Before Starting the Special CoC Application

You must submit both of the following parts in order for us to consider your Special NOFO Consolidated Application complete:

- 1. the CoC Application, and
- 2. the CoC Priority Listing.

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- Special NOFO CoC Application Navigational Guide

- Section 3 Resources

- Frequently Asked Questions

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

1. The Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (Special NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.

2. The Special NOFO Continuum of Care (CoC) Application Detailed Instructions for Collaborative Applicants 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.

CoC Approval is Required before You Submit Your CoC's Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application 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 the [Specific Attachment Name] attachment to the 4A. 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).

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1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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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

1A-5.	New Projects	
	Complete the chart below by indicating which funding opportunity(ies) your CoC applying for projects under. A CoC may apply for funding under both set asides; however, projects funded through the rural set aside may only be used in rural areas, as defined in the Special NOFO.	
1.	Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside	No
2.	Rural Homelessness Set Aside	Yes

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

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1B-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC Local Competition Deadline-Advance Public Notice. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project application submission for your CoC's local competition.	09/20/2022

1B-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected new project applications during your CoC's 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

1B-3.	Projects Rejected/Reduced-Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	No
2.	Did your CoC inform the applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	No
3.	If you selected yes, for element 1 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, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	

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1B-3a.	Projects Accepted-Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	10/05/2022

1B-4.	Web Posting of the CoC-Approved Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC posted its Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or affiliate's website-which included: 1. the CoC Application, and 2. Priority Listings.	10/18/2022

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2A. System Performance

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2A-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors.	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.b.	

	Describe in the field below:
	how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;
2.	how your CoC addresses individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and
	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 or to end homelessness for individuals and families.

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1. The CoC examined HMIS data from 1/1/2015 to date to determine the risk factors that might predispose someone to experiencing homelessness for the first time. Per the CoC's HMIS, of the 1981 adults served in emergency shelters since 1/1/2015, 57% reported having some sort of disabling condition; of those with a disabling condition, a self-reported mental health condition (713)was the most common, followed by substance use disorder (592), then a chronic health condition (432). 23% had ever experienced domestic violence, 23.1% of whom were actively fleeing domestic violence at the time of shelter entry. Those who are unstably housed in a friend or family member's residence (36.2% of entries into shelter) are the most likely to enter shelter, particularly if they have no income (58.9%). Partnerships with food/clothing banks, mainstream benefits offices, employment services, substance use & mental health treatment centers have been essential in identifying those at risk of homelessness & connecting them to diversion resources.

On a broader regional level, the CoC refers to the United Way of Adams County Community Needs Assessment, the Heartland Alliance's Report on Illinois Poverty, the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index, & the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs & Governor's Rural Affairs Council Annual Report to identify regional & statewide housing, economics, & social trends that impact all Illinois households, including those at risk of & experiencing homelessness.

2. Those who are doubled up with friends & family & those in their own rental but who are at risk of eviction & experienced financial loss due to COVID-19 are first referred to Illinois Housing Development Authority, CSBG, & other Federal & State programs. If they are ineligible or require additional assistance, they may be served with ESG-CV homeless prevention. Those who did not experience financial loss due to COVID-19 are served with State of Illinois Dept. of Human Services homelessness prevention funding. Those who are eligible for RRH are first served with ESG-CV, if applicable; the remainder are rapidly rehoused using ESG RRH. OrgCode's SPDAT has been used to determine the appropriate level of intervention.

IL-519 has entered into an MOU (attached) with Two Rivers Regional Council for Rental Assistance and LIHEAP assistance for formerly homeless folks who may need some financial assistance to remain stably housed.

3. The Collaborative Applicant oversees this strategy.

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

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1. United Way of Adams County identified housing as the #1 priority for a community task force, and IL-519 co-chairs said task force with the Great River Economic Development Foundation. This new task force brings together social service providers, advocacy orgs, businesses, banks, landlords, and City/County decision-makers in order to achieve two goals: increase the volume of safe, affordable housing & increase access/reduce barriers to safe, affordable housing in the CoC's most populous county.

An additional system-level strategy is to expand the number RRH projects; non-ESG-CV RRH funding is expended quickly, & by adding YWCA Quincy's RRH Bonus project to the CoC app, an additional 4-10 households depending on size can receive RRH assistance.

2.ESG-CV street outreach has allowed IL-519 to make fantastic strides in building trust with populations least likely to engage with services, which is also the population with the longest LOT homeless. The CoC adopted the use of a By Name List [BNL] adapted from the VA's Master List, wherein individuals & families experiencing unsheltered & sheltered homelessness are placed in order of documented LOT homeless. When an opening is available in PSH, the eligible household with the longest LOT homeless is offered housing first. The drop in LOT homeless from 69 days in the 2020 SPM report to 27 days in the 2021 SPM, and dropped further to 24 days in SPM 2022 (ES & SH). LOT homeless for ES, SH, TH dropped from 97 days in SPM 2020 to 41 days in SPM 2021 and 25 days in SPM 2022 as the direct result of using the Coordinated Entry By Name List. However, this also includes the impact of ESG-CV funding.

In addition to the BNL, building & nurturing relationships with local Police, Park Districts, & Libraries has been essential in identifying individuals & families experiencing homelessness, thus allowing street outreach to document their experience of homelessness & get them on the BNL for referral into housing.

3. The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for this strategy.

2A-3	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.
	Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:
1	emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and
2	permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.

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1. United Way of Adams County identified housing as the #1 priority for a community task force, and IL-519 co-chairs said task force with the Great River Economic Development Foundation. This new task force brings together social service providers, advocacy orgs, businesses, landlords, and City/County decision-makers in order to achieve two goals: increase the volume of safe, affordable housing & increase access to safe, affordable housing in the CoC's most populous county.

An additional system-level strategy is to expand the number RRH projects; non-ESG-CV RRH funding is expended quickly, & by adding YWCA Quincy's RRH Bonus project to the CoC app, an additional 4-10 households depending on size can receive RRH assistance.

2. Those who are identified as experiencing chronic homelessness in IL-519 receive an extra level of attention & wrap-around care with the hope that it results in long-term housing stability & prevents returns to homelessness. Providers recognize that multiple experiences of homelessness compound traumas and therefore encourage clients to integrate mental health care into their service plans; those who self-disclose substance use are encouraged to connect with substance use inpatient or outpatient treatment. IL-519 has embraced the Housing First approach, Stages of Change model, and Harm Reduction Philosophy, and avoids termination for declining to add items to case plans, or slow progress on case plans.

The COVID-19 pandemic allowed IL-519 to gain access to SSVF for the first time, which has resulted in stabilization of 17 veteran households in the CoC; all veterans are connected to wraparound care: SSVF, VA HCHV, IL Dept of Employment Security's Veterans Career Coach, Veteran Service Officers, a local free clothing bank for veterans, & up to \$200 in grocery gift cards. Expanded rental assistance & homeless prevention options provided through the CARES Act & American Rescue Plan Act, Illinois Emergency Rental Assistance, as well as the eviction moratorium have given struggling individuals & families at risk of homelessness the assistance needed to stay in their homes. IL-519 has entered into an MOU (attached) with Two Rivers Regional Council for Rental Assistance and LIHEAP assistance for formerly homeless folks who may need some financial assistance to remain stably housed.

2A-4.	Returns to Homelessness-CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.
	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

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1. HMIS data sharing is helpful in identifying those who exited to permanent housing and returned to homelessness [RTH]: when an individual or family is encountered in street outreach, re-enters an HMIS-participating shelter or transitional housing, their case manager can see their HMIS project entries & exits. A previous stay in shelter or assistance by RRH may indicate that the household has an undiagnosed disabling condition and should offer to integrate referral to mainstream supports into the case plan.

The strategy for reducing RTH begins with reducing avoidable PH terminations, advocating to avoid eviction, & fully embracing evidence-based practices such as Trauma Informed Care, Positive Youth Development, Stages of Change Model, & Housing First to ensure that once participants are admitted to PH, they are not prematurely exited. The CoC has encouraged providers to replace the punitive "when can we terminate them" mindset with a "how can we keep them safely housed & engaged" approach; many clients could have had long-term stability, but were instead terminated due to breaking unnecessary, ineffective, overly burdensome agency/program rules that are inconsistent with a Trauma Informed Care, Positive Youth Development, Stages of Change, & Housing First models. In addition to aligning agency policies/approaches with evidence-based practice, the CoC's strategy to reduce RTH is increasing services available clients during ES stays & after ES exit: case management, links to employment services & mainstream benefits, life-skills coaching. Linking households at-risk for homelessness to IL DHS Homeless Prevention & community-based supports can stabilize them before they return to homelessness.

