partners in progressive engagement. Last year, TX601 identified PSH programs with lower retention and added case management and behavioral health support to increase these programs' success. TCHC will continue to provide bi-monthly support to these programs.

Additionally, TCHC secured private funding to supplement current case management services to add additional case management for families in rapid rehousing and EHV's. The purpose of this funding is to help families gain housing stability to prevent them from future housing concerns.

3.Dir. of System Response, TCHC

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)

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

2. To help reduce the risk of people returning to homelessness, TCHC created training on progressive engagement and housing-focused case management for all partners (PSH and RRH) and is providing technical assistance to programs who have higher numbers of clients that return to homelessness.

Additionally, TCHC secured private funding to supplement current case management services to add additional case management for families in rapid rehousing. The purpose of this funding is to help families gain housing stability to prevent them from future housing concerns.

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

In 2022, TX601 eliminated the VISPDAT and implemented a new housing assessment that will better place people in the right housing intervention the first time. The assessment asks if people are willing and able to work, and based on that answer, they are referred to either short-term (RRH, rapid exit, etc.) or long-term (EHV or PSH) interventions. This ensures that someone with a total disability or who will never be able to work is not placed in RRH because their other VISPDAT items score low. It also ensures that people who need long term interventions receive it and reduces their returns.

Landlord engagement staff reach out to RRH providers when a client has 6 months of assistance left to support planning for a successful exit. If clients in RRH will need longer assistance and had a history of chronic homelessness, then they can be transferred to a PSH program.

3. Director of Community Impact, TCHC.

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)

1. Following the Housing First philosophy, TX-601's strategy is to house people experiencing homelessness quickly and support them in seeking employment once they are stabilized. TX-601's new coordinated entry housing assessment asks if clients are willing to work and able to work. Clients who answer "yes" to both questions are referred to employment programs. A primary barrier to employment in TX601 for people experiencing homelessness is a lack of critical documents—photo ID or social security card. TX601 previously worked with the local Department of Motor Vehicles and Social Security Office to coordinate set-aside appointments and appointments on-site at the local day shelter for people experiencing homelessness.

Currently, TX601 is working on implementing mass transportation to take clients to social security and the DMV to reduce barriers to obtaining documentation, as well as developing a critical documents workgroup made up of community partners to better understand the impact that critical documents have on connecting clients to housing quickly. Increased access to critical documentation will help people who want to work be able to work.

According to data collected by the new Housing Assessment Tool, only 20% reported that they were willing or able to work. TX-601 has housed and successfully exited many people experiencing homelessness who were willing and able to work. People who are willing and able to work often benefit from increased diversion efforts, a shallow subsidy program, or a rapid exit. These diversion and rapid exit programs, where many people who are able to work are served, are not counted toward TX-601's increasing employment income metrics.

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

3. Director of Community Impact, TCHC

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Since the assessment results found that over 80% of clients in TX-601 are not willing or able to work, TX-601 has prioritized access to non-employment cash income in the last several years. TCHC used state funding for homelessness to hire two full-time SOAR-certified benefits specialists. The benefits specialists work with clients in the public housing authority's new PHA voucher-funded PSH housing programs that have minimum rent requirements so that those clients can maintain their housing. The benefits specialists also target other PSH housing programs with low rates of client increases in non-employment cash income. The benefits specialists are also embedded with emergency shelter and outreach teams to provide benefits assistance for people who are actively homeless.

The benefits specialists support applications for SSI and SSDI by working with clients to complete the application and follow through with any required processes.

TX601 staff provide training to CoC members on successful benefits applications to multiply the impact across the CoC.

Since 2022, TX-601 SOAR-certified specialists helped secure over \$875,000 in income benefits for housing program recipients.

A barrier in TX-601 is that social security offices and ID offices have limited appointment availability and are difficult for people with histories of homelessness to access. This has made it difficult for people experiencing homelessness or who are recently housed to gain ID or social security cards necessary for benefits. In 2024, TX601 started working with community partners to ensure clients can attend ID and social security appointments. One current community activity is to mass schedule appointments and use group transportation to assist clients in attendance. This increased access will : 1) increase access to non-employment cash income sources for people experiencing homelessness, 2) make it easier for those who want it to attain employment with an ID and social security card, and 3) make it easier for people to find landlords to accept their housing vouchers with an ID and social security card.

2. Director of Community Impact, TCHC

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

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

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

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

- 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

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

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

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:	805
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	352
3.	Unmet Need:	453

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. SafeHaven of Tarrant County, the only CoC-funded Victim Service Provider (VSP) in TX601, calculated the number of domestic violence (DV) survivors in need of housing and services. Using their comparable database, SafeHaven staff assessed the number of survivors who accessed DV specific services and evaluated their ongoing needs.

2. The number of DV survivors requiring housing or services was derived from data in a comparable database.

3. The CoC currently lacks the funding necessary to meet the needs of all survivors in our community. At present, TX601 has only one CoC-funded DV-specific project. While DV survivors can access all CoC projects, they often linger in the Coordinated Access System (CAS) waiting on available housing options. Introducing an additional DV-specific housing project would remove this barrier and provide survivors with more housing opportunities.

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

Applicant Name
Safe City Commission

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	Safe City Commission
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors—Percentage	0%
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)

1. This applicant is currently not a housing provider in our CoC. However, they are a new access point into CE for DV survivors. While none of their clients have been successfully housed through CE, they do currently have 20 survivors within the system with 10 survivors currently matched and looking for a unit.

2. NA

3. NA

4. This data was pulled from the CE system.

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)

1. In 2024, Safe City Commission (SSC) became a designated entry point for survivors within the TX601 Coordinated Entry (CE) system by housing a Domestic Violence (DV) CE Specialist at their facility multiple days each week. Employed by the lead agency, the DV CE Specialist conducts client intakes and facilitates secure data sharing between SSC's database and the CoC's HMIS. This enhanced information sharing allows DV survivors to access the CoC's full range of housing and supportive services, helping them obtain and maintain permanent housing more quickly and effectively.

2. DV survivors are designated a priority population under the CoC's CE policies and procedures. Survivors are matched with housing ahead of other clients, based on homeless span, ensuring that those who have been experiencing homelessness the longest are housed first.

3. During intake, survivors have the option to complete a needs assessment, designed to identify and prioritize their goals and services. This assessment is survivor-driven and entirely voluntary, ensuring that client voice and choice are respected.

4. SSC partners with 25 community organizations within the same facility, creating a "one-stop shop" where survivors can easily access supportive services. On-site resources include case management, mental health counseling, support groups, employment services, legal aid, childcare, transportation, court preparation, immigration services, job skills training, a clothing closet, parenting classes, chaplain services, and victim advocacy.

For services not available in-house, SSC maintains strong partnerships with external providers to ensure survivors have access to additional resources such as STI testing, forensic medical evaluations, and food pantries.

5. While SSC does not directly provide housing services, it acts as a crucial link, connecting survivors experiencing homelessness to housing providers through the Coordinated Entry system. By offering comprehensive supportive services and linking survivors to housing resources, SSC helps survivors transition from housing insecurity to housing stability. Once housed, SSC continues to provide ongoing support indefinitely, unless the survivor chooses to end services.

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

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| 5. | taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality. |
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Privacy and confidentiality are critical during the intake/interview process at Safe City Commission (SSC). To protect survivors, intakes/interviews are held in private rooms, separate from other agency areas. Access to these rooms requires a scan card, which is issued only to employees who have undergone thorough background checks. On-site security is present at all building entry points to ensure the safety of survivors.

Staff, volunteers, and partners must sign confidentiality agreements that outline the consequences of breaches. SSC staff ensure survivors understand their rights to confidentiality. Survivor data is stored in a comparable HMIS and shared with the Continuum of Care (CoC) using de-identified information.

2. During intake, SSC staff conduct safety planning with survivors who are willing to participate. This process helps SSC determine safe housing placements. While long-term housing is accessed through the Coordinated Entry (CE) system, SSC staff are trained to assess and refer survivors in immediate need to the CoC's DV-specific shelters. If all DV shelters are full or SSC encounters difficulties accessing shelter services, SSC can provide short-term housing to ensure survivors' safety. This may involve offering internal accommodations or securing hotel stays.

3. SSC uses a comparable, separate data system to store survivor information. Access to this system requires staff to complete extensive training, pass background checks, and submit proper documentation. Physical paper files are kept behind at least two locks to ensure security.

4. As a designated family violence center, SSC is required to conduct extensive annual training for staff. This includes more than 20 hours of onboarding training, repeated annually for all employees. These trainings cover various aspects of working with survivors focusing on safety and confidentiality.

5. Although SSC does not offer off-site long-term housing, SSC has numerous procedures to ensure the safety and confidentiality of survivors housed on-site or in hotel accommodations. SSC provides 24-hour security, including local officers. Entry to SSC requires passing through a security checkpoint, and all internal doors require scan card access.

For hotel accommodations, SSC uses an online service that vets local hotels and allows booking without disclosing any personal information about survivors, ensuring both safety and confidentiality.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant's Experience in Evaluating Its Ability to Ensure DV Survivors' Safety.	
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NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
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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.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

For over 12 years, Safe City Commission (SSC) has provided services to over 14,000 survivors of domestic violence. During this time, SSC has maintained an exceptional safety record, with only one instance of mortality among survivors actively receiving services. While any loss is too many, this statistic reflects SSC's dedication to protecting survivors and ensuring their safety.

SSC continuously assesses its services through survivor feedback. Surveys allow survivors to share their experiences and help SSC make necessary improvements to their programs. According to these surveys, 97% of survivors reported developing safety strategies after receiving support from SSC staff. This statistic showcases SSC's success in empowering survivors with the tools they need to stay safe.

Beyond survivor services, SSC's commitment to safety extends to the physical security of their facility. The Chair of SSC's Board of Directors, a private security expert, provides advice on safety enhancements to the facility. As a result, SSC has increased their security measures, such as restricting access to sensitive areas and installing security mechanisms on facility elevators to prevent unauthorized entry. These steps ensure the safety of survivors and staff.

