

Before Starting the CoC Application

The CoC Consolidated Application consists of three parts, the CoC Application, the CoC Priority Listing, and all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected. All three must be submitted for the CoC Consolidated Application to be considered complete.

The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for reviewing the following:

1. The FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2018 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.
6. Questions marked with an asterisk (*), which are mandatory and require a response.

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

Instructions:

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: IL-519 - West Central Illinois CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: YWCA of Quincy

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: YWCA of Quincy

1B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Engagement

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1B-1. CoC Meeting Participants. For the period from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018, using the list below, applicant must: (1) select organizations and persons that participate in CoC meetings; and (2) indicate whether the organizations and persons vote, including selecting CoC Board members.

Organization/Person Categories	Participates in CoC Meetings	Votes, including selecting CoC Board Members
Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	No
CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes
Law Enforcement	No	No
Local Jail(s)	No	No
Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes
EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	No
Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes
Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Not Applicable	No
Disability Service Organizations	Yes	No
Disability Advocates	Yes	No
Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes
CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	No
Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes
Youth Advocates	Yes	No
School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes
CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes
Non-CoC Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes
Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes
Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	No
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Advocates	Yes	No
LGBT Service Organizations	Not Applicable	No
Agencies that serve survivors of human trafficking	Yes	Yes
Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes
Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes
Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes
Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes

Other:(limit 50 characters)		
United Way	Yes	Yes
Interagency Councils	Yes	Yes
Illinois Dept Employment Security	Yes	No

1B-1a. Applicants must describe the specific strategy the CoC uses to solicit and consider opinions from organizations and/or persons that have an interest in preventing or ending homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters)

Our CoC strengthened its collaboration with the four United Ways that represented the various needs/gaps in each of their communities. By engaging the United Way we were able to engage numerous additional service providers and advocates that each partner with to address the needs of their unique communities. A Community Advisory Board was formed with law enforcement, housing providers, local government, mental health and substance abuse providers to address the need for housing/wrap around services to address the problem in lieu of prison time for first-time offenders. Another new initiative to solicit opinions was the CoC’s collaboration with the Veteran Referral Service which is a group of VA and non-VA providers that address the housing and services needs of veterans. As part of the CoC’s street outreach and Point in Time count process, volunteers engage with homeless persons to solicit opinions about needs/gaps.

**1B-2.Open Invitation for New Members. Applicants must describe:
 (1) the invitation process;
 (2) how the CoC communicates the invitation process to solicit new members;
 (3) how often the CoC solicits new members; and
 (4) any special outreach the CoC conducted to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join the CoC.
 (limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoC maintains a public calendar on its website listing all meetings information. Each council member is encouraged to seek out new members. At each CoC meeting members are reminded to invite other entities or persons to participate. The Collaborative Applicant (CA) is expected to network and seek out members from under-represented geographical areas or specific interest groups. The CA travels to the various Unmet Needs and Interagency Council meetings in the 11- county CoC region throughout the year. The CA bi-annually updates a directory of service providers in CoC and makes sure all are included in the email list for meeting notification. Since monthly emails are sent to announce meetings this means all providers are asked monthly to join. Homeless advocates are asked to invite current or formerly homeless individuals to participate in meetings. The CoC is redesigning its website to make it mobile friendly and to include on the home page an invitation “A CoC member is any individual or organization with an interest in understanding and addressing the issues related to homelessness, and a desire to participate in some way in the West Central

Illinois coordinated plan to end homelessness. Individuals who are current consumers of the West Central Illinois homeless system, as well as people who were formerly homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless are encouraged to participate. Any individual or organization with an interest in understanding and addressing homelessness is invited to participate in CoC meetings and activities. Click here to be added to receive meeting notices.” In addition to a new website, the CoC will enhance its search engine optimization to drive traffic by key words mostly likely to be used by persons experiencing or at risk of becoming homeless. The site will have links to all service providers in each of the 11 counties as well as coordinated entry sites so individuals can more rapidly be connected to the homeless system.

1B-3.Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. Applicants must describe how the CoC notified the public that it will accept and consider proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding, even if the CoC is not applying for new projects in FY 2018, and the response must include the date(s) the CoC publicly announced it was open to proposals. (limit 2,000 characters)

June 21 the link to the FY2017 CoC Program Competition: Funding Availability was posted to the CoC’s website (wciccc.com) and an email with this notice was sent to the CoC’s email list providing deadlines for letters of intent and submission of new or renewal applications. June 30 the following were posted to our website: the NOFA, “What is New in the NOFA”; Ranking Tool for Renewal Projects, New Projects Review and Evaluation form; Competition Procedures for application including timeline; and notice that the competition was open in esnaps. On June 30 an email was sent to CoC members and non-members announcing the bonus amount and encouraging new applications particularly for RRH projects to serve victims of domestic violence. A separate email was sent to existing providers of victim services encouraging them to apply for the new RRH projects. All of these victim service providers would have been new applicants.

1C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordination

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1C-1. CoCs Coordination, Planning, and Operation of Projects. Applicants must use the chart below to identify the federal, state, local, private, and other organizations that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness that are included in the CoCs coordination, planning, and operation of projects.