In summer 2022, IL-519 adopted Collaborative Case Conferencing, the ability to pull together a multi-agency service team to serve folks who are struggling in one area of their life, which might throw the rest out of stabilization, and intervene with intensive wrap-around services to get them back on track. This process is so new that the Policies & Procedures are still in draft phase, but the ROI has been approved. Participants include SA/MI treatment providers, housing providers, food banks, VSPs, VA, and more.

3. The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for this strategy.

Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f. Describe in the field below: 1. the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase employment cash sources;
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 how your 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 your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

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1. The CoC's strategy to increase both employment income and access to employment is to encourage clients to include gaining/increasing employment income in their client-driven case plans during their first meeting with their case manager to begin the process of gaining income as quickly as possible, link them with mainstream employment organizations such as those listed below, provide them with the soft skills associated with employment success (promptness, work-appropriate clothing, conflict resolution skills, etc). For clients who are not able or ready to include gaining/increasing employment income into their case plans, case managers encourage them to volunteer for local organizations to build experience, confidence, networking, and references. Case managers conduct mock-interviews and talk through challenges that participants had in the past that made gaining/maintaining employment difficult, then help participants identify & overcome those patterns by linking them with appropriate mainstream services.

2. IL Dept. of Employment Security (employment for those with disabilities), CAA Workforce Development specialists, & college & university Adult Education/Non-Traditional Student support staff are frequent participants at CoC and other community service provider meetings, and the working relationship between these organizations and local service providers is wonderful. The longstanding relationship between these agencies and homeless services providers means participants can quickly get appointments with minimal wait times and participants receive these agencies' assistance often.

Every person who requests housing & shelter information from the Collaborative Applicant also receives contact information for their local IL Dept. of Employment Security & IL Division of Rehabilitation Services point of contact (as well as other wrap-around services) via email in order to ensure that they are aware of all the employment & job training services available. IL-519 has entered into an MOU with Two Rivers Regional Council for their Workforce Development Services (MOU attached).

3. The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for this strategy.

2A-5a.	Increasing I employmen Income–Str Applicants)	t Cash		
	Special NO VII.B.2.f.	O Section		
	Describe in below:	the field		
1.	the strategy implemente non-employ income;	your CoC has d to increase ment cash		
2.	your CoC's increase ac employmen sources; an	cess to non- t cash		
3.	name or pos is responsib overseeing strategy to i	organization sition title that le for your CoC's ncrease non- t cash income.		
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1 & 2. IL-519 shelter & housing providers connect participants with stimulus payments, & households with children with child tax credit program & TANF. Anyone who wishes to apply for SSI/SSDI is referred to the local staff trained in SOAR. Veterans with other than honorable discharge may appeal their discharge with the assistance of Lincoln's Promise, a new Jacksonville, Illinois nonprofit; other than honorable discharge can be a barrier to employment. housing, & supportive services for servicemembers. Eligible veterans who were totally or partially disabled during military service are referred to the VA HCHV Social Worker, VA PACT Social Worker, & Veteran Service Officer that covers their portion of the 11-county CoC for expanded VA benefits. Additional strategies include linking individuals & families experiencing homelessness to non-employment cash income sources (TANF, WIC, etc) during street outreach encounters, ensuring program participants have access to secure internet connections to submit benefits applications & check the status of applications, & linking participants to local safety nets such as food banks, soup kitchens, clothing banks, & other services that can fill emergency needs while mainstream benefit eligibility is being determined. Clients are encouraged to incorporate accessing non-employment cash income

Clients are encouraged to incorporate accessing non-employment cash income & benefits into their client-driven case plans. Experienced staff suggest mainstream benefits that clients may not know they are eligible for, & assist them with the application process, particularly for clients whose disabling conditions make the application process & required follow-up difficult. Case managers also ensure that participants follow up with any mail received from the State of Illinois about their benefits, so they may retain them as long as they are eligible.

3. The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for this strategy.

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2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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2B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation-Participation in Coordinated Entry. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Sections VII.B.3.a.(1)	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:	

	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022.
1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted–including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing of CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC's Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	No	No	No
2.	Agencies serving survivors of human trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	No	No	No
4.	CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Nonexistent	No	No
5.	CoC-Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
6.	Disability Advocates	Yes	No	Yes
7.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
9.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	No	No	No
10.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	Hospital(s)	No	No	No
12.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribe Organizations)	al Nonexistent	No	No
13.	Law Enforcement	Yes	No	No
14.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	No	No
16.	Local Government Staff/Officials	No	No	No
17.	Local Jail(s)	No	No	No
18.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
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20.	Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	Non-CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	No	No	No
23.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	No	No	No
24.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	No	No
25.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Nonexistent	No	No
26.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	No
27.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	No	Yes
28.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)			•
33.	VA, SSV, other veteran housing & service orgs	Yes	Yes	Yes
34.	ESG Subrecipients	Yes	Yes	Yes

2B-2. Open Invitation for New Members. (All Applicants)

Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(2), V.B.3.g.

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	communicated the invitation process annually to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	conducted outreach to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join your CoC; and
4.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, other People of Color, persons with disabilities).

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1. A document entitled "Join the CoC!" is posted to the CoC's website, inviting any organization that serves folks experiencing homelessness to join; it gives an overview of what a CoC is, the geographic area, the importance of HMIS, and an overview of coordinated entry. IL-519 does not rely on this public posting as the only connection to non-CoC agencies, however. IL-519 has an ongoing open-invitation process for courting new CoC members, rather than an annual membership "push." CoC & ESG recipients & the VA are de facto members of the CoC: local VAWA & VOCA, RHY, Regional Offices of Education, Illinois Dept. of Human Services homeless prevention, shelter, & housing funding recipients have been members of the CoC for over a decade. Faith-based shelter & housing providers, members of local government, local funders, United Way offices, medical & mental health providers, food pantries & soup kitchens, etc receive email, phone, and/or in-person invitations to participate in the CoC. The CoC meets monthly & sends an email invitation to service providers throughout the CoC prior to the meeting. In this way, the CoC solicits new members monthly.

2.CoC meetings are held online via GoToMeeting, which opens participation to those for whom travel and mobility are difficult; GoToMeeting features a live transcription feature, which provides closed captions to attendees. Recordings of the webinars are available upon request. GoToMeeting uses a high contrast function for those with low vision. Meeting minutes are sent out in PDF format compatible with Adobe's read aloud function. IL-519 refers to the Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission for sign language interpreters. IL-519 invites meeting attendees to request reasonable accommodations to make meetings more accessible.

3. Providers refer folks with lived experience to the CoC for participation; workgroups exist, but are sporadically attended. Information also flows from folks with lived experience to the CoC via surveys to make up for the low attendance at workgroup meetings.

4.No organizations serving culturally specific communities *experiencing homelessness* exist in IL-519, though NAACP of Macomb, IL, disabilities advocacy orgs, and LGBTQIA persons hold agency leadership positions. Agencies within the CoC rely on Language. Access. Multicultural. People. (LAMP), a translation service in St. Louis, Missouri, to assist with interactions with folks for whom English is not their primary language.

2B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(3)
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information; and
3.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

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1. The CoC collaborates with several networks in order to solicit input on preventing, addressing, & ending homelessness: A.INTERAGENCY COUNCILS: 5 in IL-519; B. UNITED WAYS: 4 in IL-519; C. REGIONAL VETERAN ORGS: 3 in IL-519; D. TASK FORCES: United Way of Adams County Community Building Council Housing Initiative (working to increase affordable housing & decrease housing barriers), Quincy Medical Group ARISE (working to eliminate barriers to healthcare for vulnerable pops), Western Illinois Dreamers (advocates for immigrant populations), Safe and Livable Housing Committee (advocates for

renters living in substandard housing); E. THOSE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE

One example of considering the input of an array of organizations is the Gap Housing Project. By engaging with folks with lived experience, substance use treatment providers, and DVSPs, one CoC organization determined that using ARPA funding to open a transitional housing program for long-term couch surfers would be a great way to respond to community need.