In addition to these physical safeguards, SSC staff undergo regular safety training, ensuring they are well-prepared to respond to crisis situations. In addition to on-site security, SSC collaborates closely with local law enforcement and community partners to maintain a comprehensive safety network for survivors.

SSC's proactive approach to safety continues to evolve as new challenges arise. By staying current on developments in domestic violence prevention and security technology, SSC anticipates and addresses potential risks to survivors. Although SSC does not provide long-term housing, it works with partners to ensure survivors have safe short-term options, such as hotel accommodations, while connecting them to long-term housing solutions through Coordinated Entry (CE).

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)

1. In 2024, Safe City Commission (SSC) became an entry point for DV survivors within the TX601 Coordinated Entry (CE) system by hosting a dedicated DV CE Specialist on-site multiple days each week. This specialist conducts survivor intakes, facilitating secure data sharing between SSC's database and the CoC's HMIS. This ensures survivors have access to the full range of housing and services offered through the CoC, significantly improving the speed and effectiveness of securing and maintaining permanent housing.

As part of the CoC's policies, DV survivors are classified as a priority population, ensuring they are matched with housing options ahead of other populations.

When deciding housing options during intake, SSC and survivors evaluate the most appropriate and safest accommodation. Options may include DV-specific shelters, hotel, or in-house emergency stays, depending on what best suits the survivor's needs.

2. SSC is a key entry point for survivors within the TX601 CE system, providing assistance to more than 150 survivors each month. By working closely with the specialized DV CE staff, SSC ensures that survivors gain access to the full range of housing options and supportive services available through the CoC. This collaboration allows survivors to secure permanent housing faster and maintain stability in the long term.

3. At the core of SSC's approach is the belief in the importance of survivor voice and choice. SSC staff work closely with survivors to create personalized safety and care plans, as well as to identify their desired outcomes. Survivors are provided with a full range of service options and are empowered to select those that best align with their needs and circumstances. This survivor-centered approach reinforces the idea that survivors are experts in their own lives.

4. During intake, SSC staff conduct a needs assessment with any survivor who is willing to participate. This assessment serves as an empowerment tool, connecting survivors to the resources they identify as most important. Once the assessment is completed, SSC staff collaborate with survivors to prioritize their needs and work towards achieving desired outcomes.

SSC's priority is ensuring immediate access to safe housing. Staff engage with survivors to explore housing options and decide on the best fit—whether that's a DV-specific shelter, a temporary hotel stay, or return to their home, if the survivor feels it is the best choice for their situation.

4A-3f.	Applicant's Experience in Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches. NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant's experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:	
1.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures survivors and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;	
2.	providing survivors access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing survivors with information on the effects of trauma;	

3.	emphasizing survivors' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
4.	centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
5.	providing a variety of opportunities for survivors' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
6.	offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

1. For over 12 years, Safe City Commission (SCC) has been committed to supporting survivors of DV providing a safe, empowering environment based on mutual respect. SCC's services prioritize the unique needs and choices of survivors, allowing them to oversee their own safety plans and goal setting.

By maintaining transparent communication and incorporating survivor feedback, SCC has built a strong foundation of trust where survivors feel valued and respected. According to qualitative data from client interviews, 100% of survivors reported feeling respected by SCC staff.

2. SCC staff receive trauma-informed care training, which includes educating survivors about the effects of trauma. During intake, staff explain how trauma impacts memory, often causing survivors to forget or misremember information. Staff provide information in writing to allow survivors the ability to review it at a later time. Written materials may not always be safe or appropriate for all, staff tailor their approach to each survivor.

Survivors are educated on the long-term effects of trauma and discuss services such as mental health counseling and support groups.

3. SCC follows a strengths-based approach which is highlighted in staff training, assessments, and care planning. This method emphasizes a survivor's strengths while identifying needs. SCC staff are trained to never make decisions for survivors, but to provide education and resources to empower the survivor to make informed choices to create their care plans.

4. To ensure cultural inclusivity, SCC offers comprehensive cultural competency training for staff and community partners. These trainings focus on understanding how different cultures experience domestic violence and the best ways to support survivors within their cultural contexts. Bilingual staff are available to communicate with survivors in their preferred language, and a language line is used for translation services when needed, ensuring that no language barriers prevent survivors from receiving care.

5. SCC fosters a sense of community for survivors by offering opportunities to connect with others through peer-to-peer support, peer-mentored support groups, youth camps, survivor story meetings, and spiritual support from an in-house chaplain.

6. For parenting survivors, SCC provides childcare services, parenting classes, legal service connections, and educational support groups to ensure that both survivors and their families receive the care and resources they need.

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

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

For over 12 years, Safe City Commission (SSC) has served as a vital resource for more than 14,000 survivors of domestic violence in our community. With a commitment to safety and empowerment, SSC has developed an impressive network of services tailored to meet the unique needs of survivors.

A feature of SSC's approach is its collaboration with 25 community organizations located within the same facility, creating a "one-stop shop" where survivors can easily access a comprehensive range of supportive services. This innovative model not only simplifies the process of seeking help, but also ensures that survivors have the resources necessary to rebuild their lives.

On-site services include personalized case management, which empowers survivors to set and achieve individual goals. Mental health counseling and support groups provide safe spaces for survivors to process their experiences.

Recognizing the importance of financial independence, SSC offers employment services and job skills training.

Legal aid serves as an important component of Safe City Commission's (SSC) services, providing survivors with expert legal advice to navigate the complexities of legal systems. To further support this effort, SSC has designated a room within its facility as a courtroom, offering survivors a familiar and comfortable environment to prepare for future court proceedings. This space is designed to help survivors feel more at ease as they engage with the legal process, reinforcing SSC's commitment to ensuring that all aspects of a survivor's journey are addressed with sensitivity and care.

Additionally, SSC provides childcare services and parenting classes to support survivors who are parents, fostering healthy family dynamics.

Transportation assistance further breaks down barriers that can hinder access to essential services.

SSC also includes specialized programs such as immigration services and victim advocacy, addressing the unique needs of survivors from diverse backgrounds.

The inclusion of chaplain services reflects SSC's commitment to nurturing all aspects of a survivor's needs.

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)

1. Safe City Commission (SSC) prioritizes the placement and stabilization of domestic violence (DV) survivors by serving as a key entry point into the Coordinated Entry (CE) system. When survivors are matched with the proposed Rapid Rehousing (RRH) project, SSC will conduct a survivor-centered assessments to understand their service needs. SSC will collaborate with the survivor and CoC Landlord Engagement (LE) Team to identify safe and appropriate housing. Throughout the process, SSC and LE staff will work to address barriers and ensure the safety of each survivor for quick placement in stable housing. Once housed, SSC provides holistic services to ensure long-term stability after the housing assistance ends.

2. SSC will accept client referrals through the CE system. In 2024, SSC became a designated entry point for survivors in the TX601 Coordinated Entry System and houses a DV CE Specialist at their facility. The specialist conducts client intakes and facilitates secure data sharing between SSC's database and the CoC's HMIS to ensure that DV survivors have access to the full range of housing and supportive services. After a client is matched with the proposed RRH project, SSC will move quickly to find safe housing that aligns with the survivor's needs.

3. SSC will ensure that program participants are placed in housing consistent with their preferences. Survivors will be empowered to make their own decisions about housing location and supportive services with the help of SSC and the CoC Landlord Engagement Team. Multiple housing options will be provided so survivors can choose what works best for their unique situation.

4. SSC emphasizes client voice and choice in the development of personalized service plans. At intake, survivors complete a survivor-centered assessment to identify their needs and priorities. This assessment helps guide the service plan to ensure that the survivor can decide on the location of their housing and the services they wish to receive. SSC's survivor-centered approach fosters empowerment, allowing participants to take control of their own circumstances.

4A-3i.	Applicant's Plan for Administering Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Practices in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	
	Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:	
1.	establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;	

2.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
3.	emphasize program participants' strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
4.	center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
5.	provide a variety of opportunities for program participants' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
6.	offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

1. For over 12 years, Safe City Commission (SCC) has been committed to supporting survivors of DV providing a safe, empowering environment based on mutual respect. SCC's services prioritize the unique needs and choices of survivors, allowing them to oversee their own safety plans and goal setting. SCC will continue these principles for this proposed RRH project by ensuring that staff are trained and prepared to work with survivors.

2. SCC staff will continue to receive trauma-informed care training, including how to educate survivors about the effects of trauma. During intake, staff will explain how trauma impacts memory which often causes survivors to forget or misremember information. Staff will provide information in writing to allow survivors the ability to review it at a later time. Written materials may not always be safe or appropriate for all, staff will tailor their approach to each survivor.

Survivors will be educated on the long-term effects of trauma and will be offered services such as mental health counseling and support groups.

3. For this project, SCC will follow a strengths-based approach, which is highlighted in staff training, assessments, and care planning. This method emphasizes a survivor's strengths while identifying needs. SCC staff will be trained to never make decisions for survivors, but to provide education and resources to empower the survivor to make informed choices to create their care plans.

4. To ensure cultural inclusivity, SCC will continue to offer comprehensive cultural competency training for staff and community partners. These trainings will focus on understanding how different cultures experience domestic violence and the best ways to support survivors within their cultural contexts. Bilingual staff will be available to communicate with survivors in their preferred language, and a language line will be used for translation services when needed to ensure that language barriers do not prevent survivors from receiving care.

5. SCC will continue to create a sense of community for survivors by offering opportunities to connect with others through peer-to-peer support, peer-mentored support groups, youth camps, survivor story meetings, and spiritual support from an in-house chaplain.

6. For parenting survivors, SCC will provide childcare services, parenting classes, legal service connections, and educational support groups to ensure that both survivors and their families receive the care and resources they need.

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)

1. A fundamental principle guiding the leadership of Safe City Commission (SSC) is the importance of involving survivors in all aspects of policy and program development, operational decision-making, and the evaluation of services. SSC's Board of Directors features several members with lived experience, alongside a dedicated committee comprised of approximately 20 survivors who actively collaborate with SSC staff and leadership. This committee will be consulted at every stage of the development of the new rapid rehousing project. From shaping policy to managing daily operations, survivors will be integral to the project's development, ensuring that their voices and needs are prioritized.