Entities or Organizations the CoC coordinates planning and operation of projects	Coordinates with Planning and Operation of Projects
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Not Applicable
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
Head Start Program	Yes
Funding Collaboratives	Not Applicable
Private Foundations	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Funded Housing and Service Programs	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Funded Housing and Service Programs	Not Applicable
Housing and service programs funded through other Federal resources	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
Housing and service programs funded through private entities, including foundations	Yes
Other:(limit 50 characters)	

1C-2. CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. Applicants must describe how the CoC:
(1) consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG funds; and
(2) participated in the evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients.
(limit 2,000 characters)

Illinois DHS is the recipient of the ESG Program. DHS requires the CoC submit an application that is reviewed prior to sub-recipients are allowed access to the project application. The CoC application submitted includes reporting data and strategies to address system performance measures. The CoC submits funding

recommendations to DHS that address the needs identified by the CoC. The CoC's Research & Evaluation Committee (REC) evaluates the performance of ESG-funded organizations. The HMIS administrator and Collaborative Applicant monitor performance and report to the REC annually.

1C-2a. Providing PIT and HIC Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions. Did the CoC provide Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area? Yes to both

1C-2b. Providing Other Data to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions. Did the CoC provide local homelessness information other than PIT and HIC data to the jurisdiction(s) Consolidated Plan(s)? Yes

1C-3. Addressing the Safety Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. Applicants must describe:

- (1) the CoC's protocols, including the existence of the CoC's emergency transfer plan, that prioritizes safety and trauma-informed, victim-centered services to prioritize safety; and**
- (2) how the CoC maximizes client choice for housing and services while ensuring safety and confidentiality.**
(limit 2,000 characters)

The coordinated entry process allows survivors of DV to present at victim service providers (VSP) or non-VSP. Households entering thru non-VSP are administered an assessment called the Emergency Response Screening (ERS) which gives them the option of being referred to a VSP. The ERS is administered in a private location. If the client wants to go to the VSP, a warm handoff is given, and the client is provided transportation. If the household enters shelter at the NVSP, a VI-SPDAT is done to prioritize the household for additional services that addresses their needs. For households entering thru the VSP, an ERS & VI-SPDAT are conducted. Advocates work with the client to help identify housing options based on availability and safety. Housing and service options are always client-centered. Client confidentiality is observed at all times, client consent is required to share information with providers, and no victim is identified within our HMIS.

1C-3a. Applicants must describe how the CoC coordinates with victim services providers to provide annual training to CoC area projects and Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC's 3 DV certified providers participated in the workgroup that developed and oversees our CoC's CE process. One chairs the CE workgroup. The CoC

policies require all CE staff to be trained in best practices to provide trauma-informed and culturally-relevant services. Topics of training include: Coping as a DV responder; trauma-informed care, dynamics of interpersonal violence; privacy, confidentiality and safety planning; administering VI-SPDAT.

1C-3b. Applicants must describe the data the CoC uses to assess the scope of community needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including data from a comparable database. (limit 2,000 characters)

The DV providers enter data into InfoNet as the comparable database. Two of the DV providers hold positions on the Research and Evaluation workgroup to provide data about DV to assist with needs/gaps analysis for funding recommendations.

1C-4. DV Bonus Projects. Is your CoC No applying for DV Bonus Projects?

1C-5. PHAs within CoC. Applicants must use the chart to provide information about each Public Housing Agency (PHA) in the CoC's geographic areas:

- (1) Identify the percentage of new admissions to the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Programs in the PHA who were experiencing homelessness at the time of admission;**
- (2) Indicate whether the PHA has a homeless admission preference in its Public Housing and/or HCV Program; and**
- (3) Indicate whether the CoC has a move on strategy. The information should be for Federal Fiscal Year 2017.**

Public Housing Agency Name	% New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program during FY 2017 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	PHA has General or Limited Homeless Preference	PHA has a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g. move on?
Quincy Housing Authority	0.00%	No	No
Pike County Housing Authority	0.00%	No	No
McDonough County Housing Authority	0.00%	No	No
Warren County Housing Authority	0.00%	No	No
Morgan County Housing Authority	0.00%	No	No

1C-5a. For each PHA where there is not a homeless admission preference in their written policy, applicants must identify the steps the CoC has taken to encourage the PHA to adopt such a policy. (limit 2,000 characters)

Two PHAs actively participate in the CoC. The largest PHA is a voting member of the council and serves on the Research and Evaluation workgroup. Each year we ask PHA's if they would consider revising policy for a homeless admission preference. Their position is it conflicts with their current admission

policy. Our strategy with PHA's is to focus on moving participants from PSH projects to housing vouchers or public housing. Participants who have been successful in PSH are much more likely to maintain sustainable housing than homeless persons moving directly from shelter to PHA housing. Moving successful PSH participants onto PHA projects makes vacancy in PSH projects that allows the CoC to assist the most high-risk with the intensive services they need to be successful.

1C-5b. Move On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers. Does the CoC have a Move On strategy with affordable housing providers in its jurisdiction (e.g., multifamily assisted housing owners, PHAs, Low Income Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments, or local low-income housing programs)? No

1C-6. Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT). Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to address the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender individuals and their families experiencing homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC addresses the needs of LGBT individuals and their families experiencing homelessness by ensuring all agencies comply with the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Rule. The Research and Evaluation Committee incorporate compliance into the HUD program evaluation/monitoring process and to ensure each funded agency has a program policy addressing equal access to housing and gender identity that meets the Final Rule.

1C-6a. Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training. Applicants must indicate if the CoC implemented a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy and conducted CoC-wide anti-discrimination training on the Equal Access Final Rule and the Gender Identity Final Rule.