2. The Collaborative Applicant & CoC members share funding opportunities, coordinated entry info, available training, & best practice information verbally & via flyers/handouts & email with attendees of the above-mentioned groups. When the Collaborative Applicant or CoC members receive materials, invitations, & emails from other groups, they are shared via a CoC's email blast.

3. Communication with partners, stakeholders, community leaders, &—most importantly—firsthand knowledge & experience of individuals & families who are/have experienced homelessness are discussed in CoC meetings & elevated to the CoC Board. The CoC values both positive & negative feedback on events, efforts, & initiatives, & uses that information to better plan, promote, research, communicate, & drive the CoC. IL-519 encompasses 11 counties, so unfortunately it is impossible to stay current on every local city council & county board initiative (or gap) that might impact housing. However, the CoC communicates regularly with the Great River Economic Development Foundation, Illinois Housing Development Authority, Community Action Agencies, & TriState Development Summit to keep each other informed of opportunities, needs, improvements, & new approaches in housing & homeless services.

2B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(4)
	Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:
1.	that your CoC's local competition was open and accepting project applications;
2.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
3.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications;
4.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and

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5. how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC sends an email to its listserve which includes the local timeline/due dates, scoring process, and the NOFO; the CoC discusses the annual CoC Competition at Interagency Council and other meetings to inform service providers that the competition is open. At the close of the competition, the CoC updates the same orgs to inform them that mentoring is available for the next year's competition.

2. The Collaborative Applicant sent an email blast to the region's social service providers: "If your agency would like to apply for the first time for Continuum of Care funding to house individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness or fleeing domestic violence, please reach out this week for next steps. The amount available for new projects has not yet been posted." One never before funded agency submitted an application. During interagency council and other social service provider meetings, the CoC announces that mentoring is available to agencies that have never received CoC funding before; this usually occurs around the time that CoCs suspect the NOFO is imminent, in order to give agencies time to decide whether they'd like to pursue.

Because the local scoring criteria is HMIS-based, IL-519 makes accommodations for new agencies that have never used HMIS before so they may turn in data and participate in the local competition.

3. The agencies that expressed interest in applying received follow up communications (links to HUD's FY22 CoC Program Competition webpage, the NOFO, New & Renewal Project Application Detailed Instructions, available funding amounts, local scoring criteria docs, and the local CoC Competition Timeline). They also received regular emails to check their progress and see if they had questions. The competition and application processes are also posted to WCICCC.com.

4. The FY22 Scoring Criteria and process of submitting and reviewing Scoring Criteria and applications was communicated via email and posted to the CoC's website (WCICCC.com).

5. The CoC sends email blasts via Outlook, which has a read aloud feature for those with reduced vision. Scoring criteria and instructions are sent in a format that can be zoomed and/or read aloud (Adobe PDF & Excel). IL-519 is well-versed in the use of TTY and sign language interpreters, though they have not been needed thus far in the FY22 CoC Competition.

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2C. Coordination / Engagement–with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations

The CoC Special NOFO page provides HUD-approved resources to assist you in completing the Special NOFO CoC Application, including:

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- 24 CFR part 578
- Special NOFO CoC Application Navigational Guide
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- Frequently Asked Questions

	2C-1. Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations. (All Applicants)
Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.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 Planning or Operations of Projects
1.	Funding Collaboratives	No
2.	Head Start Program	No
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)	No
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	No
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Nonexistent
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	No
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	No
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	No
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	No
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	No
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.	VA, SSVF, Veterans employment & other vets services	Yes

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC portion of the State of Illinois ESG application requires CoCs to consider the CoC's needs, provider performance, etc, and explain their recommended ESG allocations. However, communication is not bi-directional: CoC's do not receive feedback on the recommendation beyond whether the allocations are technically allowable, such as not exceeding Admin limits. However, IL-519 (CoC leadership and/or ESG subrecipient) interact with the State of Illinois in other ways, including attending all available ESG/ESG-CV weekly web meetings since their inception in January 2022.

2. IL-519 has never been invited to evaluate or report performance of the ESG Non-entitlement recipient. However, after several reports of failures to communicate to subrecipients, communicating inaccurate information, and reports of unhelpfulness, the CoC did report these concerns to technical assistance providers, the local CPD office in Chicago, and the State Homelessness Chief at the Illinois Office to Prevent & End Homelessness. Several other CoCs did the same, which resulted in improved communication, though the office is still trying to serve ESG subrecipients despite being overwhelmed and understaffed.

ESG Subrecipients' performance is evaluated annually in the ESG funding process. Objective HMIS/comparable database data is compared which results in project ranking. This evaluation includes performance, Housing First/Low Barrier Shelter evaluation, and will include a Racial Equity/DEI section in the coming year.

3. The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) oversees the Consolidated Plan, but does not request annual PIT/HIC data from CoCs. IL-519 provides other relevant State of Illinois offices with data, however. IL-519 has granted Stella-P access to the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of the Secretary & Illinois Office to Prevent and End Homelessness to analyze Statewide data and make recommendations to the Illinois Interagency Task Force on Homelessness.

4. Again, IHDA does not request info from CoCs for updates to the ConPlan, but IL-519 provides data to the IDHS Office of the Secretary & Illinois Office to Prevent and End Homelessness at their request.

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2C-3.	Discharge Planning Coordination. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the systems of care listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs.	
1.	Foster Care	Yes
2.	Health Care	Yes
3.	Mental Health Care	Yes
4.	Correctional Facilities	Yes

CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts. (All Applicants)	
Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	
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	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

CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts–Formal Partnerships. (All Applicants)	
Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	
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	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC collaborates with the entities checked in Question 2C-4; and
2.	the formal partnerships your CoC has with the entities checked in Question 2C-4.

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IL-519 has secured an MOU with Two Rivers Regional Council, a Community Action Agency, for education and employment services funded by various non-HUD entities. Youth age 18-24 are eligible for these services, though not explicitly mentioned in the MOU. TRRC is able to participate in the CoC's Collaborative Case Conferencing Team, a new CoC team (working group) designed to provide links to crisis intervention and intensive wraparound care to folks in the homeless services system.

To be clear, "Youth Education Provider" was selected above because Two Rivers Regional Council will provide Assessment, Supportive Services, Mileage & Childcare, and Classroom Training (job training), despite being a Community Action Agency and not a . From Two Rivers Regional Council's Workforce Development Center webpage: "Eligible youth, ages 17-24, in or out of school, can receive assistance with getting their GED, workforce education, work-based learning, or apprenticeship opportunities."

2C-4b.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Those who inquire about shelter and housing receive an emailed list of locationspecific community resources which includes contact information for the local ROE Homeless Liaison and a short description of the protections available in the McKinney Vento Act.

Individuals and families who are admitted into shelter and housing receive contact information for the local ROE Homeless Liaison and a short description of the protections available in the McKinney Vento Act. Some agencies have additional policies directing staff to enroll school-aged children in school within 72 hours of entering their programs.

All congregate providers (shelters and transitional housing) are asked to hang a National Center for Homeless Education poster in English and Spanish informing residents of their children's education rights under the McKinney Vento Act. Youth service providers are asked to hang a National Center for Homeless Education poster that is specifically written for youth in both English and Spanish.

Regional Office of Education Homeless Liaisons are invited to CoC monthly meetings, and attend Interagency Council meetings together regularly to keep one another informed of housing openings and households in need of assistance.

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2C-5. Mainstream Resources-CoC Training of Project Staff. (All Applicants)

Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.

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

	Mainstream Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	No
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	No
3.	TANF-Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	No
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	No
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other	Yes

2C-5a. Mainstream Resources–CoC Collaboration with Project Staff Regarding Healthcare Organizations. (All Applicants) Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	
Special NOEO Section VII B 3 e	
Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
 systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area; 	ogram CoC's
2. works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance;	
3. provides assistance to project staff with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits; and	ts; and
4. works with projects to promote SOAR certification of program staff.	

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1. The 11-county CoC is divided into 3 regions: the Macomb-region (Hancock, Henderson, McDonough & Warren Counties), the Quincy-region (Adams, Brown, Pike, & Schuyler Counties), & the Jacksonville-region (Cass, Morgan, & Scott Counties). Each region has Interfaith & Interagency Councils, at least 1 United Way office, a Regional Office of Education, an Illinois DHS Family Community Resource Center, medical center, at least 1 County Health Department, and a VA catchment area. Because all 3 regions have their own high-functioning Federal, State, & local resource outposts the entire CoC receives timely procedural, eligibility, & funding availability trainings & updates directly from their sources.