Additionally, SSC staff will engage with survivors currently utilizing services at SSC to align the rapid rehousing project with existing gaps in community resources. This engagement will help ensure that the project effectively meets the specific needs of survivors within the community.

2. SSC has established procedures to guarantee that all policies and procedures are developed in collaboration with survivors. Prior to policy or procedure creation, SCC leadership and staff hold discussions with their lived experience committee to ensure alignment with the needs and preferences of survivors and the broader community. Once draft policies and procedures are created, they are presented to the committee for thorough evaluation. Importantly, no policy or procedure is finalized without the committee's approval. Following committee approval, all policies and procedures are then sent to the Board of Directors for review and approval. The SSC Board, which includes multiple individuals with lived experience, ensures that the perspectives of survivors are represented at the highest levels of decision-making.

The new rapid rehousing project will adhere to these same collaborative development and approval procedures, reinforcing SSC's commitment to involving survivors at every step of the project's creation and implementation.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1.	You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.		
2.	You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.		
3.	We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.		
4.	Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.		
5.	Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.		
6.	If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.		
	. 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).		
	. We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.		
7.	After you upload each attachment, use the Download feature to access and check the attachment to ensure it matches the required Document Type and to ensure it contains all pages you intend to include.		
8.	Only use the "Other" attachment option to meet an attachment requirement that is not otherwise listed in these detailed instructions.		
Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	PHA Homeless Pref...	09/23/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	PHA Moving On Pre...	09/23/2024
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	Lived Experience ...	09/23/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/24/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	10/09/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	10/09/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5. Notificatio...	10/02/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5a. Notificati...	10/02/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	10/15/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
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4.3 PREFERENCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4.4 ORGANIZATION OF THE WAIT LIST

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

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

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

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CHAPTER 4 - ESTABLISHING PREFERENCES AND MAINTAINING THE WAITING LIST

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

INTRODUCTION

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

4-A. WAITING LIST

[24 CFR 982.204]

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

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

4-B. PREFERENCES

Preferences

1. Mainstream Preference

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

2. Residency Preference

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

3. Working Preference

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

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

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

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

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

4. Special Needs Programs Participants

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

5. Hurricane Katrina Impacted Families

This local preference was discontinued in March 2015.

6. Special Vouchers

Money Follows the Person

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

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

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

Mainstream Vouchers

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

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

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

Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)

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

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

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

4-C. INITIAL DETERMINATION OF LOCAL PREFERENCE QUALIFICATION

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

4-D. ORDER OF SELECTION

[24 CFR 982.207(e)]

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

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

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

4-E. FINAL VERIFICATION OF PREFERENCES

[24 CFR 982.207]

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

4-F. PREFERENCE DENIAL

[24 CFR 982.207]

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

4-G. INCOME TARGETING

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

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

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

4-H. SPECIAL ADMISSIONS

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

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

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

4-I. TARGETED FUNDING

[24 CFR 982.203]

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Rapid Rehousing and Shelter Plus Care Programs

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

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

3. Family Unification Program

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

Transition to Housing Choice Voucher

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

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

4-J. WAITING LIST MANAGEMENT

Change in Circumstances

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

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

Cross-Listing of Different Housing Programs and Housing Choice Voucher

[24 CFR 982.205(a)]

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

Other Housing Assistance

[24 CFR 982.205(b)]

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

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

Removal from Waiting List

[24 CFR 982.204(c)]

Initial Application

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

Application's Received During Open Enrollment

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

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

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

Termed Waiting List

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

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Chapter 4

APPLICATIONS, WAITING LIST AND TENANT SELECTION

INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PART I: THE APPLICATION PROCESS

4-I.A. OVERVIEW

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

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

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

TCHAO Policy

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

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

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

The local preferences are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4-I.C. ACCESSIBILITY OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS

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

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

Limited English Proficiency

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

TCHAO Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ineligible for Placement on the Waiting List

TCHAO Policy

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

Eligible for Placement on the Waiting List

TCHAO Policy

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

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

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

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

PART II: MANAGING THE WAITING LIST

4-II.A. OVERVIEW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TCHAO Policy

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

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

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

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

TCHAO Policy

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

The organization of the TCHAO Waiting List is as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Closing the Waiting List

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

TCHAO Policy

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

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

Reopening the Waiting List

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

TCHAO Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TCHAO Policy

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

4-II.E. REPORTING CHANGES IN FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

TCHAO Policy

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

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

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

Purging the Waiting List

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

TCHAO Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Removal from the Waiting List

TCHAO Policy

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

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

PART III: SELECTION FOR HCV ASSISTANCE

4-III.A. OVERVIEW

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

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

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

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

4-III.B. SELECTION AND HCV FUNDING SOURCES

Special Admissions [24 CFR 982.203]

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

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

Targeted Funding [24 CFR 982.204(e)]

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

The TCHAO administers the following types of targeted funding:

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

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

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

Regular HCV Funding

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

4-III.C. SELECTION METHOD

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

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

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

TCHAO Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

TCHAO Policy

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

Order of Selection

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

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

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

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

TCHAO Policy

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

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

4-III.D. NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

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

TCHAO Policy

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

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

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

4-III.E. THE APPLICATION INTERVIEW

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

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

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

TCHAO Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4-III.F. COMPLETING THE APPLICATION PROCESS

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

TCHAO Policy

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

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

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

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4.3 PREFERENCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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3. Working Preference

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

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

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

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

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

4. Special Needs Programs Participants

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

5. Hurricane Katrina Impacted Families

This local preference was discontinued in March 2015.

6. Special Vouchers

Money Follows the Person

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

1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter

Date: September 20, 2024

To: FY 2024 and FY 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Application Review Board

From: The TX601 Advisory Council Committee

Topic: Letter of Support from Individuals with Lived Experience with Homelessness for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) FY 2024 and 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Application

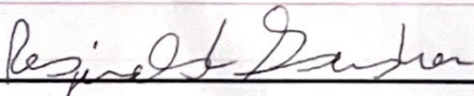

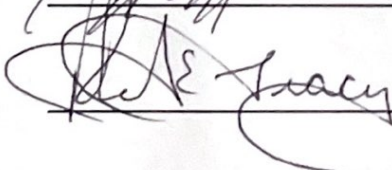
We serve on the TX601 Advisory Council Committee, which comprises individual experts with lived experience in homelessness. We are writing to support the TX601 Continuum of Care and the proposed priorities for serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs. We believe FY 2024 and FY205 funding will create remarkable changes for the homeless population in our Continuum of Care (CoC).

TX-601 CoC Priorities

1. Dedicated Sponsor or project-based Permanent Supportive Housing that matches CoC Housing vouchers with other local capital investments.
2. Rapid Rehousing
3. Geographic distribution of projects throughout the TX-601 area.
4. Individuals are experiencing unsheltered homelessness within the TX-601 area.

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

Sincerely, The TX-601 Advisory Council Committee 2024

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

Attachment: Housing First Evaluation

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Q1

Grant Recipient/Grant Sub-Recipient

Tarrant County

Q2

CoC Grant/Project Name

SafeTomorrows

Q3

Yes

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

Q4

Yes

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

Q5

Yes

Are people with disabilities offered clear opportunities to requestreasonable accommodations within applications and screeningprocesses and during tenancy, and building and apartment unitsinclude special physical features that accommodate disabilities?

Q6**Yes**

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

Q7**Yes**

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

Q8**Yes**

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

Q9**Yes**

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

Q10**Yes**

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

Q11**Yes**

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

Q12**Yes**

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

Q13**Yes**

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

Q14

Yes

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

Q15

No

Have you had to terminate a client(s) from your program within your current grant term? Please provide a brief explanation for the termination.



CoC/YHDP Funded FY24 Housing First Evaluation Questionnaire

Housing First is a proven approach, applicable across all elements of systems for ending homelessness, in which people experiencing homelessness are connected to permanent housing swiftly and with few to no treatment preconditions, behavioral contingencies, or other barriers. It is based on overwhelming evidence that people experiencing homelessness can achieve stability in permanent housing if provided with the appropriate level of services.

Please complete the FY24 Housing First Questionnaire. Please complete one questionnaire for each CoC/YHDP-funded project your organization has. The grant recipient and sub-recipient must both complete a separate questionnaire when applicable.

1. Grant Recipient/Grant Sub-Recipient

2. CoC Grant/Project Name

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

Explain "No"/Additional Comments

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

Explain "No"/Additional Comments



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

☐ Yes

☐ No

Explain "No"/Additional Comments



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

☐ Yes

☐ No

Explain "No"/Additional Comments




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

☐ Yes

☐ No

Explain "No"/Additional Comments



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☐ Yes

☐ No

Explain "No"/Additional Comments



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

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

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

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

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☐ No

Explain "No"/Additional Comments

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

Explain "No"/Additional Comments

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

Explain "No"/Additional Comments

15. Have you had to terminate a client(s) from your program within your current grant term?
Please provide a brief explanation for the termination.