1. Did the CoC implement a CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy that applies to all projects regardless of funding source?	Yes
2. Did the 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 the CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs in Accordance with an Individual's Gender Identity (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

1C-7. Criminalization of Homelessness. Applicants must select the specific strategies the CoC implemented to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in the CoC's geographic area. Select all that apply.

Engaged/educated local policymakers:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Engaged/educated law enforcement:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Engaged/educated local business leaders:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implemented communitywide plans:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No strategies have been implemented:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:(limit 50 characters)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

1C-8. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System. Applicants must:
(1) demonstrate the coordinated entry system covers the entire CoC geographic area;
(2) demonstrate the coordinated entry system reaches people who are least likely to apply homelessness assistance in the absence of special outreach;
(3) demonstrate the assessment process prioritizes people most in need of assistance and ensures they receive assistance in a timely manner; and
(4) attach CoC’s standard assessment tool.
(limit 2,000 characters)

Our CoC has implemented the CE in the two of the three major population centers that have agencies providing federal, state and local funded housing assistance programs. The pilot location (Quincy) has been utilizing CE for 3 years and location two (Jacksonville) has been utilizing CE for 2 years. Macomb is the third population center that we are in the process of implementing CE. Organizations that utilize rapid rehousing throughout the 11 counties through the Salvation Armies in our CoC utilize CE. The Salvation Army in Quincy serves all 11 counties by networking with four other Salvation Armies to provide 100% coverage.

There has been a turnover in lead players for the Macomb area. The pieces are finally falling into place for CE to start in Macomb. Genesis Gardens has volunteered to start entering data for the area. The Interagency Council is onboard in Macomb and has secured an AmeriCorps Vista volunteer to coordinate the activities and the City of Macomb is providing space for the position. Genesis Gardens will assist the AmeriCorps Vista volunteer with the process. The Macomb area is also looking at forming an Unmet Needs Committee. The CE implementation is a major accomplishment given the rural geography of our CoC.

Staffs at the CE sites use the VI-SPDAT to assess level of need and determine appropriate services. To assure our CoC prioritizes those most in need, we have adopted the housing priorities outlined in CPD-16-11. Persons determined to require the most intensive services are placed on a prioritization list that is maintained by the PSH provider. Because PSH units are limited, staff at the CE sites continue to assist homeless persons to locate other housing options.

1D. Continuum of Care (CoC) Discharge Planning

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1D-1. Discharge Planning–State and Local. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has a discharge policy to ensure persons discharged from the systems of care listed are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs. Check all that apply (note that when "None:" is selected no other system of care should be selected).

Foster Care:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Correctional Facilities:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

1D-2. Discharge Planning Coordination. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC actively coordinates with the systems of care listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs. Check all that apply (note that when "None:" is selected no other system of care should be selected).

Foster Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Care:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Correctional Facilities:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

1E. Continuum of Care (CoC) Project Review, Ranking, and Selection

Instructions

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1E-1. Project Ranking and Selection. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC used the following to rank and select project applications for the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition:

- (1) objective criteria;**
- (2) at least one factor related to achieving positive housing outcomes;**
- (3) a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim services providers; and**
- (4) attach evidence that supports the process selected.**

Used Objective Criteria for Review, Rating, Ranking and Section	Yes
Included at least one factor related to achieving positive housing outcomes	Yes
Included a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim service providers	No

1E-2. Severity of Needs and Vulnerabilities. Applicants must describe:
(1) the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities the CoC considered when reviewing, ranking, and rating projects; and
(2) how the CoC takes severity of needs and vulnerabilities into account during the review, rating, and ranking process.
(limit 2,000 characters)

The following vulnerabilities the CoC considered for ranking projects were: low/no income, substance abuse history, criminal record, DV history, chronic homeless, veterans, youth, families with children, mental illness and HIV/AIDS. On the ranking tool projects that served the greatest number of vulnerabilities or specific populations were awarded the most points. A minimum of three vulnerabilities must have been addressed by the project for the project to receive any points for this criteria.

1E-3. Public Postings. Applicants must indicate how the CoC made public:

- (1) objective ranking and selection process the CoC used for all projects (new and renewal);**
- (2) CoC Consolidated Application—including the CoC Application, Priority Listings, and all projects accepted and ranked or rejected, which HUD**

required CoCs to post to their websites, or partners websites, at least 2 days before the CoC Program Competition application submission deadline; and
(3) attach documentation demonstrating the objective ranking, rating, and selections process and the final version of the completed CoC Consolidated Application, including the CoC Application with attachments, Priority Listing with reallocation forms and all project applications that were accepted and ranked, or rejected (new and renewal) was made publicly available, that legibly displays the date the CoC publicly posted the documents.

Public Posting of Objective Ranking and Selection Process		Public Posting of CoC Consolidated Application including: CoC Application, Priority Listings, Project Listings	
CoC or other Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	CoC or other Website	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email	<input type="checkbox"/>	Email	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertising in Local Newspaper(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertising on Radio or Television	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertising on Radio or Television	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>

1E-4. Reallocation. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC has cumulatively reallocated at least 20 percent of the CoC’s ARD between the FY 2014 and FY 2018 CoC Program Competitions.