The CoC's most effective methods of sharing resource information are the CoC contact list for email blasts regarding high-importance or time-sensitive information, CoC monthly web meetings & the Collaborative Applicant's social media & website.

2. When the FY21 CoC NOFO emphasized the importance of securing MOUs with healthcare providers and other partners, the CoC passed that information to CoC-funded and non-CoC funded agencies within the CoC. Agencies have secured their own MOUs and Letters of Agreement with healthcare providers in their own regions. Because the CoC covers 11 counties, it is more effective for agencies to secure MOUs on their own, rather than an organization 100+ miles away requesting an MOU on behalf of an 11-county CoC with 5 different medical networks in 5 different medical coverage areas. Their MOUs are attached.

3. At this time, CoC providers are not able to bill to Medicaid. However, assisting participants with accessing all mainstream benefits they may be eligible for is an essential part of service provision, and providers receive training on these mainstream benefits directly from their providers, such as State of Illinois Department of Human Services.

4. Each of the CoC's 3 regions has its own SOAR trained entities that assist folks in meeting their SSI/SSDI goals; clients who wish to pursue SSI/SSDI are referred there.

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3A. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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3A-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs-New Projects. (Rural Set Aside Only).	
	Special NOFO Section VII.A.	
	If the answer to the question below is yes, you must upload the CoC Letter Supporting Capital	

Costs attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project(s) under the Rural Set Aside for housing rehabilitation or new construction costs?	No

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

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3B-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	
	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
3B-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	
	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below:	
1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and	
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.	

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4A. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

		Please read the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:			
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	2.	You must up	load an attachment for each document lis	sted where 'Required?' is 'Yes'	
	3.	We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported-please only use zip file necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning th often produces higher quality images and reduces file size. Many systems allow you to create files as a Print Option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Supp search for information on Google or YouTube.			
	4.	Attachments	must match the questions they are asso	ciated with.	
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	6.	 b. 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.	7. Open attachments once uploaded to ensure they are the correct attachment for the required Document Type.			
Document Type	Requ	ired?	Document Description	Date Attached	
1B-1. Local Competition Announcement	Yes		IL-519 Local Comp	10/18/2022	
1B-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes		IL-519 Local Scor	10/18/2022	
1B-3. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes		IL-519 Projects R	10/18/2022	
1B-3a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes		IL-519 Projects A	10/18/2022	
1B-4. Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application	Yes				
3A-1. CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs	No				
3B-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No				
P-1. Leveraging Housing Commitment	No		IL-519 Leveraging	10/18/2022	
P-1a. PHA Commitment	No				
P-3. Healthcare Leveraging Commitment	No		IL-519 Healthcare	10/18/2022	
P-9c. Lived Experience Support Letter	No				
Plan. CoC Plan	Yes		CoC Plan	10/18/2022	

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Document Description: CoC Plan

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Submission Summary

Ensure that the Special NOFO Project Priority List is complete prior to submitting.

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2A. System Performance	10/11/2022
2B. Coordination and Engagement	10/11/2022
2C. Coordination and Engagement–Con't.	10/11/2022
3A. New Projects With Rehab/New Construction	No Input Required
3B. Homelessness by Other Federal Statutes	10/06/2022
4A. Attachments Screen	Please Complete
Submission Summary	No Input Required

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LOCAL COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

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Attachments:	Unsheltered & Rural NOFO Timeline 6.27.22.pdf; NOFO CoC_Supplemental_FR-6500-
	N-25S.pdf

Good Afternoon, CoC!

If you haven't yet heard, HUD has released a special Notice of Funding Availability specifically for serving those experiencing unsheltered and rural homelessness. IL-519 West Central Illinois CoC encourages any qualifying agency to submit a project application that aligns with the priorities in the NOFO (attached).

Please reach out to me via email for guidance on navigating HUD's Special Unsheltered & Rural Continuum of Care application process as soon as possible if your agency is interested in applying for these funds.

You will also find the local timeline associated with this NOFO, also posted to https://wciccc.com/meetings-schedule/, as required by 24 CFR 578.9 and page 37 of the NOFO. This is *not* the annual Continuum of Care NOFO announcement; a separate email will be sent when HUD releases the annual CoC NOFO. Agencies may apply for both NOFOs.

THANK YOU!

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Subject:	Follow up: Rural Homelessness \$\$\$\$
Attachments:	FY-2021-New-Application-Detailed-Instructions.pdf; Appendix A.pdf; Appendix B.pdf; NOFO CoC_Supplemental_FR-6500-N-25S.pdf
Importance:	High

I'm not trying to inundate you guys with emails today, sorry about that! If you're not interested in this funding, let me know and I'll remove you from the contact list.

As the current providers of CoC, DHS, ESG, and mental health housing in the CoC, I think we need to immediately start planning on how to get the \$1.3 million into the region (\$440,140 annually) available through HUD's Special CoC NOFO—I think the additional \$880k unsheltered grant is a long-shot, but one worth taking. Again, this funding will be renewable, though they're not sure if they're going to wrap it into the already-existing CoC stuff or renew another way.

The purpose of this funding is to reduce the number of folks experiencing homelessness (includes homelessness due to domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking) and increase the number of affordable housing units in the CoC.

Our region badly needs affordable housing for folks who are/have experienced homelessness and who *also* have:

- Extensive/violent criminal history
- Severe service needs (disabilities/disabling conditions, frequent MH/SUD/jail visits, unsheltered, serious health probs, DV/SA/trafficking)
- Previous evictions, including from Public Housing Authorities
- No, low, or unpredictable income

Grant Process

- Acquisition, rehabilitation (\$10,000 per structure), and construction **are eligible** in the rural set-aside. These hard costs are *not* renewable.
- Agencies formulate a plan and submit a project application in a system called eSnaps. The apps aren't in there
 yet, but they'll probably be similar to the questions in the attached FY21 New App Detailed Instructions doc
 (permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, joint TH-RRH, coordinated entry, supportive services only, and
 HMIS are all eligible project types—emergency shelter is <u>not</u>, though short-term bridge/shelter is allowed).
- HUD is not expecting 1/3 spent every year; a ramp-up period is totally normal.

<u>Requirements</u>

- 25% match on admin, operations, supportive services, HMIS budget lines; no match on leasing budget line.
- Must participate in HMIS—super easy and local/GoToMeeting training, plus fantastic reports.
- Standard grant management accounting stuff.
- Quarterly reporting. Reports will be generated in HMIS. If the reports are anything like YWCA Quincy's annual reports, you just export from HMIS, upload into a portal, fill in a couple things and you're good to go. Easy peasy.

NOFO Cliff's Notes

• Making HUD happy: pg 6-7

- Participant (client) eligibility, HMIS, Comprehensive CoC Plan: pg 9-10
- Important definitions and concepts: pg 12-15
- Eligible types of projects: pg 16 (CoC Components section. HPC = High Performing Community, fyi)
- Grant term, match, eligible costs: pg 20-23
- CoC (Team) application requirements: pg 34-36
 - Fun Team Effort: written Plan for Serving Individuals & Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs
 - MEDIUM DIFFICULTY: Letters of commitment, contracts, etc demonstrating development of new affordable housing for those experiencing homelessness
 - DIFFICULT: Letter signed by working group comprised of persons with lived experience of homelessness (workgroup does not currently exist)
 - VERY, VERY DIFFICULT: Letter of commitment from public housing authorities to partner with the CoC
- Consolidated Application Scoring: pg 40-53
 - This is the scoring cheat sheet and key to success!

Thanks, team. Again, sorry about the overflowing inbox.

Amanda Erwin

Director of Grant Coordination YWCA of Quincy

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From: Amanda Erwin

Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:22 AM

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Just sending a reminder about this afternoon's HUD webinar about the brand new funding for rural CoCs. I was on the preview webinar yesterday, and it's a super super competitive competition, but a game-changer. There's two parts to the competition: unsheltered and rural. Our CoC's unsheltered allocation \$880,280 is and our rural allocation \$1,320,420--**\$2.2 MILLION** for the next 3 years is on the line. **The funds are renewable.**

Please, please, please join this webinar if you can. If you can't, HUD will post the recording. It'll be all hands on deck to get this badly-needed money into the region!