☐ Yes

☐ No

If "Yes" (please specify)

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1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool

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

a. Renewal Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Each Project: Renewal Projects									
FY 24 Renewal Projects Scored Using Performance Scorecard									
Program	Agency	Project Type	2024 GIW Amount (& Project Requested Amount)	Amount Awarded in Tier 1	Amount Awarded in Tier 2	Maximum Points Available	Actual Points Awarded	FY24 Weighted Total Score	Submitted Racial and LGBTQ Equity Policies
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH	TRAC	Joint TH/RRH	\$128,663	\$128,663	N/A	140	80	54%	Yes
Sam House PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	\$328,976	\$328,976	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
AHA SPC FY23	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	PSH	\$467,275	\$467,275	N/A	140	110	84%	Yes
Salvation Army Veterans PSH Program	Tarrant County	PSH	\$490,028	\$490,028	N/A	140	115	83%	Yes
SPC 2 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$1,739,027	\$1,739,027	N/A	140	100	77%	Yes
Samaritan House Grace Village	Tarrant County	PSH	\$132,957	\$132,957	N/A	140	110	76%	Yes
Gateway to Housing FY23	MHMR of Tarrant County	PSH	\$460,584	\$460,584	N/A	140	110	74%	Yes
TBLA 13 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	\$196,025	\$196,025	N/A	140	100	74%	Yes
SPC 1 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$2,232,358	\$2,232,358	N/A	140	105	72%	Yes
SafeTomorrows	Tarrant County	PSH	\$159,192	\$159,192	N/A	150	105	71%	Yes
Housing Solutions Combined	Presbyterian Night Shelter	PSH	\$2,080,049	\$2,080,049	N/A	140	115	69%	Yes
TBLA 17 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	\$237,527	\$237,527	N/A	140	95	67%	Yes

SPC 6 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$264,743	\$264,743	N/A	140	95	65%	Yes
Change 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$234,535	\$234,535	N/A	140	90	64%	Yes
TSA SIMON PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	\$715,243	\$715,243	N/A	140	100	63%	Yes
Housing SPC	Tarrant County	PSH	\$112,284	\$112,284	N/A	140	100	62%	Yes
TSA Housing First PSH Combined	Tarrant County	PSH	\$755,802	N/A	\$755,802	140	90	51%	Yes
Project New Start Renewal FY23	Recovery Resource Council	PSH	\$966,582	N/A	\$966,582	140	70	42%	Yes
Quail Trail	Day Resource Center for the Homeless	PSH	\$571,781	N/A	\$571,781	140	75	37%	Yes
SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY 2023	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	RRH	\$578,587	\$578,587	N/A	140	120	87%	Yes
HFOL RRH 2023	Hearts Full of Love	RRH	\$312,393	\$312,393	N/A	140	110	82%	Yes
CTL 3CP	Tarrant County	RRH	\$422,205	\$422,205	N/A	140	105	81%	Yes
CTL Rapid Rehousing Renewal of 2310	Center for Transforming Lives	RRH	\$941,934	\$941,934	N/A	140	105	75%	Yes
AHA ANFP FY23	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	\$62,544	\$62,544	N/A	140	100	71%	Yes
TBLA 114 Tarrant County	Tarrant County	RRH	\$1,447,646	\$1,447,646	N/A	150	115	71%	Yes
AHA RRH FY23	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	\$323,795	\$270,910	\$52,885	140	90	55%	Yes

FY2021 Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven	Presbyterian Night Shelter	SH	\$184,526	\$184,526	N/A	140	110	73%	Yes
FY24 Renewal Projects Not Scored Using Scorecard (But Ranked in Local CoC Competition)									
Youth RRH Program	Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.	PH (YHDP)	\$327,074	\$327,074	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH Expansion	TRAC	Joint TH & PH-RRH	\$141,744	\$141,744	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
OnTRAC Tarrant PSH	TRAC	PH (YHDP)	\$170,676	\$170,676	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
RISE Excel Rapid Rehousing Initiative	Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering	PH (YHDP)	\$310,543	\$310,543	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Dune's LGBT Homeless Solution - CTH	Dunes LGBT Homeless Solutions Foundation	TH	\$472,731	\$472,731	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Seasons of Change, Inc - The Community Changers Project	Seasons of Change, Incorporated	Joint TH & PH-RRH	\$659,156	\$659,156	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
CoC HMIS FY23	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	HMIS	\$370,122	\$370,122	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
CoC Coordinated Entry System FY23	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	\$491,048	\$491,048	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Optimizing CE for DV Clients FY23	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	\$68,392	\$68,392	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

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

b. New Projects

Maximum Points and Actual Points Awarded for Each Project: New Projects

Program	Agency	Project Type	Project Requested Amount	Amount Awarded in Tier 1	Amount Awarded in Tier 2	Maximum Points Available	Actual Points Awarded	FY24 Total Score	Submitted Racial and LGBTQ Equity Policies?
HMIS Expansion FY24	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	HMIS	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	115	107	93%	Yes
TSA Match	Tarrant County	PSH	\$435,118	\$0	\$0	115	96	83%	Yes
Journey Home Housing	Presbyterian Night Shelter	PSH	\$677,356	\$399,368	\$0	115	99	86%	Yes
One Safe Place: Empowerment Housing Initiative	Safe City Commission (One Safe Place)	RRH	\$800,049	\$0	\$800,049	165	98	85%	Yes

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

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

a. Renewal Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Objectives: Renewal Projects									
FY 24 Renewal Projects Scored Using Performance Scorecard									
Program	Agency	Project Type	2024 GIW Amount (& Project Requested Amount)	Amount Awarded in Tier 1	Amount Awarded in Tier 2	Maximum Points Available for Objective Criteria	Actual Points Awarded for Objective Criteria	FY24 Weighted Total Score	Submitted Racial and LGBTQ Equity Policies
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH	TRAC	Joint TH/RRH	\$128,663	\$128,663	N/A	140	80	54%	Yes
Sam House PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	\$328,976	\$328,976	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
AHA SPC FY23	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	PSH	\$467,275	\$467,275	N/A	140	110	84%	Yes
Salvation Army Veterans PSH Program	Tarrant County	PSH	\$490,028	\$490,028	N/A	140	115	83%	Yes
SPC 2 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$1,739,027	\$1,739,027	N/A	140	100	77%	Yes
Samaritan House Grace Village	Tarrant County	PSH	\$132,957	\$132,957	N/A	140	110	76%	Yes
Gateway to Housing FY23	MHMR of Tarrant County	PSH	\$460,584	\$460,584	N/A	140	110	74%	Yes
TBLA 13 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	\$196,025	\$196,025	N/A	140	100	74%	Yes
SPC 1 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$2,232,358	\$2,232,358	N/A	140	105	72%	Yes
SafeTomorrows	Tarrant County	PSH	\$159,192	\$159,192	N/A	150	105	71%	Yes
Housing Solutions Combined	Presbyterian Night Shelter	PSH	\$2,080,049	\$2,080,049	N/A	140	115	69%	Yes
TBLA 17 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	\$237,527	\$237,527	N/A	140	95	67%	Yes

SPC 6 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$264,743	\$264,743	N/A	140	95	65%	Yes
Change 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	\$234,535	\$234,535	N/A	140	90	64%	Yes
TSA SIMON PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	\$715,243	\$715,243	N/A	140	100	63%	Yes
Housing SPC	Tarrant County	PSH	\$112,284	\$112,284	N/A	140	100	62%	Yes
TSA Housing First PSH Combined	Tarrant County	PSH	\$755,802	N/A	\$755,802	140	90	51%	Yes
Project New Start Renewal FY23	Recovery Resource Council	PSH	\$966,582	N/A	\$966,582	140	70	42%	Yes
Quail Trail	Day Resource Center for the Homeless	PSH	\$571,781	N/A	\$571,781	140	75	37%	Yes
SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY 2023	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	RRH	\$578,587	\$578,587	N/A	140	120	87%	Yes
HFOL RRH 2023	Hearts Full of Love	RRH	\$312,393	\$312,393	N/A	140	110	82%	Yes
CTL 3CP	Tarrant County	RRH	\$422,205	\$422,205	N/A	140	105	81%	Yes
CTL Rapid Rehousing Renewal of 2310	Center for Transforming Lives	RRH	\$941,934	\$941,934	N/A	140	105	75%	Yes
AHA ANFP FY23	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	\$62,544	\$62,544	N/A	140	100	71%	Yes
TBLA 114 Tarrant County	Tarrant County	RRH	\$1,447,646	\$1,447,646	N/A	150	115	71%	Yes
AHA RRH FY23	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	\$323,795	\$270,910	\$52,885	140	90	55%	Yes

FY2021 Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven	Presbyterian Night Shelter	SH	\$184,526	\$184,526	N/A	140	110	73%	Yes
FY24 Renewal Projects Not Scored Using Scorecard (But Ranked in Local CoC Competition)									
Youth RRH Program	Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.	PH (YHDP)	\$327,074	\$327,074	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH Expansion	TRAC	Joint TH & PH-RRH	\$141,744	\$141,744	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
OnTRAC Tarrant PSH	TRAC	PH (YHDP)	\$170,676	\$170,676	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
RISE Excel Rapid Rehousing Initiative	Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering	PH (YHDP)	\$310,543	\$310,543	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Dune's LGBT Homeless Solution - CTH	Dunes LGBT Homeless Solutions Foundation	TH	\$472,731	\$472,731	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Seasons of Change, Inc - The Community Changers Project	Seasons of Change, Incorporated	Joint TH & PH-RRH	\$659,156	\$659,156	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
CoC HMIS FY23	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	HMIS	\$370,122	\$370,122	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
CoC Coordinated Entry System FY23	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	\$491,048	\$491,048	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Optimizing CE for DV Clients FY23	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	\$68,392	\$68,392	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

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

b. New Projects

Maximum Points and Actual Points Awarded for Objective Criteria: New Projects									
Program	Agency	Project Type	Project Requested Amount	Amount Awarded in Tier 1	Amount Awarded in Tier 2	Maximum Points Available	Actual Points Awarded	FY24 Total Score	Submitted Racial and LGBTQ Equity Policies?
HMIS Expansion FY24	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	HMIS	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	75	62	83%	Yes
TSA Match	Tarrant County	PSH	\$435,118	\$0	\$0	75	57	76%	Yes
Journey Home Housing	Presbyterian Night Shelter	PSH	\$677,356	\$399,368	\$0	75	63	84%	Yes
One Safe Place: Empowerment Housing Initiative	Safe City Commission (One Safe Place)	RRH	\$800,049	\$0	\$800,049	75	63	84%	Yes

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

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

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

a. Renewal Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for System Performance Criteria: Renewal Projects					
FY 24 Renewal Projects Scored Using Performance Scorecard					
Program	Agency	Project Type	Maximum Points Available for System Performance Criteria	Actual Points Awarded for System Performance Criteria	FY24 System Performance Criteria Score (Weighted 50% of Total Scorecard Score)
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH	TRAC	Joint TH/RRH	40	20	25%
Sam House PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	N/A	N/A	N/A
AHA SPC FY23	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	PSH	40	30	38%
Salvation Army Veterans PSH Program	Tarrant County	PSH	40	30	38%
SPC 2 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	40	30	38%
Samaritan House Grace Village	Tarrant County	PSH	40	25	31%
Gateway to Housing FY23	MHMR of Tarrant County	PSH	40	25	31%
TBLA 13 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	40	30	38%
SPC 1 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	40	25	31%
SafeTomorrows	Tarrant County	PSH	50	25	25%
Housing Solutions Combined	Presbyterian Night Shelter	PSH	40	15	19%
TBLA 17 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	40	25	31%
SPC 6 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	40	15	19%