Reallocation: No

1E-4a. If the answer is “No” to question 1E-4, applicants must describe how the CoC actively reviews performance of existing CoC Program-funded projects to determine the viability of reallocating to create new high performing projects. (limit 2,000 characters)

1E-5. Local CoC Competition. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC:
(1) established a deadline for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline—attachment required;
(2) rejected or reduced project application(s)—attachment required; and
(3) notify applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline—attachment required. :

(1) Did the CoC establish a deadline for project applications that was no later than 30 days before the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline? Attachment required.	Yes
(2) If the CoC rejected or reduced project application(s), did the CoC notify applicants that their project application(s) were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps, at least 15 days before FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline? Attachment required.	Did not reject or reduce any project
(3) Did the CoC notify applicants that their applications were accepted and ranked on the Priority Listing in writing outside of e-snaps, at least 15 before days of the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition Application deadline?	Yes

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

Intructions:

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2A-1. Roles and Responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead. Does your CoC have in place a Governance Charter or other written documentation (e.g., MOU/MOA) that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead? Attachment Required. Yes

2A-1a. Applicants must: Governance Charter 25-27 and 37, 39-40
(1) provide the page number(s) where the roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead can be found in the attached document(s) referenced in 2A-1, and
(2) indicate the document type attached for question 2A-1 that includes roles and responsibilities of the CoC and HMIS Lead (e.g., Governance Charter, MOU/MOA).

2A-2. HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual. Does your CoC have a HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual? Attachment Required. Yes

2A-3. HMIS Vender. What is the name of the HMIS software vendor? Mediware (formerly Bowman)

2A-4. HMIS Implementation Coverage Area. Using the drop-down boxes, applicants must select the HMIS implementation Coverage area. Single CoC

2A-5. Bed Coverage Rate. Using 2018 HIC and HMIS data, applicants must report by project type:
(1) total number of beds in 2018 HIC;
(2) total beds dedicated for DV in the 2018 HIC; and

(3) total number of beds in HMIS.

Project Type	Total Beds in 2018 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	42	24	18	100.00%
Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
Transitional Housing (TH) beds	20	0	20	100.00%
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	35	14	21	100.00%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	101	0	101	100.00%
Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

2A-5a. To receive partial credit, if the bed coverage rate is 84.99 percent or lower for any of the project types in question 2A-5., applicants must provide clear steps on how the CoC intends to increase this percentage for each project type over the next 12 months. (limit 2,000 characters)

Our ES, TH, RRH and PSH beds are at 100%.

2A-6. AHAR Shells Submission: How many 2017 Annual Housing Assessment Report (AHAR) tables shells did HUD accept? 6

2A-7. CoC Data Submission in HDX. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted the 2018 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data into the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX). (mm/dd/yyyy) 04/26/2018

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

Instructions:

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2B-1. PIT Count Date. Applicants must enter the date the CoC conducted its 2018 PIT count (mm/dd/yyyy). 01/31/2018

2B-2. HDX Submission Date. Applicants must enter the date the CoC submitted its PIT count data in HDX (mm/dd/yyyy). 04/26/2018

2C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count: Methodologies

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2018 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

**2C-1. Change in Sheltered PIT Count Implementation. Applicants must describe any change in the CoC’s sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology and data quality changes from 2017 to 2018. Specifically, how those changes impacted the CoC’s sheltered PIT count results.
 (limit 2,000 characters)**

There were no changes from 2017 to 2018. We utilize our HMIS and collect data from shelters that do not utilize our HMIS; particularly our DV providers.

2C-2. Did your CoC change its provider coverage in the 2018 sheltered count? Yes

2C-2a. If “Yes” was selected in 2C-2, applicants must enter the number of beds that were added or removed in the 2018 sheltered PIT count.

Beds Added:	35
Beds Removed:	31
Total:	4

2C-3. Presidentially Declared Disaster Changes to Sheltered PIT Count. Did your CoC add or remove emergency shelter, transitional housing, or Safe Haven inventory because of funding specific to a Presidentially declared disaster, resulting in a change to the CoC’s 2018 sheltered PIT count? No

2C-3a. If “Yes” was selected for question 2C-3, applicants must enter the number of beds that were added or removed in 2018 because of a Presidentially declared disaster.

Beds Added:	0
Beds Removed:	0
Total:	0

2C-4. Changes in Unsheltered PIT Count Implementation. Did your CoC change its unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology and data quality changes from 2017 to 2018? If your CoC did not conduct and unsheltered PIT count in 2018, select Not Applicable. No

2C-5. Identifying Youth Experiencing Homelessness in 2018 PIT Count. Did your CoC implement specific measures to identify youth experiencing homelessness in its 2018 PIT count? Yes

2C-5a. If “Yes” was selected for question 2C-5., applicants must describe: (1) how stakeholders serving youth experiencing homelessness were engaged during the planning process; (2) how the CoC worked with stakeholders to select locations where youth experiencing homelessness are most likely to be identified; and (3) how the CoC involved youth experiencing homelessness in counting during the 2018 PIT count. (limit 2,000 characters)

Annually we hold a meeting with school liaisons from Regional Offices of Education to discuss the differences between the Dept of Education’s definition of homeless and the HUD-CoC definition of homeless. Liaisons examine their data for homeless youth for those who fit the HUD-CoC definition of homeless. Liaisons can provide a count but cannot provide identifying data on these youth.

In addition to planning with ROE we contact law enforcement in each community to survey them on the problem of homeless youth, where youth may be located for a PIT count, and safety concerns. Sites identified are staffed for the PIT Count. Our CoC has a RHY program and they are an active member of the CoC to provide input in planning. No homeless youth were engaged as none were identified.