Link is highlighted below—remember: eastern time zone

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From: HUD Exchange Mailing List <<u>news@hudexchange.info</u>>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 8:10 AM
To: Amanda Erwin <<u>amandaerwin@ywcaquincy.org</u>>
Subject: CoC Program Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness

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	Resources and assistance to support HUD's community partners		
Home Programs Resources Training			
CoC Program Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness			
This information was originally distributed via HUD.gov. HUD Exchange is redistributing the information for awareness.			

HUD announced the <u>Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Supplemental Notice of Funding</u> <u>Opportunity (NOFO) to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness</u>, which makes \$322 million in competitive funding available to communities to address unsheltered and rural homelessness. Applications must be submitted no later than **October 20, 2022, at 8:00 PM EDT**.

To apply, CoCs will need to demonstrate a comprehensive community approach to reduce homelessness among people experiencing homelessness with severe service needs, especially those with histories of unsheltered homelessness. Funding is available for permanent housing, street outreach efforts and other supportive services, and Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS).

Visit the HUD Exchange <u>e-snaps page</u> for helpful resources regarding accessing, navigating, and submitting applications in *e-snaps*, including the <u>e-snaps 101 Toolkit</u> and the <u>e-snaps 201 Toolkit</u>. Please note, there are no project application resources available for this NOFO.

For more information, read the full Press Release.

View the CoC Program Supplemental NOFO

Upcoming Webinars

HUD will be sponsoring the following two special NOFO webinars:

- <u>Register for the Special NOFO Kick Off Webinar June 28, 2022 2:30 PM EDT</u>: This webinar will provide an overview of the NOFO and answer participant questions.
- Register for the Special NOFO Rural Webinar June 29, 2022 2:00 PM EDT: This webinar is intended for communities applying for the \$54.5 million set aside for rural communities.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Each agency must complete the Project Performance and Housing First Fidelity assessment tabs.

Performance targets come from an average of applicant agencies' performance since 2016.

A complete submission includes the following attachments:

✓ Participant-specific policies & procedures (not human resources policies & procedures)

SCORING CRITERIA IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT POLICIES & PROCEDURES TO VERIFY HOUSING FIRST FIDELITY

Submit any questions about completing this doucment to AmandaErwin@ywcaquincy.org; please cc all applicant agencies for transparency.

Unsheltered & Rural NOFO Scoring Matrix

data	CNSTRUCTIONS: Please generate a single APR using the reporting group "AGENCY U.R. Scoring Matrix" for 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022 and use that data to answer the questions below. This will generate a cumulative performance score for each agency. The rationale for this is that each agency s submitting a new HUD-funded project, rather than a renewal of an already-existing project.						AVAILABLE POINTS (MEET OR BEAT PERFORMANCE	AWARDED POINTS
		METRIC	APR REFERENCE & CALCULATION	Corresponding System Performance Measure	Performance		TARGET)	
	А	Current fiscal year CoC, ESG, ESG-CV Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Re-Housing award	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	\$			
	В	Pre-COVID maximum capacity (beds)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable				
	С	Current maximum capacity (beds)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable				
ext	D	Total individuals served (7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022)	5a.1	Not Applicable				
Context	Ε	Households with children served (7/1/2021 - 6/30/2	8a, with children	Not Applicable				
Ŭ	F	Households without children served (7/1/2021 - 6/3	8a, without children	Not Applicable				
	G	Cost Effectiveness: Cost per individual (HUD funding only)	Total HUD funding (A, above) / 5a.1 total number of individ	Not Applicable: Cost Effectiveness		\$ 5,281.67	1	1
	н	Cost Effectiveness: Cost per household (HUD funding only)	Total HUD funding (A, above) / 8a, total of households	Not Applicable: Cost Effectiveness		\$ 12,255.83	1	1
	A	RRH ONLY: Average number of months of RRH assistance per household	Add all months of assistance per household / number of households. See comment.	Reduce persons who exit homelessness return to homelessness		3	1	FALSE
	В	PSH ONLY: Acquisition of any income from start to exit	16: 1 - [No income at exit divided by no income at start]	Reduce persons who exit homelessness return to homelessness	%	46.15%	1	1
	с	Number of adult stayers without required annual assessment	16: Row "Number of adult stayers without required annual assessment" divided by Total Adults	System Performance Measure data quality, general HMIS data quality & compliance	%	35.29%	1	FALSE
	D	<i>Earned</i> income change from start to exit	19a2: Righthand column: percent of adults with <i>earned</i> income	Reduce persons who exit homelessness return to homelessness & Improve employment and income growth of	%	21%	1	1
	E	Other income change from start to exit	19a2: Righthand column: percent of adults with other income	Reduce persons who exit homelessness return to homelessness & Improve employment and income growth of	%	16%	1	1
Performance	F	<i>Total</i> income change from start to exit	19a2: Righthand column: percent of adults with <i>total</i> income	Reduce persons who exit homelessness return to homelessness & Improve employment and income growth of	%	32%	1	1
Perfo	G	Number of Non-Cash Benefit Sources: change from start to exit	20b: 1 minus [One or More Sources row (Benefit at Exit for Leavers divided by Benefit at Start)]	Reduce persons who exit homelessness return to homelessness & Improve employment and income growth of	%	19.79%	1	1

TOTAL SCORE 24 possible						0		
Housing First Fidelity	А	Housing First Fidelity Agency Self-Assessment	Automatically carries over points to this cell from Housing First Fidelity Self-Assessment tab	Commitment to Housing First Model	0.00	9.5	1	FALSE
	Housing First Fidelity				Score	Target	9.5 = 1 pt	
Co	I	Does the agency serve on any local committees or g	e agency serve on any local committees or groups dedicated to advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the community?					FALSE
Commitment to	н	H Is the program consistent with the HUD Equal Access Rule and open to all eligible individuals regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status?					1	FALSE
ment	G	Does the program have a written policy and procedu		Yes	1	FALSE		
		F Has one or more program staff viewed the Equal Access Rule and Best Practices in Serving Survivors of Domestic & Sexual Violence annual training sent via email on January 14, 2021 and January 7, 2022?					1	FALSE
Diversity,	E	E Does the agency advertise assistance to vulnerable groups such as those with disabilities or members of the LGBTQIA+ community?					1	FALSE
y, Equ	D	Does a person who has experienced homelessness within the last five years serve on the agency Board of Directors in a decision-making capacity?					1	FALSE
Equity, a	с	Does the agency have a written Diversity, Equity, an			Yes	1	FALSE	
and Inc	В	Does the racial and ethnic makeup of the program s	served?		Yes	1	FALSE	
Inclusion	А	Does the racial and ethnic makeup of the agency's B	e population served?	2 SH C RISW	Yes	1	FALSE	
<u>د</u>	Div	ersity, Equity, and Inclusion Assess	nent		Yes, No, Don't Know	Target	Yes = 1	
-		Total number of individuals who exited from HUD- funded programs to HOMELESS or UNKNOWN destinations	23c: [Emergency shelter/motel paid for by agency + place not meant for habitation + doesn't know/refused + data not collected] divided by total persons	Successful placement in or retention of permanent housing - <i>indicates an opportunity for improvement</i>	%	3.00%	1	FALSE
	к	Percentage individuals who exited from HUD- funded programs to PERMANENT destinations	23c: Percent Positive Destinations (23c, bottom row)	Successful placement in or retention of permanent housing	%	89%	1	1
	J	Clients waiting for housing	22e: Total column, "Not yet moved into housing"	Reduce average length of time persons remain homeless		48	1	FALSE
	I	Clients who never found housing	22c: Total column, "Persons who were exited without move-in"	Reduce average length of time persons remain homeless		29	1	FALSE
	н	State the length of time between project start date and housing move in date	22c: Total column, "Average Length of Time to Housing"	Reduce average length of time persons remain homeless		30	1	1

HOUSING FIRST FIDELITY SELF-ASSESSMENT

Please enter a "1" to indicate "YES" or "NO" for each question below. Responses should reflect *both written policy and program practice*; indicate whether policy and practice are not consistent. Submit Program Policies & Procedures with this document for verification.

Points: .5 points will be given for each "No." 0 points will be given for "yes" or "inconsistent," as these responses are out of compliance with the Housing First Model. No written explainations will be considered.

SECTION 1: LOW BARRIERS TO PROJECT ENTRY

Yes

A1. Will/Does the project require a background screening prior to project entry (*excluding sexual* offender/predator check for site-based projects with legal requirements)?