Change 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	40	20	25%
TSA SIMON PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	40	20	25%
Housing SPC	Tarrant County	PSH	40	15	19%
TSA Housing First PSH Combined	Tarrant County	PSH	40	10	13%
Project New Start Renewal FY23	Recovery Resource Council	PSH	40	10	13%
Quail Trail	Day Resource Center for the Homeless	PSH	40	5	6%
SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY 2023	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	RRH	50	40	40%
HFOL RRH 2023	Hearts Full of Love	RRH	40	30	38%
CTL 3CP	Tarrant County	RRH	40	30	38%
CTL Rapid Rehousing Renewal of 2310	Center for Transforming Lives	RRH	40	30	38%
AHA ANFP FY23	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	40	20	25%
TBLA 114 Tarrant County	Tarrant County	RRH	50	25	25%
AHA RRH FY23	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	40	10	13%
FY2021 Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven	Presbyterian Night Shelter	SH	40	20	25%
FY24 Renewal Projects Not Scored Using Scorecard (But Ranked in Local CoC Competition)					
Youth RRH Program	Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.	PH (YHDP)	N/A	N/A	N/A
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH Expansion	TRAC	Joint TH & PH-RRH	N/A	N/A	N/A
OnTRAC Tarrant PSH	TRAC	PH (YHDP)	N/A	N/A	N/A

RISE Excel Rapid Rehousing Initiative	Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering	PH (YHDP)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dune's LGBT Homeless Solution - CTH	Dunes LGBT Homeless Solutions Foundation	TH	N/A	N/A	N/A
Seasons of Change, Inc - The Community Changers Project	Seasons of Change, Incorporated	Joint TH & PH-RRH	N/A	N/A	N/A
CoC HMIS FY23	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	HMIS	N/A	N/A	N/A
CoC Coordinated Entry System FY23	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	N/A	N/A	N/A
Optimizing CE for DV Clients FY23	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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

b. New Projects

Maximum Points and Actual Points Awarded for System Performance Criteria: New Projects									
Program	Agency	Project Type	Project Requested Amount	Amount Awarded in Tier 1	Amount Awarded in Tier 2	Maximum Points Available for System Performance Criteria	Actual Points Awarded for System Performance Criteria	FY24 Total Score for System Performance Criteria	Submitted Racial and LGBTQ Equity Policies?

HMIS Expansion FY24	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	HMIS	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	55	51	93%	Yes
TSA Match	Tarrant County	PSH	\$435,118	\$0	\$0	55	50	91%	Yes
Journey Home Housing	Presbyterian Night Shelter	PSH	\$677,356	\$399,368	\$0	55	46	84%	Yes
One Safe Place: Empowerment Housing Initiative	Safe City Commission (One Safe Place)	RRH	\$800,049	\$0	\$800,049	55	49	89%	Yes

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

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

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

a. Renewal Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Projects Addressing Severe Barriers to Housing and Services: Renewal Projects							
FY 24 Renewal Projects Scored Using Performance Scorecard							
Program	Agency	Project Type	Project Serves Specific Subpopulation with Severe Barriers?	Maximum Points Available	Actual Points Awarded	FY24 Weighted Total Score	Submitted Racial and LGBTQ Equity Policies
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH	TRAC	Joint TH/RRH	Youth (under 25); Former Foster Youth	140	80	54%	Yes
Sam House PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	HIV/AIDS	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
AHA SPC FY23	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	PSH	Chronic Homeless (Not Veterans)	140	110	84%	Yes
Salvation Army Veterans PSH Program	Tarrant County	PSH	Veterans; Chronic Homeless	140	115	83%	Yes
SPC 2 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	Chronically Homeless (Not Veterans), Veterans (Not Chronically Homeless), Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Mentally Ill, Domestic Violence,	140	100	77%	Yes
Samaritan House Grace Village	Tarrant County	PSH	Families with Children; Chronic Homeless	140	110	76%	Yes
Gateway to Housing FY23	MHMR of Tarrant County	PSH	Veterans; Families with Children; Domestic Violence; Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless	140	110	74%	Yes

TBLA 13 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	Mental Illness	140	100	74%	Yes
SPC 1 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	Chronic Homeless, Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Mentally Ill,	140	105	72%	Yes
SafeTomorrows	Tarrant County	PSH	Domestic Violence; Chronic Homeless	150	105	71%	Yes
Housing Solutions Combined	Presbyterian Night Shelter	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; HIV/AIDS; Chronic Homeless; Domestic Violence: Physical Disability	140	115	69%	Yes
TBLA 17 MHMR	Tarrant County	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness	140	95	67%	Yes
SPC 6 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	Chronically Homeless (Not Veterans), HIV/AIDS, Mental Illness, Domestic Violence,	140	95	65%	Yes
Change 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless (Not Veterans), Veterans (Not Chronically Homeless), Domestic Violence	140	90	64%	Yes
TSA SIMON PSH	Tarrant County	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless	140	100	63%	Yes

Housing SPC	Tarrant County	PSH	Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless	140	100	62%	Yes
TSA Housing First PSH Combined	Tarrant County	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless; Chronic Physical Disabilities	140	90	51%	Yes
Project New Start Renewal FY23	Recovery Resource Council	PSH	Chronic Homeless (Not Veterans)	140	70	42%	Yes
Quail Trail	Day Resource Center for the Homeless	PSH	NA	140	75	37%	Yes
SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY 2023	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	RRH	Domestic Violence	140	120	87%	Yes
HFOL RRH 2023	Hearts Full of Love	RRH	Families with and without Children.	140	110	82%	Yes
CTL 3CP	Tarrant County	RRH	Families with Children; Domestic Violence	140	105	81%	Yes
CTL Rapid Rehousing Renewal of 2310	Center for Transforming Lives	RRH	Families with Children	140	105	75%	Yes
AHA ANFP FY23	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	First time mothers who are pregnant at time of program admission or have children under the age of 2.	140	100	71%	Yes
TBLA 114 Tarrant County	Tarrant County	RRH	Youth (under 25); Families with Children; Domestic Violence	150	115	71%	Yes

AHA RRH FY23	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	HIV/AIDS, Severely Mentally Ill, Domestic Violence, Physical Disability,	140	90	55%	Yes
FY2021 Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven	Presbyterian Night Shelter	SH	Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless, Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Physical Disability, Domestic Violence	140	110	73%	Yes
FY24 Renewal Projects Not Scored Using Scorecard (But Ranked in Local CoC Competition)							
Youth RRH Program	Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.	PH (YHDP)	Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH Expansion	TRAC	Joint TH & PH-RRH	Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
OnTRAC Tarrant PSH	TRAC	PH (YHDP)	Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
RISE Excel Rapid Rehousing Initiative	Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering	PH (YHDP)	Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Dune's LGBT Homeless Solution - CTH	Dunes LGBT Homeless Solutions Foundation	TH	Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Seasons of Change, Inc - The Community Changers Project	Seasons of Change, Incorporated	Joint TH & PH-RRH	Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
CoC HMIS FY23	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	HMIS	NA	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
CoC Coordinated	Tarrant County	SSO-CAS	NA	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

Entry System FY23	Homeless Coalition						
Optimizing CE for DV Clients FY23	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	Domestic Violence	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

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

b. New Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Projects Addressing Severe Barriers to Housing and Services: New Projects									
Program	Agency	Project Type	Project Requested Amount	Amount Awarded in Tier 1	Amount Awarded in Tier 2	Maximum Points Available for Addressing Specific Severe Barriers to Housing and Services	Actual Points Awarded for Addressing Specific Severe Barriers to Housing and Services	FY24 Total Score for Addressing Specific Severe Barriers to Housing and Services	Submitted Racial and LGBTQ Equity Policies?
HMIS Expansion FY24	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	HMIS	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	33	27	81%	Yes
TSA Macth	Tarrant County	PSH	\$435,118	\$0	\$0	33	25	76%	Yes
Journey Home Housing	Presbyterian Night Shelter	PSH	\$677,356	\$399,368	\$0	33	29	87%	Yes
One Safe Place: Empowerment Housing Initiative	Safe City Commission (One Safe Place)	RRH	\$800,049	\$0	\$800,049	33	31	94%	Yes

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

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

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

a. Renewal Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Projects Addressing Severe Barriers to Housing and Services: Renewal Projects							
FY 24 Renewal Projects Scored Using Performance Scorecard							
Program	Agency	Project Type	Project Serves Specific Subpopulation with Severe Barriers?	Maximum Points Available	Actual Points Awarded	FY24 Weighted Total Score	Submitted Racial and LGBTQ Equity Policies

SPC 2 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	Chronically Homeless (Not Veterans), Veterans (Not Chronically Homeless), Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Mentally Ill, Domestic Violence,	140	100	77%	Yes
Gateway to Housing FY23	MHMR of Tarrant County	PSH	Veterans; Families with Children; Domestic Violence; Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless	140	110	74%	Yes
SafeTomorrows	Tarrant County	PSH	Domestic Violence; Chronic Homeless	150	105	71%	Yes
Housing Solutions Combined	Presbyterian Night Shelter	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; HIV/AIDS; Chronic Homeless; Domestic Violence: Physical Disability	140	115	69%	Yes
SPC 6 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	Chronically Homeless (Not Veterans), HIV/AIDS, Mental Illness, Domestic Violence,	140	95	65%	Yes

Change 2023-2024	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	PSH	Substance Abuse; Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless (Not Veterans), Veterans (Not Chronically Homeless), Domestic Violence	140	90	64%	Yes
SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY 2023	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	RRH	Domestic Violence	140	120	87%	Yes
CTL 3CP	Tarrant County	RRH	Families with Children; Domestic Violence	140	105	81%	Yes
TBLA 114 Tarrant County	Tarrant County	RRH	Youth (under 25); Families with Children; Domestic Violence	150	115	71%	Yes
AHA RRH FY23	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	RRH	HIV/AIDS, Severely Mentally Ill, Domestic Violence, Physical Disability,	140	90	55%	Yes
FY2021 Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven	Presbyterian Night Shelter	SH	Mental Illness; Chronic Homeless, Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Physical Disability, Domestic Violence	140	110	73%	Yes
FY24 Renewal Projects Not Scored Using Scorecard (But Ranked in Local CoC Competition)							
Optimizing CE for DV Clients FY23	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	SSO-CAS	Domestic Violence	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