2C-6. 2018 PIT Implementation. Applicants must describe actions the CoC implemented in its 2018 PIT count to better count: (1) individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness; (2) families with children experiencing homelessness; and (3) Veterans experiencing homelessness. (limit 2,000 characters)

Our CoC has many shelters that accommodate families and they either enter data in our HMIS or provide us with data outside of HMIS (particularly our DV providers). This allows us a sheltered count that identifies CH, families with children and Veterans. Prior to the count we worked with the Veterans Referral Initiative Work Group that consists of staff from the VA, SSVF Program, Wounded Warriors Project, IDES’s veteran specialist, Goodwill’s Vetlink. The Work Group was made aware of the PIT date and the HUD-CoC homeless

definition and was provided the survey to administer to any homeless vets that presented on the PIT date. Our survey is designed to identify household composition, CH and Veteran status early in the process.

3A. Continuum of Care (CoC) System Performance

Instructions

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3A-1. First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX. In the box below, applicants must report the number of first-time homeless as reported in HDX.

Number of First Time Homeless as Reported in HDX.

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3A-1a. Applicants must:

- (1) describe how the CoC determined which risk factors the CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;
- (2) describe the CoC's strategy 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 the CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time. (limit 2,000 characters)

The VI-SPDAT tracks the risk factors of persons seeking assistance. Our local United Way (UW) conducts community needs assessment that is shared with the CoC. A CE committee compiles this information and uses it when making recommendations for funding projects and targeting subpopulations. The strategy includes 1) a diversion/prevention assessment during CE used to reduce entries into the homeless system; 2) building on the strengths of the individual such as employment and support systems; and 3) assisting with local and mainstream benefits/services. Prevention resources in our CoC include rental assistance; a formal HP program that focuses on everyday life skills; utility assistance; UW unmet needs committees; various faith-based assistance; and a Veteran referral service. The Research and Evaluation Committee oversees the strategy.

3A-2. Length-of-Time Homeless as Reported in HDX. Applicants must:

- (1) provide the average length of time individuals and persons in families remained homeless (i.e., the number);
- (2) describe the CoC's strategy to reduce the length-of-time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
- (3) describe how the CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and
- (4) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless. (limit 2,000 characters)

The number of persons served in ES/SH decreased 80 and with TH decreased 118. Length of time (LOT) homeless remained constant at 37 bed nights for ES and 56 bed nights for TH. TH bed nights increased by 5 between 2016 and 2017. However, both were below the CoC goal of 90 days. CoC’s strategy includes: (1) Our Coordinated Entry (CE) process expedites placements into PSH. HMIS tracks LOT and the VI-SPDAT asks LOT homeless which is one criterion used to prioritize for PSH. (2) All CoC-funded TH were reallocated to PSH prioritizing CH and longest length of time homeless. (3) Adopting low barriers to entry and housing first approach. (4) Dispersing PSH to areas in CoC experiencing gaps. (5) Analyze data used to generate SPM #1 to compile demographics of person with high LOT. (6) The ESG ranking awarded recipients points for ES stays less than 90 days. The Research and Evaluation Committee oversees the strategy.

3A-3. Successful Permanent Housing Placement and Retention as Reported in HDX. Applicants must:

- (1) provide the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing that exit to permanent housing destinations; and**
- (2) provide the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.**

	Percentage
Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid re-housing that exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.	50%
Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid re-housing, that retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations as reported in HDX.	100%

3A-3a. Applicants must:

- (1) describe the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and**
- (2) describe the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in permanent housing projects, other than rapid rehousing, retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.**

(limit 2,000 characters)

Strategies for PSH are 1) continue housing first approach; 2) assess and develop service plans with participants; 3) provide intensive in-home case management and supportive services to address needs; 4) provide advocacy to avoid eviction/termination from PSH; 5) assist in developing participant’s assets such as employment, benefits, family support, education etc. to ensure successful exits from PSH. Strategy for non-PH are essentially the same however, more tailored to short-term stays. Additional strategy for non-PH is 6) allocate more ESG funding for RRH. Many non-PH providers lack resources that a PSH has and since stays are short-term, building participants’ assets is limited. The Research and Evaluation Committee oversees the strategy.

3A-4. Returns to Homelessness as Reported in HDX. Applicants must

report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6- and 12-month period as reported in HDX.

	Percentage
Report the percentage of individuals and persons in families returning to homelessness over a 6- and 12-month period as reported in HDX	6%

3A-4a. Applicants must:

- (1) describe how the CoC identifies common factors of individuals and persons in families who return to homelessness;**
- (2) describe the CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and**
- (3) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families returns to homelessness.**
(limit 2,000 characters)

Exits from PSH demonstrated the best results for returns to homelessness (RTH) of 4%, 0%, 2% and 7% within 2 years. Exits from ES were 7%, 9%, 5% and 20% within 2 years. Exits from TH were 4%, 0%, 3% and 7% within 2 years (note, this is down from last year’s report of 13%, 4%, 11% and 28% due to two TH shelters closing). To identify RTH we utilize our HMIS. If a person presents at our CE site their HMIS history can be accessed. The strategy to reduce RTH is 1) increasing services available to residents during ES stays and after exit including case management; education; linkage to employment services and mainstream services; and life skills-based coaching. 2) Diversion/prevention at the CE site to identify immediate alternatives or connecting them with services and financial assistance to retain or return to housing. The strategy to reduce RTH includes the two mentioned and the five mentioned in 3A-3. The Research and Evaluation Committee oversees the strategy.