	Yes	No	Inconsistent
A2.	Will/Does the project pro entering your project (ex requirements)?	phibit persons with certain criminal conviction ccluding registered sexual offender/predator f	as (e.g. violent felonies, arson) from for site-based projects with legal
	Yes	No	Inconsistent
A3.	Will/Does the project re project stay?	quire participants to be clean and sober prio	or to project entry and/or during
	Yes	No	Inconsistent
A4.	Will/Does the project re	quire alcohol/drug tests on participants susp	pected of being under the influence?
	Yes	No	Inconsistent
A5.		phol/drug test result in termination from the pr abuse treatment and/or detox to resume proj	
	Yes	No	Inconsistent
A6.	Will/Does the project re	quire participants to have a mental health ev	valuation prior to project entry?
	Yes	No	Inconsistent
A7.	Will/Does the project rec in mental health services others) as a condition of	quire project participants who demonstrate me s and/or medication compliance (<i>excluding th</i> f services?	ental health symptoms to participate nose who present a danger to self or
	Yes	No	Inconsistent
A8.	Will/Does the project re	quire participants to have income at time of	project entry?
	Yes	No	Inconsistent
A9.	Will/Does the project ex	clude participants who do not have a form o	of identification?

No

Inconsistent

HOUSING FIRST FIDELITY SELF-ASSESSMENT

A10. Will/Does the project exclude or refuse project entry based on race, color, religion, national origin, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression?

	Yes	No	Inconsistent			
A11.	Will/Does the project exclude any dependent children in the household, based on age and/or gender, from remaining with the household at the project?					
	Yes	No	Inconsistent			
A12.	Will/Does the project prob gender, biological relation	defined by the household), based on age, g together at the project?				
	Yes	No	Inconsistent			
A13.	Will/Does the project excl opposite-gender couples, family?	lude any family composition type: single multi-generational, and non-romantic g	dad, single mom, same gender couples, roups who present for services as a			
	Yes	No	Inconsistent			
A14.	Will/Does project require project participants to be "placed" in accordance with their sex assigned at birth and/or "perceived" gender; and/or require participant to "prove" their gender identity prior to receiving services?					
	Yes	No	Inconsistent			
SECTION 2: PI B1.	REVENTING UNDUE TER	RMINATION				
	Will/Does the project req	uire participants to obtain an income a	s a condition of remaining in the project?			
	Yes	No	Inconsistent			
B2.	training, employment pre	uire participants to participate in supported and supported and supported as a condition of continued services?				
	Yes	No	Inconsistent			
B3.	Will/Does the project req project?	uire participants to be 'progressing' in	their goals in order to remain in the			
	Yes	No	Inconsistent			

HOUSING FIRST FIDELITY SELF-ASSESSMENT

B4. Will a project participant be asked/forced to leave the project and/or will agency refuse service if project participant is disrespectful to a staff member or other project participant, including acting belligerently or "having an attitude?"

Yes	No	Inconsistent

B5. Will/Do project participants have to travel to the agency's office(s) to receive the majority of their services, including case management, after they are housed?

	Yes		No	Inconsistent
SECTION 1: SECTION 2: TOTAL:	0.00 0.00 0.00	(7 available) (2.5 available) (9.5 available)	This score carries over to	o the Project Performance tab.

NOTIFICATION OF PROJECTS REJECTED OR REDUCED

Amanda Erwin

From:	Amanda Erwin			
Sent:	Wednesday, October 5, 2022 2:25 PM			
То:	Melissa W Calhoun; karen@genesis-garden.org; Maria Rench;			
	tlonergan@morgancounty-il.com; JFennewald@morgancounty-il.com			
Cc:	Jerry L. Gille; Abendroth, Karen L.; Gatti, James O.; Dona Leanard			
Subject:	FY22 Special (Rural) CoC Priority Listing			
Attachments:	FY22 SNOFO Priority Listing.pdf			

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See the attachment for the priority order, determined by Scoring Matrix and local need.

This email fulfils the notification outside of eSnaps requirement set forth in the NOFO.

As a reminder, the final decision to fund projects is HUD's. Congratulations and thank you for your continued service to our region.

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GENESIS GARDEN HOUSING LEVERAGING

Emergency Food and Shelter Program 701 North Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA 22314-2064 Phone 703-706-9660 Fax 703-706-9677 ARPAR-2484-00 007 E1

04/22/2022

2484-00 Mc Donough County, IL

LRO 007

LRO ID: 248400-007

Melissa Calhoun Genesis Garden 307 E. Carroll Street Macomb, IL 61455

RE: Account Status for Phase ARPAR LRO ID: 248400-007

The funds you are receiving are Federal funds as authorized under Public Law 117-2. The CFDA number for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program is 97.024.

Please complete the Second Payment Request/Interim Report to receive the balance of the funds allocated to your agency. The Second Payment Request/Interim Report may be found on the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) website, <u>efsp.unitedway.org</u>. You may now access the form and instructions online for submission to your Local Board. After signing in, select **Interim and Second Payment** from the menu on the left side of the screen.

Your Local Board has been notified that a payment has been issued to your LRO. They will also be notified that Second Payment Requests/Interim Reports and EFT Forms are available online for funded LROs.

As of today, our records indicate that your LRO has received the following awards(s) under this phase of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program:

Award Amount	\$17,775.00
Award Adjustments	\$0.00
Award Total	\$17,775.00

Your LRO may begin charging expenses against this total as of 11/01/2021. Funds must be expended prior to 04/30/2023.

To date, your LRO has received the following payment(s):

First (EFT E479651) Bank Account ABA# 071102238 Acct# XXXXXXXXX4850 Deposited: 05/03/2022

Payment Total

\$8,887.50

\$8,887.50

Monies still due your LRO: \$8,887.50

Sincerely,

Gronne Walker

Yvonne Walker Vice President

GRANT AGREEMENT



BETWEEN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND

GENESIS GARDEN

The Department of Human Services (Grantor), with its principal office at 100 South Grand Avenue East, Springfield, IL 62762, and GENESIS GARDEN (Grantee), with its principal office at 307 E Carroll St Macomb, IL 61455-2351 and payment address (if different than principal office) at ______, hereby enter into this Grant Agreement (Agreement). Grantor and Grantee are collectively referred to herein as "Parties" or individually as a "Party".

PART ONE – THE UNIFORM TERMS RECITALS

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Parties to perform consistent with all Exhibits and attachments hereto and pursuant to the duties and responsibilities imposed by Grantor under the laws of the State of Illinois ("State") and in accordance with the terms, conditions and provisions hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the value, receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I AWARD AND GRANTEE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND CERTIFICATION

1.1. DUNS Number; SAM Registration; Nature of Entity. Under penalties of perjury, Grantee certifies that <u>078693612</u> is Grantee's correct DUNS number, that <u>KH1PC2MX61H8</u> is Grantee's correct UEI, if applicable, that <u>46-0944829</u> is Grantee's correct FEIN or Social Security Number, and that Grantee has an active State registration and SAM registration. Grantee further certifies, if applicable: (a) that Grantee is not subject to backup withholding because (i) Grantee is exempt from backup withholding, or (ii) Grantee has not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that Grantee is subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (iii) the IRS has notified Grantee that Grantee is no longer subject to backup withholding; and (b) Grantee is a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person. Grantee is doing business as a (check one):

Individual		Pharmacy-Non Corporate
Sole Proprietorship		Pharmacy/Funeral Home/Cemetery Corp.
Partnership	\times	Tax Exempt
Corporation (includes Not For Profit)		Limited Liability Company (select
Medical Corporation		applicable tax classification)
Governmental Unit		P = partnership
Estate or Trust		C = corporation

If Grantee has not received a payment from the state of Illinois in the last two years, Grantee must submit a W-9 tax form with this Agreement.

Agreement No. FCSBH06546 **FY.** 2023

 1.2.
 Amount of Agreement. Grant Funds (check one) shall not exceed or in a restimated to be

 \$25,000.00
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 1.3.
 Identification Numbers. If applicable, the Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) is

 See ExhibitA
 , the Federal awarding agency is
 See ExhibitA
 , and the Federal Award date is

 See ExhibitA
 . If applicable, the Assistance Listing Program Title is
 See ExhibitA
 and Assistance Listing

 Number is
 See ExhibitA
 . The State Award Identification Number is
 See ExhibitA
 .