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

b. New Projects

Maximum Points Available and Actual Points Awarded for Projects Addressing Services Provided to Survivors of Domestic Violence: New programs									
Program	Agency	Project Type	Project Requested Amount	Amount Awarded in Tier 1	Amount Awarded in Tier 2	Maximum Points Available for Projects Addressing Services Provided to Survivors of Domestic Violence	Actual Points Awarded for Projects Addressing Services Provided to Survivors of Domestic Violence	FY24 Total Score for Projects Addressing Services Provided to Survivors of Domestic Violence	Submitted Racial and LGBTQ Equity Policies?
One Safe Place: Empowerment Housing Initiative	Safe City Commission (One Safe Place)	RRH	\$800,049	\$0	\$800,049	50	43	86%	Yes

New Projects submitted by victim service providers were required to answer over 20 narrative questions, which were scored by reviewers across 13 scoring categories, the same as non-victim service providers. Additionally, victim service providers were required to complete 9 additional narrative questions which were scored by reviewers across 6 scoring categories. The following 6 scoring categories are based on serving survivors of domestic violence:

Addressing Services Provided to Survivors of Domestic Violence: New programs	
Scoring Category #	Name
14	DV BONUS ONLY: Unmet Need (Report the number of DV survivors in the CoC that have a need for housing or services; Report the number of DV survivors that

	the CoC is currently serving; Describe how the number of DV survivors needing housing or services was calculated and identify the data source used)
15	DV BONUS ONLY: Placement and Retention (Provide the project proposed Rate of Housing Placement and Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors by Percentage; Describe how the rate of housing placement and retention was determined and the data source used)
16	DV BONUS ONLY: Ensuring Safety (Describe how the project will ensure the safety of DV survivors experiencing homelessness and how it will measure the ability to ensure safety)
17	DV BONUS ONLY: Trauma-Informed and Victim-centered (Describe the applicants experience with trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches and how the project will utilize the approached to meet the needs of the participants)
18	DV BONUS ONLY: Service Needs (Describe how the project will meet the service needs and ensure participants quickly move into permanent housing while addressing safety needs)
19	DV BONUS ONLY: Need (Provide justification for why a DV Bonus Project is necessary for the CoC)

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Recipient	<div>Center for Transforming Li</div>	Project Component Type	PH - Rapid Re-Housing
Subrecipient	<div>N/A</div>	Reporting Period	Apr 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2024
Project Name	Rapid Rehousing Combined	Scorecard Status	Pre-filled
CoC Funding Year	<div>FY24 CoC NOFO</div>	Full Grant Term	<div>04/01/2023-03/31/2024</div>
Expansion Year?	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div>	Project Less Than 2 Years Old?	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div>
Exclusively Serve a Special Population?	<div>N/A</div>	Geographic Location	<div>TX601, Tarrant and Parker</div>

Total Project Score					
Total Project Score = Project Performance Percentage Achieved + HMIS Data Quality Percentage Achieved + Coordinated Entry Participation Percentage Achieved + Grant Management & Financials Percentage Achieved	Scoring Category	Total Points Achieved	Total Points Available	Category Weight	Percentage Achieved
	Project Performance	30	40	50%	38%
	HMIS Data Quality	15	30	20%	10%
	Coordinated Entry Participation	20	20	20%	20%
	Grant Management & Financials	35	50	10%	7%
	Total Score				75%

Project Performance 50%

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

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information		Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
Quarterly Occupancy Utilization Rate	Household utilization rates demonstrate that the CoC is fully utilizing its inventory. APR Q8b & Application	January Total (Q8b, Row 1, Column 1)	27	102	Points: 10 90% + Points: 5 80% - 89% Points: 0 <= 79%	10
		April Total (Q8b, Row 2, Column 1)	48			
		July Total (Q8b, Row 3, Column 1)	48			
		October Total (Q8b, Row 4, Column 1)	61			
		Adjusted Total from 2017 Project Application (Auto Calculates)	46			

		Proposed number of households served	45			
Percentage of participants who remained in PSH or exited to permanent housing	Successful housing outcomes are one of the most important measures of project success. APR Q23c	Total Number of Persons Served (Q05a, Row 1)	297	95	PSH: >= 98% RRH: >= 95% Points: 5 PSH: 90-97% RRH: 90% - 94% Points: 0 PSH: <= 89% RRH: <= 89%	10
		Total Persons exiting to positive destinations (Q23c, 3rd row from bottom)	209			
		Total Exits (Q23c, 4th row from bottom)	223			
		Total persons whose destinations excluded them from the calculation (Q23c, 2nd row from bottom)	0			
		Unsuccessful exits (Auto Calculated)	14			

Average length of stay of program leavers	Length of Stay is measured to determine if clients are moving through the programs in an appropriate length of time and are efficiently moving towards a permanent and stable home. It also assists community system modeling efforts. APR Q22b		8 months	Points: 10 RRH: >=3-18 months Points: 5 RRH: 19-24 months Points: 0 RRH: >=25 / <=2 months	10
Percentage of adults at exit or annual assessment who gained or increased employment income	Improving household access to financial resources is crucial to reducing vulnerability to homelessness. Increase in income is measured in the NOFA & System Performance Measures APR Q19a1, Q19a2		25	Points: 10 PSH: >= 15% RRH: >= 56% Points: 5 PSH: 9% - 14% RRH: 50% - 55% Points: 0 PSH: <= 8% RRH: <= 49%	0
Percentage of adults at exit or annual assessment who gained or increased non-employment cash income	Improving a household's access to financial resources is crucial to reducing vulnerability to homelessness. Increase in income is measured through the NOFA & System Performance Measures. APR Q19a1, Q19a2		3	Points: 10 PSH: >= 61% RRH: >= 21% Points: 5 PSH: 55 - 60% RRH: 15% - 20% Points: 0 PSH: <= 54% RRH: <= 14%	0
Returns to Homelessness	Reducing returns to homelessness is one of the most important measures of program success and is HUD System Performance Measure 2a. SPM Measure 2		Blank	Points: 10 <= 5% Points: 5 6% - 15% Points: 0 >= 16%	N/A

HMIS Data Quality 20%

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

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information	Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
Personal Identifying Information Error Rate	To achieve accurate data collection and to satisfy HUD HMIS data requirements, projects must ensure that data entered into the local HMIS system is complete. HUD Data Quality Report; APR Q6a, Q6b, Q6c		18	Points: 10 0% - 1%	0
Universal Data Elements Error Rate			0	Points: 5 2% - 5%	10
Income and Housing Data Quality			2	Points: 0 >= 6%	5

Coordinated Entry System Participation 20%

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

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information	Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
Time to Lease Up	TX-601 established Community-wide performance expectations in 2016 and identified that well-functioning Housing Crisis Response System moves households from homelessness to permanent housing in less than 30 days. APR Q22c	Average Time to Lease Up	29	Points: 10 <=60 Days Points: 5 61 - 75 Days Points: 0 >=76 Days	10
Accepted Referrals	TX-601 established Community-wide performance expectations in 2016 to allocate assistance as effectively as possible, prioritizing services to those that need it the most.	Number of CES Referrals <input type="text" value="0"/>	0	Points: 10 >=0%	10
		Number of Accepted Referrals <input type="text" value="0"/>			

Grant Management & Financials 10%

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

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information		Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
Projected Project Spend Down	Ensure the program is on track to spend down all project funds by the end of its current grant term. For sub-contracted programs, subtract one month for the "number of months since start of grant term" to allow for the HUD billing delay in sub-contracted programs.	Funds expended to date, as reflected in eLOCCS	772972	8	Points: 10 (+/-) 0 - 10% Points: 5 (+/-) 11 - 15% Points: 0 (+/-) 16% +	10
		Total Grant Amount Awarded	840918			
	Agency Self-Report and eLOCCS data	Number of months since start of grant term to present	12			
Cost Efficiency	It is important to HUD that programs demonstrate cost efficiency - the annual cost to retain or move someone into permanent housing. For projects that had an expansion, this question is marked N/A. Project Application & APR Data	Actual Expenditures in eLOCCS	772972	2731	Points: 10 PSH <=\$8,999 RRH <=\$2,499 Points: 5 PSH \$9,000 - 11,000 RRH \$2,500 - 4,500 Points: 0 PSH >=\$11,001 RRH >=\$4,501	5
		Number of participants who exited to or remained in permanent supportive housing during the reporting period	283			
Percentage of total grant funds that were recaptured in the most recent grant closeout	It is important to HUD that programs show agency capacity to spend funds allocated in a timely manner and in full and allows for potential fund reallocation of unspent funds during the HUD CoC Competition.	Total Grant Award	840918	1	Points: 10 0-2% Points: 5 3-5% Points: 0 >=6%	10
		Total Spent	830712			
	APR Data	Unspent Amount	10206			

PIT Count Participation	The measure indicates if agency is participating in CoC-related activities PIT Registration or PIT Data	<input type="checkbox"/>			Points: 10 Yes Points: 0 No	0
CoC General Meeting Attendance	To support collaboration between agencies and knowledge of local resources at the CoC will provides CoC wide meetings with varying topics related to homelessness and housing services. The measure indicates agency participation. TCHC Sign-In Sheets	Number of Meetings <input type="text" value="1"/>		100	Points: 10 >= 75% Points: 5 50 - 74% Points: 0 <= 49%	10
		Number Attended <input type="text" value="1"/>				

Review Only:

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

Performance Criteria	Purpose & Source of Measurement	Formula Information	Performance Calculation	Scoring	Total
Site Monitoring	HUD requires that projects meet threshold requirements throughout the life cycle of the project. TCHC Monitoring Reports	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	Points: 10 No Findings Points: 5 Findings but Resolved Points: 0 Findings with No Resolution	0
CES Rejected Referrals	TX-601 established Community-wide performance expectations in 2016 to allocate assistance as effectively as possible, prioritizing services to those that need it the most. Projects are allowed to reject up to 10% of CES referrals for reasons stated in the CES Operation Manual.	Number of CES Referrals <input type="text" value=""/> Number of Accepted Referrals <input type="text" value=""/>		Points: 10 <= 10% Points: 0 >= 11%	
VI-SPDAT		Number of clients enrolled 297 Number of clients with VI-SPDATs 32 Average VI-SPDAT score Blank			

Agency Response Section

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

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

Blank

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

Blank

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

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

Project Performance:

1. Quarterly Occupancy Utilization Rate

- a) Purpose: Indicates efficient use of community resources. High occupancy indicates system efficiency and community demand for services. Project occupancy data is reported to HUD three times a year via the Housing Inventory Chart (HIC), the Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA), and the Annual Performance Report (APR).