3A-5. Job and Income Growth. Applicants must:

- (1) describe the CoC’s strategy to increase access to employment and non-employment cash sources;**
- (2) describe how the CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and**
- (3) provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to increase job and income growth from employment.**
(limit 2,000 characters)

Strategies to increase access to employment and mainstream benefits include 1) Providers utilize a consolidated application process for multiple benefits that can be accessed in ways to meet participant’s abilities that focus on food assistance, Medicaid, TANF cash benefits and TANF childcare assistance; 2) Require HUD-funded programs to train staff on SOAR. 3) Train CE staff to refer to Veteran Referral Initiative or VA directly; 4) Link participants to employment assistance programs: local workforce development, Illinois Dept of Employment Security, IllinoisworkNet, Vetlink, Re-Entry Employment Service Program to assist those with criminal histories and DHS Division of Rehabilitation Services. 5) Refer participants to local life-skills-based mentoring programs. The

Research and Evaluation Committee oversees the strategy.

3A-6. System Performance Measures Data 05/22/2018
Submission in HDX. Applicants must enter
the date the CoC submitted the System
Performance Measures data in HDX, which
included the data quality section for FY 2017
(mm/dd/yyyy)

3B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Performance and Strategic Planning Objectives

Instructions

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- 3B-1. DedicatedPLUS and Chronically Homeless Beds. In the boxes below, applicants must enter:**
- (1) total number of beds in the Project Application(s) that are designated as DedicatedPLUS beds; and**
 - (2) total number of beds in the Project Application(s) that are designated for the chronically homeless, which does not include those that were identified in (1) above as DedicatedPLUS Beds.**

Total number of beds dedicated as DedicatedPLUS	0
Total number of beds dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness	45
Total	45

3B-2. Orders of Priority. Did the CoC adopt the Orders of Priority into their written standards for all CoC Program-funded PSH projects as described in Notice CPD-16-11: Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing? Attachment Required. Yes

3B-2.1. Prioritizing Households with Children. Using the following chart, applicants must check all that apply to indicate the factor(s) the CoC currently uses to prioritize households with children during FY 2018.

History of or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number of previous homeless episodes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unsheltered homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criminal History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bad credit or rental history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Head of Household with Mental/Physical Disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3B-2.2. Applicants must:

- (1) describe the CoC’s current strategy to rapidly rehouse every household of families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless;**
 - (2) describe how the CoC addresses both housing and service needs to ensure families successfully maintain their housing once assistance ends; and**
 - (3) provide the organization name or position title responsible for overseeing the CoCs strategy to rapidly rehouse families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

To rapidly rehouse HH w/ children CE staff are trained on the family VI-SPDAT that must be given in the first 72 hours after presenting at a CE site to ensure quick referral to projects that best meets HH needs. We use our HMIS to track HHs. Based on our PIT and a study of demographics we determined families with DV are the most common shelter stays. In response we increased ESG RRH funding to DV providers to address HHs who cannot be successfully diverted. HUD-funded projects are required to use a housing-first approach with low barriers to expedite entries into projects. Length of time homeless is a priority considered for all RRH and PSH. Families with moderate barriers and the ability to sustain themselves eventually without subsidy are linked to RRH. Those with multiple barriers and disabling conditions are linked to PSH. Research and Evaluation Committee oversee the strategy.

3B-2.3. Antidiscrimination Policies. Applicants must check all that apply that describe actions the CoC is taking to ensure providers (including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing (PSH and RRH) within the CoC adhere to antidiscrimination policies by not denying admission to or separating any family members from other members of their family or caregivers based on age, sex, gender, LGBT status, marital status, or disability when entering a shelter or housing.

CoC conducts mandatory training for all CoC and ESG funded service providers on these topics.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CoC conducts optional training for all CoC and ESG funded service providers on these topics.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CoC has worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC and ESG funded facilities within the CoC geographic area that may be out of compliance, and taken steps to work directly with those facilities to come into compliance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CoC has sought assistance from HUD through submitting AAQs or requesting TA to resolve non-compliance of service providers.	<input type="checkbox"/>

3B-2.4. Strategy for Addressing Needs of Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness. Applicants must indicate whether the CoC’s strategy to address the unique needs of unaccompanied homeless youth includes the following:

Human trafficking and other forms of exploitation	Yes
LGBT youth homelessness	Yes
Exits from foster care into homelessness	Yes
Family reunification and community engagement	Yes
Positive Youth Development, Trauma Informed Care, and the use of Risk and Protective Factors in assessing youth housing and service needs	Yes

3B-2.5. Prioritizing Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness Based on Needs. Applicants must check all that apply from the list below that describes the CoC’s current strategy to prioritize unaccompanied youth based on their needs.

History or Vulnerability to Victimization (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Number of Previous Homeless Episodes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unsheltered Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criminal History	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bad Credit or Rental History	<input type="checkbox"/>

3B-2.6. Applicants must describe the CoC's strategy to increase:
(1) housing and services for all youth experiencing homelessness by providing new resources or more effectively using existing resources, including securing additional funding; and
(2) availability of housing and services for youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness by providing new resources or more effectively using existing resources.
(limit 3,000 characters)

The CoC has not yet developed a strategy to address youth experiencing homelessness as our PIT and collaborations with youth organizations does not indicate that our CoC has any youth who meet the HUD definition of homelessness outside the Department of Education’s definition of homelessness. Midwest Youth Services, Transitions of Western Illinois and the Regional Offices of Education are the existing resources for youth experiencing homelessness.