1.4. Term. This Agreement shall be effective on Jul 1, 2022 and shall expire on Jun 30, 2023 , unless terminated pursuant to this Agreement.

1.5. Certification. Grantee certifies under oath that (1) all representations made in this Agreement are true and correct and (2) all Grant Funds awarded pursuant to this Agreement shall be used only for the purpose(s) described herein. Grantee acknowledges that the Award is made solely upon this certification and that any false statements, misrepresentations, or material omissions shall be the basis for immediate termination of this Agreement and repayment of all Grant Funds.

1.6. Signatures. In witness whereof, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

GENESIS GARDEN

By:	Ву:
Signature of Grace B. Hou, Secretary	Signature of Authorized Representative
Date:	Date:
Designee Name:	Printed Name:
Designee Title: Contract Obligations Analyst	Printed Title:
Ву:	E-mail: m.calhoun@genesis-garden.org
Signature of First Other Approver, if Applicable	
Date:	
Printed Name:	
Printed Title:	
Other Approver	
Ву:	
Signature of Second Other Approver, if Applicable Date:	_
Printed Name:	_
Printed Title:	
Second Other Approver	

EXHIBIT D CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT FOR NOTIFICATION:

Unless specified elsewhere, all notices required or desired to be sent by either Party shall be sent to the persons listed below.

GRANTOR CONTACT

GRANTEE CONTACT

Name:	Rodney Collins	Name:	Melissa Calhoun
Title:	Social Service Planner III	Title:	Executive Director
Address:	823 E Monroe St Springfield, IL 62701-1915	Address:	307 E Carroll St Macomb, IL 61455-2351
Phone:	217-782-0490	Phone:	309-333-9321
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E-mail Ado	dress: rodney.j.collins@illinois.gov	E-mail Ad	dress: m.calhoun@genesis-garden.org

Additional Information:



JB Pritzker, Governor

Grace B. Hou, Secretary

100 South Grand Avenue, East • Springfield, Illinois 62762 401 South Clinton Street • Chicago, Illinois 60607

Dear Genesis Garden:

The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty estimates that 38.6% of sheltered homeless people have disabilities. As you may know, Illinois' Fiscal Year 2023 budget included significant funding for pilots and research to support over 100 activities targeted to homeless services. The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) is proud to be a part of this effort, by providing funding for technical assistance and training resources for you to help you meet the needs of the people you serve.

DRS is the State's lead agency serving people with disabilities and is committed to helping them achieve their goals in employment, education, and independent living. One step DRS takes to achieve its mission is by funding Centers for Independent Living (CILs). CILs are designed and operated by individuals with disabilities, based on the principle that all people can live with dignity, make their own choices, and participate fully in society.

For its part in the Plan to Prevent Homelessness, DRS is working with CILs across the State to offer training and technical assistance to Emergency and Transitional Housing grantees in various formats on topics including, but not limited to accessibility requirements for shelters, disability awareness training, and linking community resources to ensure sheltered Illinoisans with disabilities can effectively access shelter services as well as any resources and supports they need to stabilize their living arrangement.

The lived experience of CIL staff with disabilities uniquely situate them to provide localized, tailored assistance to you as you work to meet the needs of those you serve. The attached spreadsheet shows which CIL serves your coverage area and how your CIL can assist you. DRS hopes you find these resources informative and helpful and anticipate seeing the fruits of successful partnerships between grantees and CILs. Please do not hesitate to contact Anna Austin at 217-381-8662 or <u>Anna.m.austin@illinois.gov</u> if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

David A. Kuriniec

David A. Kuriniec, Bureau Chief Bureau of Home and Community-Based Supports Division of Rehabilitation Services



ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY

60 E. Van Buren Street • Suite 650 • Chicago, Illinois 60605 • (312) 793-8550

Date: 07/05/2022

Genesis Garden m.calhoun@genesis-garden.org

Greetings:

I am writing to inform you of action concerning funding of the Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) program. At its June 23, 2022 meeting, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Budget Committee approved recommendation Genesis Garden receive \$40,834 from R3 SFY2023 state funds to implement this program for Restore, Reinvest, Renew (R3) Program in the Northwest Central region. Congratulations! We are now able to begin work with you on developing a grant agreement to carry out this program.

The State of Illinois has adopted rules regarding selection and monitoring of grant recipients under the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA). The processes and required documents below reflect these GATA requirements. The following information is being provided to assist you in completing the items required to enter into a new interagency agreement, which is required before funds will be made available.

All grantees must register, be pre-qualified and complete an Internal Control Questionnaire (also called a Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment). The link to begin this process can be found at: <u>https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/</u>. This process must be completed no more than ten (10) calendar days from the date you receive this letter.

ICJIA also requires certain documents to be submitted to us throughout the process of developing your agreement. I will be providing you with these documents and letting you know what we need from you in order to complete them. Additionally, I may need to work with you in order to prepare final documents for signature. In order to expedite the process, please do not sign any documents until I indicate that they are ready for your signature, and do not change the format of any documents we send. If there is a different (or additional) contact person that I should work with to prepare these documents, please let me know.

If you have any questions concerning this designation, please feel free to call me at 630-927-1936 or email me at sierra.wilson@illinois.gov. You will also receive communication shortly regarding some grantee training sessions that we will be holding to help you through this process. I look forward to working with you on establishing this program. Sincerely,

Sierra Wilson Federal and State Grants Unit Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority





R3 services can reflect the community's wisdom, hopes and dreams.

Those receiving training will formally present and informally share pertinent information from their trainings with other staff, the board of directors, and in the community.

The R3 Program Priorities are listed below. All R3 grants must be centered around at least one of these R3 Program Priorities. Please select at least one of the following R3 Program Priorities to be addressed or improved by your proposed program. If you are applying for a Planning grant, which of these do you most expect to be the central focus of the plan? If you are applying for Capacity Building, which of these would you be better able to address when your capacity has improved?

- Civil Legal Aid
- \boxtimes Economic Development
- ⊠ Re-entry
- □ Violence Prevention
- □ Youth Development

How will the capacity building activities described above be used to strengthen or improve your organization's ability to address at least one of the R3 Program Priorities? (See the R3 Program Priorities Guide in Appendix A of the NOFO instructions.) Please identify the Program Priorities that you intend to address, and how you plan to address them with improved capacity. Describe how your improved capacity might make a difference in the community you serve in relation to those R3 Program Priorities. NOTE: Points for this question are based on how well you plan to address the Program Priorities, not on the number of priorities you choose to address. (10 Points)

During the pandemic, we have been able to garner several government grants to support our housing program and to support a new organization's growth prior to being approved as a 501(c)(3) status. Our board of directors has some experience and has continued to learn as we go. We need to transition these duties to paid staff, and we need formal training to help fill gaps in our processes and policies. Training two staff on grant administration and reporting will increae Genesis Garden's capacity to administer and to apply for other funding to pay staff and to inject additional resources in the R-3 zone.

We currently provide emergency shelter and rapid rehousing services funded by an annually renewable IDHS Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). This \$25,000 grant is not sufficient to address demand. We currently have COVID-related ESG funds to address the gap, but the deadline for use is fast approaching. We have applied for additional federal funding for homelessness services. In exploring other funding sources. Housing Counseling is related opportunity which might expand our services and our funding.

Housing Counseling is expected to increase housing stability and home ownership. Home ownership is a key component for increasing financial assets and economic stability. Our service experiences have identified what we believe may be a gap in support for those re-entering the community after being released from county jail or state prison. We would like to investigate this possible service further.

In addition, our directors' leadership in moving the organization to incorporate more lived experience and community wisdom and relationships is stymied by the need for them to use their skills in grants management and administration. This grant will ensure eligibility for government grant funding by educating staff on grant processes which volunteer directors from the board have been doing, but are not able to continue. We want to grow and engage more residents in the process.

Explain how your program design embraces solutions that incorporate the knowledge and perspectives of local community stakeholders. Identify existing or potential local partners for this planning or capacity building project. If this is an application on behalf of a collaborative of organizations, explain why and how the partners were chosen and what each partner's role in the project will be. Make sure to include information on each member of the collaborative, including member role and responsibilities in the project. (5 Points)

Our focus on emergency housing grew out of Genesis Garden's grassroots founding in the bankruptcy of a mobile home park causing abrupt evictions and overwhelming local social services safety nets. Working side-by-side with residents in locating new housing, we recognized how important ownership of their own mobile home was to many residents and how key social capital could be to relocating. Our initial investigation of housing counseling grew out of the response of a service recipient who when asked what his biggest dream was answered "to own my own home."