2. Percentage of participants who remained in PSH or exited to permanent housing

- a) Purpose: Indicates project success in ending homelessness by measuring the number of participants with a permanent destination at project exit and those who remained in a permanent supportive housing project compared to the total number of participants active in the project during the measured year.

3. Average length of stay of participants (RRH projects only)

- a) Purpose: Indicates the efficiency of the program and self-sufficiency of participants.

4. Percentage of adults at exit or annual assessment who gained or increased employment income

- a) Purpose: Indicates that the project is assisting households to increase self-sufficiency and stabilize housing by retaining or gaining employment income.

5. Percentage of adults at exit or annual assessment who gained or increased non-employment cash income

- a) Purpose: Indicates that the project is assisting participants toward self-sufficiency through retaining or increasing income by utilizing all possible resources available to participants.

6. Returns to Homelessness

- a) Purpose: Indicates the project's long-term success of participants who successfully exited two years ago.

HMIS Data Quality:

7. Personal Identifying Information Error Rate

- a) Purpose: To achieve accurate data collection and to satisfy HUD HMIS data requirements, projects must ensure that data entered into the local HMIS system is complete.

8. Universal Data Elements Error Rate

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9. Income and Housing Data Quality

- a) Purpose: To achieve accurate data collection and to satisfy HUD HMIS data requirements, projects must ensure that data entered in the local HMIS system is complete.

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

Coordinated Entry System Participation:

10. Time to Lease Up

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

11. Accepted Referrals

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

Grant Management & Financials:

12. Projected Project Spend Down

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

13. Cost Efficiency

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

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

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15. 2021 PIT Count Participation

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

16. CoC General Meeting Attendance

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

Review Only:

This section is **not** part of the FY2024 total project score. These are test questions to begin evaluating performance in the specified areas. These questions may be scored during future competitions.

1. Site Monitoring

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

2. CES Rejected Referrals

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

3. PSH Move On

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

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

FY24 CoC Competition Results



Ash Campbell

To: jaholt@tarrantcounty.com

Cc: CoC Planning Department

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Mon 9/30/2024 1:20 PM

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Unfortunately, Tarrant County's application for TSA Match will not be included in the funding recommendations to HUD for FY24.

You can see the full list of projects selected for funding and their rank order on our website at [Funding Opportunities - Tarrant County Homeless Coalition \(ahomewithhope.org\)](https://www.ahomewithhope.org) under FY 2024 COC PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF RANKED PROJECT APPLICATIONS.

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

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CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: 2:00pm, September 12, 2024

Before submission of renewal or new projects for the FY2024 and FY2025 CoC Competition, TCHC recommends reviewing <https://www.fda.gov/oc/2024/04/24/fda-releases-2024-2025-cohort-cooperation-agreements>.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Virtual | Friday, December 29, 2023

Timeline: 2024 CoC Program Competition

No.	Date	Description	Dr.
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RISK BANKING POLICY

2024 Competition Progression and Updates

PREVIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

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FY24 CoC Competition Results



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To: @tgordon@traconline.org; @Brenda Washington; @Jerome Larez; @admin@weriseandinspire.org; tharris@seasonsofchangeinc.com; Lauren King; @town@journeyhome.org; +10 others

Cc: CoC Planning Department

Mon 9/30/2024 1:21 PM

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Thank you for submitting your new or renewal applications for the TX-601 local competition for the Continuum of Care for FY24.

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JOIN ZOOM MEETING
<https://us02zoom.us/j/9293642266>

2000 AM - 2:00 PM VPE&E (October) | TFCPEE, August 20th, 2024

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Virtual | Friday, December 29, 2024

DC NOTA FY24 TIMELINE

COC NOFA FY24 TIMELINE

No.	Date	Description
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PREVIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

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1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results

FY 2024 CoC Competition Funding Recommendations									
Rank	Applicant Name	Project Name	Housing Type	Project Type	Funding Requested	Funding Recommendation	Reallocated Funding	Rejected or Accepted	Total Performance Score
Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (Non-Competitive)									
NA	Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.	Youth RRH Program	PH	YHDP	\$327,074	\$327,074	\$0	Accepted	NA
NA	TRAC	OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH Expansion	Joint TH & PH-RRH	YHDP	\$141,744	\$141,744	\$0	Accepted	NA
NA	TRAC	OnTRAC Tarrant PSH	PH	YHDP	\$170,676	\$170,676	\$0	Accepted	NA
NA	Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering	RISE Excel Rapid Rehousing Initiative	PH	YHDP	\$310,543	\$310,543	\$0	Accepted	NA
NA	Dunes LGBT Homeless Solutions Foundation	Dune's LGBT Homeless Solution - CTH	TH	YHDP	\$472,731	\$472,731	\$0	Accepted	NA
NA	Seasons of Change, Incorporated	Seasons of Change, Inc - The Community Changers Project	Joint TH & PH-RRH	YHDP	\$659,156	\$659,156	\$0	Accepted	NA
		YHDP Funding				\$2,081,924			
Tier 1									
1	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	CoC HMIS FY24	HMIS	Renewal	\$370,122	\$370,122	\$0	Accepted	NA
2	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	CoC Coordinated Entry System FY24	SSO-CAS	Renewal	\$491,048	\$491,048	\$0	Accepted	NA
3	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	Optimizing CE for DV Clients FY24	SSO-CAS	Renewal	\$68,392	\$68,392	\$0	Accepted	NA
4	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	HMIS Expansion FY24	HMIS	New	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	Accepted	93%
5	Presbyterian Night Shelter	FY2024 Journey Home Housing	PSH	New	\$577,356	\$399,368	\$0	Accepted	86%
6	Tarrant County	Sam House PSH	PSH	Renewal	\$328,976	\$328,976	\$0	Accepted	N/A
7	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY 2023	RRH	Renewal	\$578,587	\$578,587	\$0	Accepted	87%
8	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	AHA SPC FY23	PSH	Renewal	\$467,275	\$467,275	\$0	Accepted	84%
9	Tarrant County	Salvation Army Veterans PSH Program	PSH	Renewal	\$490,028	\$490,028	\$0	Accepted	83%
10	Hearts Full of Love	HFOL RRH 2023	RRH	Renewal	\$312,393	\$312,393	\$0	Accepted	82%
11	Tarrant County	CTL 3CP	RRH	Renewal	\$422,205	\$422,205	\$0	Accepted	81%
12	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	SPC 2 2023-2024	PSH	Renewal	\$1,739,027	\$1,739,027	\$0	Accepted	77%
13	Tarrant County	Samaritan House Grace Village	PSH	Renewal	\$132,957	\$132,957	\$0	Accepted	76%
14	Center for Transforming Lives	CTL Rapid Rehousing Renewal of 2310	RRH	Renewal	\$941,934	\$941,934	\$0	Accepted	75%
15	MHMR of Tarrant County	Gateway to Housing FY23	PSH	Renewal	\$460,584	\$460,584	\$0	Accepted	74%
16	Tarrant County	TBLA 13 MHMR	PSH	Renewal	\$196,025	\$196,025	\$0	Accepted	74%
17	Presbyterian Night Shelter	FY2021 Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven	SH	Renewal	\$184,526	\$184,526	\$0	Accepted	73%
18	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	SPC 1 2023-2024	PSH	Renewal	\$2,232,358	\$2,232,358	\$0	Accepted	72%
19	Tarrant County	SafeTomorrows	PSH	Renewal	\$159,192	\$159,192	\$0	Accepted	71%
20	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	AHA ANFP FY23	RRH	Renewal	\$62,544	\$62,544	\$0	Accepted	71%
21	Tarrant County	TBLA 114 Tarrant County	RRH	Renewal	\$1,447,646	\$1,447,646	\$0	Accepted	71%
22	Presbyterian Night Shelter	Housing Solutions Combined	PSH	Renewal	\$2,080,049	\$2,080,049	\$0	Accepted	69%
23	Tarrant County	TBLA 17 MHMR	PSH	Renewal	\$237,527	\$237,527	\$0	Accepted	67%
24	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	SPC 6 2023-2024	PSH	Renewal	\$264,743	\$264,743	\$0	Accepted	65%
25	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	Change 2023-2024	PSH	Renewal	\$234,535	\$234,535	\$0	Accepted	64%
26	Tarrant County	TSA SIMON PSH	PSH	Renewal	\$715,243	\$715,243	\$0	Accepted	63%
27	Tarrant County	Housing SPC	PSH	Renewal	\$112,284	\$112,284	\$0	Accepted	62%
28	TRAC	OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH	Joint TH/RRH	Renewal	\$128,663	\$128,663	\$0	Accepted	54%
29	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	AHA RRH FY23	RRH	Renewal	\$270,910	\$270,910	\$0	Accepted	55%
		Tier 1 Funding Amounts				\$15,729,141			
Tier 2									
29	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	AHA RRH FY23	RRH	Renewal	\$52,885	\$52,885	\$0	Accepted	55%
30	Tarrant County	TSA Housing First PSH Combined	PSH	Renewal	\$755,802	\$755,802	\$0	Accepted	51%
31	Recovery Resource Council	Project New Start Renewal FY23	PSH	Renewal	\$966,582	\$966,582	\$0	Accepted	42%
32	Day Resource Center for the Homeless	Quail Trail	PSH	Renewal	\$571,781	\$571,781	\$0	Accepted	37%
33	Safe City Commission (One Safe Place)	One Safe Place: Empowerment Housing Initiative	RRH	New- DV	\$800,049	\$800,049	\$0	Accepted	85%
34	Tarrant County	TSA Match	PSH	New	\$435,118	\$0	\$0	Rejected	83%
		Tier 2 Funding Amounts				\$3,147,099			
				Total:		\$18,876,240			
	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (Non-Competitive)	Planning	Planning			\$977,937			
		Grand Total (YHDP, Tier 1, Tier 2 + Planning)				\$21,936,101			

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report

2024 HDX Competition Report

This workbook contains summary information about your CoC's data as it was entered into HDX 1.0 and HDX 2.0 for your use as part of the 2024 Competition.