However, there have been mental health collaboratives forming in the region which will benefit youth experiencing homelessness. In 2016, Adams County received the Children’s Mental Health Initiative, Building Systems of Care, Community by Community (CMHI) grant. The CMHI, funded by the Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation (ILCHF) is a multi-year, initiative to support community-generated plans to coordinate mental health services and systems for children and their families. The Mental Health Partnership includes SIU Quincy Family Practice, Transitions, and Adams County Special Education Association. Grant funding will be provided for five years. It will fill in the gaps for students and help alleviate the stigma surrounding mental health. The first year of the grant and was a planning year. The program will provide a systematic process for screening and support to meet mental health needs of children through the integration of services with the school and primary care sites. It will provide therapy, comprehensive assessment and cross systems treatment.

Two of the CoC’s northern counties (Henderson and Warren, along with Knox County which is not part of the CoC) applied for CMHI funding, but was not funded. This group has decided to implement the process without funding. ILCHF has indicated they would provide technical assistance to the group. The

group started their planning process summer of 2018 and expect it to last for a year.

3B-2.6a. Applicants must:

- (1) provide evidence the CoC uses to measure both strategies in question 3B-2.6. to increase the availability of housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness;**
 - (2) describe the measure(s) the CoC uses to calculate the effectiveness of the strategies; and**
 - (3) describe why the CoC believes the measure it uses is an appropriate way to determine the effectiveness of the CoC's strategies.**
- (limit 3,000 characters)**

The CoC will continue to analyze data and collaborate with parties most likely to encounter homeless youth and develop strategies when evidence proves there is a gap/need. In addition to reviewing our PIT process to more aggressively count homeless youth, we have added to our Research and Evaluation committee an agency that operates the Comprehensive Community-Based Youth Services Program that operates a mobile crisis team to intervene in family lock-out situations and an agency that provides foster care services so we can address strategies for youth aging out of foster care. We also have a RHY provider in our CoC membership.

3B-2.7. Collaboration–Education Services. Applicants must describe how the CoC collaborates with:

- (1) youth education providers;**
 - (2) McKinney-Vento State Education Agency (SEA) and Local Education Agency (LEA);**
 - (3) school districts; and**
 - (4) the formal partnerships with (1) through (3) above.**
- (limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoC includes a homeless liaison on the Governing Board. The CoC and Regional Office of Education (ROE) coordinate an annual meeting of homeless service providers and school district homeless liaisons, including inviting a Head Start/Early Head Start provider. ROE staff and homeless liaisons regularly attend the CoC meetings. The case managers work with the district's homeless liaisons to ensure children are able to continue in their school of origin when in shelter. Case managers inform parents of their right to remain in their school of origin when in shelter. If parent chooses to change schools, case managers assist with registration, transportation and supplies. The CoC has Collaboration Documentation with ROEs in our jurisdiction and a ROE homeless liaison has a voting position on our CoC.

3B-2.7a. Applicants must describe the policies and procedures the CoC adopted to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for education services.

(limit 2,000 characters)

HUD-funded programs adhere to the local Educational Assurance Policy included in our Governance Charter which requires housing provider staff: Identify homeless families and inform them of their children's educational rights;

Consider the educational needs of children when families are placed in emergency or transitional shelter and, to the maximum extent practicable, place families with children as close to possible to their school of origin; Establish policies and practices that are consistent with and do not restrict the exercise of homeless students' educational rights; and Designating a staff person to ensure that homeless children are enrolled in school and connected to services within the community.

3B-2.8. Does the CoC have written formal agreements, MOU/MOAs or partnerships with one or more providers of early childhood services and supports? Select "Yes" or "No". Applicants must select "Yes" or "No", from the list below, if the CoC has written formal agreements, MOU/MOA's or partnerships with providers of early childhood services and support.

	MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
Early Childhood Providers	Yes	No
Head Start	Yes	No
Early Head Start	No	No
Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
Federal Home Visiting Program	No	No
Healthy Start	No	No
Public Pre-K	Yes	No
Birth to 3 years	Yes	No
Tribal Home Visting Program	No	No
Other: (limit 50 characters)		

3B-3.1. Veterans Experiencing Homelessness. Applicants must describe the actions the CoC has taken to identify, assess, and refer Veterans experiencing homelessness, who are eligible for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) housing and services, to appropriate resources such as HUD-VASH, Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program and Grant and Per Diem (GPD). (limit 2,000 characters)

Our CoC only has one SSVF program that only serves four of our 11 counties. Few Veterans are identified in unsheltered PIT or sheltered HMIS reviews. Our PSH projects do prioritize Veterans. The challenge to serve Veterans is that the VA definition and HUD definition of homeless conflict and PSH are limited on Veterans they can serve. To address this conflict, the CoC's approach has been to form a Veteran Referral Initiative; a network of VA and non-VA funded programs that serve regardless of VA eligibility. The VRI consists of Collaborative Applicant, Chair of Research and Evaluation for CoC; VA reps; Wounded Warrior; 2 x 4s For Hope; Veteran Specialist from Illinois Dept of Employment Services; SSVF rep and a housing developer who rehabs homes for veterans. We believe the work of this initiative directly affects our low PIT count of Veterans.

Health Care Homeless Veterans (HCHV) is served by two Veterans Integrated

Services Networks (VISN). HCHV works with local, state, federal providers to receive referrals. Veteran's experiencing homeless that are VA eligible are provided with the opportunity to be referred to HUD-VASH and GDP if willing to relocate outside the CoC. We have no HUD-VASH or GPD in the CoC region. HCHV completes HOMES assessment with Veterans experiencing homelessness.

3B-3.2. Does the CoC use an active list or by name list to identify all Veterans experiencing homelessness in the CoC? Yes

3B-3.3. Is the CoC actively working with the VA and VA-funded programs to achieve the benchmarks and criteria for ending Veteran homelessness? Yes

3B-3.4. Does the CoC have sufficient resources to ensure each Veteran experiencing homelessness is assisted to quickly move into permanent housing using a Housing First approach? Yes

3B-5. Racial Disparity. Applicants must: No
(1) indicate whether the CoC assessed whether there are racial disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance;
(2) if the CoC conducted an assessment, attach a copy of the summary.

4A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Accessing Mainstream Benefits and Additional Policies

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- 4A-1. Healthcare. Applicants must indicate, for each type of healthcare listed below, whether the CoC:**
- (1) assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in health insurance; and**
 - (2) assists persons experiencing homelessness with effectively utilizing Medicaid and other benefits.**

Type of Health Care	Assist with Enrollment	Assist with Utilization of Benefits?
Public Health Care Benefits (State or Federal benefits, Medicaid, Indian Health Services)	Yes	
Private Insurers:	Yes	
Non-Profit, Philanthropic:	No	
Other: (limit 50 characters)		

- 4A-1a. Mainstream Benefits. Applicants must:**
- (1) describe how the CoC works with mainstream programs that assist persons experiencing homelessness to apply for and receive mainstream benefits;**
 - (2) describe how the CoC systematically keeps program staff up-to-date regarding mainstream resources available for persons experiencing homelessness (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs); and**
 - (3) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy for mainstream benefits. (limit 2,000 characters)**

All HUD-funded projects are required to offer case management (CM) as part of services. CMs are required to participate in SOAR training every two years to assist with SSI SSDI applications. The State of Illinois DHS has an online process to apply for multiple benefits that include Foodlink, Medicaid, and TANF cash assistance. CMs offer assistance and devices so clients can access the applications. Other resources include food pantries, General Assistance, Unmet Needs and other faith-based assistance. Projects have MOUs with the administrator of TANF childcare and case managers are provided resources from them to assist families. To keep program staff up to date providers attend Interagency Council meetings that are attended by mainstream providers and local providers. These meetings allow all providers to share updates. Staff

attend trainings offered by DHS that provide updates. The Collaborative Applicant oversees the strategy for mainstream benefits.

4A-2.Housing First: Applicants must report:

- (1) total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition; and**
- (2) total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach—meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements.**

Total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition.	6
Total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach—meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements.	6
Percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, Safe-Haven, SSO non-Coordinated Entry projects in the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that will be designated as Housing First.	100%

4A-3. Street Outreach. Applicants must:

- (1) describe the CoC’s outreach;**
- (2) state whether the CoC's Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC’s geographic area;**
- (3) describe how often the CoC conducts street outreach; and**
- (4) describe how the CoC tailored its street outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance. (limit 2,000 characters)**

The CoC does not offer outreach in 100% of our jurisdiction. With limited resources, we focus outreach on the major metropolitan areas where the PIT finds the most sheltered and unsheltered persons. Our CoC began a street outreach initiative July 1, 2017 by reallocating ESG funding to support the efforts. Historically our CoC’s PIT has very few unsheltered homeless. Because the PIT is conducted in January when weather conditions are not favorable, we started conducting a site-based PIT at local soup kitchens and food pantries. The results remain low although we are advised by local law enforcement that unsheltered homeless persons do exist at times. The new street outreach is the first step toward determining the needs/gaps.

4A-4. Affirmative Outreach. Applicants must describe:

- (1) the specific strategy the CoC implemented that furthers fair housing as detailed in 24 CFR 578.93(c) used to market housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identify, sexual orientation, age, familial status or disability; and**
- (2) how the CoC communicated effectively with persons with disabilities and limited English proficiency fair housing strategy in (1) above.**

(limit 2,000 characters)

Our Charter incorporates the language of the Fair Housing Equal Opportunity and requires HUD-funded programs to include the language in their written policies and procedures. Our CoC falls under the jurisdiction of Illinois Housing Development Authority and all project applications are submitted to IHDA for certification of consistency with the Consolidated Plan. Projects are required by the CoC (per Governance Charter) to provide program participants with information on rights and remedies available under federal, state and local fair housing and civil rights laws. Projects are required to provide participants access to LEP brochures from the HUD translated materials website https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/17lep#FHEO. All HUD-funded projects are required to have an LEP plan. The Collaborative Applicant oversees the strategy and monitors programs for compliance.

4A-5. RRH Beds as Reported in the HIC. Applicants must report the total number of rapid rehousing beds available to serve all household types as reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for 2017 and 2018.

	2017	2018	Difference
RRH beds available to serve all populations in the HIC	0	35	35

4A-6. Rehabilitation or New Construction Costs. Are new proposed project applications requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction? No

4A-7. Homeless under Other Federal Statutes. Is the CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO or TH projects to serve families with children or youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes? No