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This workbook attempts to maximize accessibility, navigability, printability, and ease of use. Merged cells have been avoided. All tables and text boxes have been given names. Extraneous rows and columns outside printed ranges have been hidden. Formulas may include references to hidden rows and columns or data tables. For ease of use, these referenced sources have been hidden but can be unhidden by any user at any time. Raw data sources contained in this workbook are named according to the module and fiscal year from which they originate - e.g. "HIC_2024" is the Housing Inventory Count raw data from Fiscal Year 2024.

For Questions:

If you have questions, please reach out to HUD via the "Ask a Question" page, <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/> and choose "HDX" as the topic.

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HDX Data Submission Participation Information

Government FY and HDX Module Abbreviation	Met Module Deadline*	Data From	Data Collection Period in HDX 2.0
2023 LSA	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).	November 2023 to January of 2024
2023 SPM	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).**	February 2024 to March 2024
2024 HIC	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024
2024 PIT	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024

1) FY = Fiscal Year
2) *This considers all extensions where they were provided.
2) **"Met Deadline" in this context refers to FY23 SPM submissions. Resubmissions from FY 2022 (10/1/21 - 9/30/22) were also accepted during the data collection period, but these previous year's submissions are voluntarily and are not required.

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LSA Usability Status 2023

Category	EST AO	EST AC	EST CO	RRH AO	RRH AC	RRH CO	PSH AO	PSH AC	PSH CO
Fully Usable				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Partially Usable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Not Usable							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

EST

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	3,442	3,819	6,359
AO	2,438	2,341	4,279
AC	870	1,321	1,553
CO	148	143	228

RRH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	1,723	2,232	2,062
AO	862	793	537
AC	846	1,392	1,386

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CO	3	0	67
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PSH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	1,811	1,594	2,137
AO	1,405	1,235	1,675
AC	313	328	332
CO	1	0	4

- 1) Glossary: EST = Emergency Shelter, Save Haven, & Transitional Housing; RRH = Rapid Re-housing; PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing; AO = Persons in Households without Children; AC = Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child; CO=Persons in Households with only Children
- 2) Because people have multiple stays in shelter over the course of a year and stay in different household configurations, a single person can be counted in more than one household type. Therefore, the sum of the number of people by household type may be greater than the unique count of people.
- 3) Total Sheltered count only includes those served in HMIS participating projects reported by your CoC.
- 4) For CoCs that experienced mergers during any of these reporting periods, historical data will include only the original CoCs.

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Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than the look back stop date or client's date of birth, whichever is later.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.

Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

a. This measure is of the client’s entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in the HMIS system.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, and SH	6,003	72.0	27.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and TH	6,283	78.0	32.0

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b. This measure is based on data element 3.917

This measure includes data from each client’s Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added to the client’s entry date, effectively extending the client’s entry date backward in time. This “adjusted entry date” is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client’s actual entry date.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and PH (prior to “housing move in”)	6,010	190.0	33.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH, and PH (prior to “housing move in”)	6,290	198.0	39.0

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Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness for Persons who Exit to Permanent Housing (PH) Destinations

This measures clients who exited SO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range. Of those clients, the measure reports on how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.

	Total # of Persons Exited to a PH Destination (2 Yrs Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months (0 - 180 days)	Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months (181 - 365 days)	Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366 - 730 days)	Number of Returns in 2 Years				
Metric	Count	Count	% of Returns	Count	% of Returns ⁴	Count	% of Returns ⁶	Count	% of Returns ⁸
Exit was from SO	173	15	8.7%	8	4.6%	34	19.7%	57	33.0%
Exit was from ES	752	68	9.0%	63	8.4%	107	14.2%	238	31.7%
Exit was from TH	77	8	10.4%	1	1.3%	4	5.2%	13	16.9%
Exit was from SH	6	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from PH	651	38	5.8%	14	2.2%	62	9.5%	114	17.5%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	1,659	129	7.8%	86	5.2%	207	12.5%	422	25.4%

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Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

Please refer to PIT section for relevant data.

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

This measures the change in annual counts of sheltered homeless persons in HMIS.

Metric	Value
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	8,552
Emergency Shelter Total	8,301
Safe Haven Total	26
Transitional Housing Total	333

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Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects

This measure is divided into six tables capturing employment and non-employment income changes for system leavers and stayers. The project types reported in these metrics are the same for each metric, but the type of income and universe of clients differs. In addition, the projects reported within these tables are limited to CoC-funded projects.

Metric 4.1 – Change in earned income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	487
Number of adults with increased earned income	22
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	4.5%

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Metric 4.2 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	487
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	216
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	44.4%

Metric 4.3 – Change in total income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	487
Number of adults with increased total income	232
Percentage of adults who increased total income	47.6%

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	264
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	58
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	22.0%

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Metric 4.5 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	264
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	69
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	26.1%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	264
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	123
Percentage of adults who increased total income	46.6%

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Measure 5: Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time

This measures the number of people entering the homeless system through ES, SH, or TH (Metric 5.1) or ES, SH, TH, or PH (Metric 5.2) and determines whether they have any prior enrollments in the HMIS over the past two years. Those with no prior enrollments are considered to be experiencing homelessness for the first time.

Metric 5.1 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH or TH during the reporting period.	4,850
Of persons above, count those who were in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	1,522
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	3,328

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Metric 5.2 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, TH, and PH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	6,138
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	2,092
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	4,046

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Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD’s Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

Measure 6 is not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.

Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

This measures positive movement out of the homeless system and is divided into three tables: movement off the streets from Street Outreach (Metric 7a.1); movement into permanent housing situations from ES, SH, TH, and RRH (Metric 7b.1); and retention or exits to permanent housing situations from PH (other than PH-RRH).

Metric 7a.1 – Change in SO exits to temp. destinations, some institutional destinations, and permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	1,906
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	109
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	131
% Successful exits	12.6%

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Metric 7b.1 – Change in ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH exits to permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	5,596
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	1,066
% Successful exits	19.1%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in PH exits to permanent housing destinations or retention of permanent housing

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH who exited after moving into housing, or who moved into housing and remained in the PH project	1,850
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	1,760
% Successful exits/retention	95.1%

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System Performance Measures Data Quality

Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your SPM submissions.

Metric	All ES, SH	All TH	All PSH, OPH	All RRH	All Street Outreach
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	8,327	333	2,463	1,549	1,653
Total Leavers (HMIS)	6,620	223	217	836	403
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	4,585	38	60	110	113
Destination Error Rate (Calculated)	69.3%	17.0%	27.7%	13.2%	28.0%

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2024 Competition Report - SPM Notes

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Notes For Each SPM Measure

Note: Cells may need to be resized to accomodate notes with lots of tex

Measure		Notes
Measure 1	No notes.	
Measure 2	No notes.	
Measure 3	Measure 3.1 : PIT Module is not open for submission	
Measure 4	No notes.	
Measure 5	No notes.	
Measure 6	No Notes. Measure 6 was not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.	
Measure 7	No notes.	
Data Quality	No notes.	

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2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current Beds in HMIS or Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster*	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Adjusted HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round, Current Beds
ES	2,156	1,136	2,058	0	2,058	55.2%
SH	20	20	20	0	20	100.0%
TH	222	174	194	0	194	89.7%
RRH	1,102	1,036	1,036	0	1,036	100.0%
PSH	2,050	2,026	2,035	0	2,035	99.6%
OPH	673	626	673	0	673	93.0%
Total	6,223	5,018	6,016	0	6,016	83.4%

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster**	Adjusted Total Year-Round Current, VSP Beds	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds
ES	2,156	98	98	0	98	100.00%
SH	20	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	222	28	28	0	28	100.00%
RRH	1,102	66	66	0	66	100.00%
PSH	2,050	15	15	0	15	100.00%
OPH	673	0	0	0	0	NA
Total	6,223	207	207	0	207	100.00%

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP and VSP Beds	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES	2,156	1,234	2,156	57.24%
SH	20	20	20	100.00%
TH	222	202	222	90.99%
RRH	1,102	1,102	1,102	100.00%
PSH	2,050	2,041	2,050	99.56%
OPH	673	626	673	93.02%
Total	6,223	5,225	6,223	83.96%

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Rapid Re-housing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

Metric	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RRH beds available to serve all pops. on the HIC	816	1,027	1,068	1,555	1,102

- 1) † EHV = Emergency Housing Voucher
- 2) *This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds not associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.
- 3) **This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating or HMIS-comparable database participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.
- 4) Data included in these tables reflect what was entered into HDX 2.0.
- 5) In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").
- 6) In the HIC, "Current" beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").
- 7) For historical data: Aggregated data from CoCs that merged are not displayed if HIC data were created separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

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Submission Information

Date of PIT Count	Received HUD Waiver
1/25/2024	Not Applicable

Total Population PIT Count Data

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
PIT Count Type	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and full unsheltered count	Sheltered-Only Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count
Emergency Shelter Total	1,263	1,118	665	1,047	1,479	1,286
Safe Haven Total	20	20	19	19	20	20
Transitional Housing Total	185	185	137	120	189	190
Total Sheltered Count	1,468	1,323	821	1,186	1,688	1,496
Total Unsheltered Count	560	803	479	0	1,088	967
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count*	2,028	2,126	1,300	1,186	2,776	2,463

1) *Data included in this table reflect what was entered into HDX 1.0 and 2.0. This may differ from what was included in federal reports if the PIT count type was either sheltered only or partial unsheltered count.

2) Aggregated data from CoCs that merged is not displayed if PIT data were entered separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

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