While HUD training encourages homeless service supports to begin with diversion, an approach where doubling up with relatives and friends is encouraged, most re-entering from prison or jail have responded differently. Those reentering want to start anew, and reduce connections with former associates whose risky behaviors they believe will instigate recidivism.





Budget

Proposed Budget Summary

Expense Budget

	Grant Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
1. Personnel (Salaries and Wages) (2 CFR 200.43	30)		
TBH (Coordination with Consultants)	\$4,410.00	\$0.00	\$4,410.00
TBH (Grant Reporting & Administration)	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
TBH (Grant Training & Mentoring)	\$2,646.00	\$0.00	\$2,646.00
TBH (Housing Counseling)	\$718.90	\$0.00	\$718.90
Subtotal	\$8,674.90	\$0.00	\$8,674.90
2. Fringe Benefits (2 CFR 200.431)			
TBH - Consultant Coordination	\$508.03	\$0.00	\$508.03
TBH (Grant Reporting & Administration)	\$108.00	\$0.00	\$108.00
TBH (Grants & Mentoring)	\$211.68	\$0.00	\$211.68
TBH (Health Insurance Benefit)	\$768.00	\$0.00	\$768.00
TBH (Housing Counseling)	\$86.27	\$0.00	\$86.27
Subtotal	\$1,681.98	\$0.00	\$1,681.98
3. Travel (2 CFR 200.474)			
Travel to Visit Re-Entry Programs	\$560.50	\$0.00	\$560.50
Subtotal	\$560.50	\$0.00	\$560.50
5. Supplies (2 CFR 200.94)			
Copies and Printing	\$144.00	\$0.00	\$144.00
Subtotal	\$144.00	\$0.00	\$144.00
7. Consultant Services and Expenses (2 CFR 200	0.459)		
To Be Determined - Assess Outsource	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
To Be Determined - Grant Mentor	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
To Be Determined - Housing Counseling Plan	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
To Be Determined - Policies Expertise	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
To Be Determined - Re-Entry Housing	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Subtotal	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00
12. Training and Education (2 CFR 200.472)			
To Be Determined - Housing Counseling Exam	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Subtotal	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00





		Grant Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
Indirect Cost (2 CFR 200.414)				
	De Minimus	\$3,712.14	\$0.00	\$3,712.14
	Subtotal	\$3,712.14	\$0.00	\$3,712.14
Total Pro	oposed Cost	\$40,833.52	\$0.00	\$40,833.52
Revenue Budget				
	Gra	nt Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
Grant Funding				
Award Reques	sted S	\$40,833.52		\$40,833.52
Subt	otal	640,833.52		\$40,833.52
Non-Grant Funding				
Cash Ma	atch		\$0.00	\$0.00
In-Kind Ma	atch		\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funding and Contributi	ons		\$0.00	\$0.00
Subt	otal		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Proposed Reve	nue	640,833.52	\$0.00	\$40,833.52

Proposed Budget Detail

See attached spreadsheet.

Proposed Budget Narrative

1. Personnel (Salaries and Wages) (2 CFR 200.430)

List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time to be devoted to the project and length of time working on the project. Compensation paid for employees engaged in grant activities must be consistent with that paid for similar work within the applicant organization. Personnel cannot exceed 100% of their time on all active projects.

TBH (Grant Training & Mentoring)

100 hours of Training on Grant Administration and Reporting, including Allowable, Allocable, Reasonable; Procurement; Cost Allocations; Indirect Cost; GATA; Audits; CYEFR; PRA, CFR, etc. plus 20 hours of mentoring

TBH (Housing Counseling)

Study for and test for Housing Counseling Exam

TBH (Grant Reporting & Administration)

50 hours of training time on grant reporting, GATA budgeting, documentation, financial oversight, CFR, grant

YWCA QUINCY HOUSING LEVERAGING

State Award Identification	Name of State Agency (Creater), Department of Juman Candes
State Award Identification	Name of State Agency (Grantor): Department Of Human Services Department/Organziation Unit: Bureau of Housing and Supportive Services
State Award ID Number (SAIN)	2705-35370
State Program Description	 The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Housing Support Program is designed to be a flexible and responsive source of funding for providers to deliver housing-related supportive services and/or financial assistance to persons whose current living situation is: Homeless (HUD definition), including those in any congregate or non-congregate shelter or transitional housing program, At-risk of homelessness (HUD definition). Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason. Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations. Exiting an institution, regardless of length of stay (i.e., corrections, foster care, nursing care, mental health facilities, hospitals, etc.). At-risk of institutionalization because of disability-related needs and lack of stable housing program regardless of the target population being served. Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence. The types of services and financial assistance this program will fund include those typically provided through Emergency Shelter, Homeless Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing, "Moving On" Services, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, Coordinated Assessment, Centralized Intake, Outreach, Transition Services, SOAR, Supported Employment, and other similar program types for vulnerable populations that lack housing stability.
Announcment Type	Initial
Agency (Grantor) Contact Information	Name:Angela CampoPhone:217/524-5975Email:Angela.Campo@illinois.gov

GRANTEE INFORMATION	
Grantee / Subrecipient Information	Name:YWCA QuincyAddress:639 York St. Room 202, Quincy, IL 62301Phone:217-221-9922Email:amandadavis@ywcaquincy.org
Grantee Identification	GATA: 672217 UEI: NAAEJKSHBL13 FEIN: 370673569
Period of Performance	Start Date: 7/1/2022 End Date: 6/30/2023

NDING INFORMATION			
FUND	CSFA	CFDA	AMOUNT
ARPA Housing Support	444-80-2705		\$350,000.00
TOTAL			\$350,000.00

(M) Currently used by State of Illinois for "Match" or "Maintenance of Effort" (MOE) requirements on Federal Funding. Funding is subject to Federal Requirements and may not be used by Grantee for other match requirements on other awards.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS	
Grantee Indirect Cost Rate Information	Rate: Base: Period:
Research & Development	Νο
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements	No
Uniform Term(s)	CODE of FEDERAL REGULATIONS Title 2: Grants and Agreements PART 200 - Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR 200) Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), 30 ILCS 708/1 Illinois Administrative Code
Grantor-Specific Term(s)	This Notice of State Award (NOSA) is not an agreement. This NOSA is not a guarantee of an agreement. IDHS will publish its agreements in the CSA Tracking System after you return a signed copy of this NOSA to IDHS. Please note the items identified for Section 3. Please contact your DHS program representative within 30 days to implement a plan to address the identified issues within the next 90 days. Should you have any questions please speak with the DHS contact for your award.
Program-Specific Term(s)	

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS ASSIGNED TO GRANTEE - FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE The nature of the additonal requirements **GATA Conditions:** 03 - Financial and Programmatic Reporting Requires development of a plan to correct deficiencies identified in the risk assessment. The state agency may request to review documentation of the plan at its discretion. Agency Adjustments / Explanation: None The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed **GATA Conditions:** 03 - Financial and Programmatic Reporting Medium to high risk increases the likelihood that grant revenues and expenditures will be inaccurate that could result in misreporting, and an abusive environment. Agency Adjustments / Explanation: None The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable **GATA Conditions:** 03 - Financial and Programmatic Reporting Grantee must submit documentation of implementation of new or enhanced accounting system, mitigating controls or a combination of both. Agency Adjustments / Explanation: None The time allowed for completing the actions, if applicable **GATA Conditions:** 03 - Financial and Programmatic Reporting One year. Agency Adjustments / Explanation:

None

The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed

GATA Conditions:

03 - Financial and Programmatic Reporting One year.

Agency Explanation:

None

SIGNATURE PAGE

Circle one: Accept NOSA / Reject NOSA

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Name of Official

Director of Grant Coordination Title (Chief Financial Officer or equivalent)

6/24/22

Date of Execution



July 18, 2022

Maria Rench Young Women's Christian Association of Quincy mariarench@ywcaquincy.org

Re: 52240 YWCA Justice Project

Dear Ms. Rench:

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (the "Authority") has reviewed your Housing for Justice Involved Application (the "Application") in connection with the above referenced Project. Based on the information contained within the Application, the Authority is pleased to recommend an award of \$475,000. Attached is a preliminary summary of the terms and conditions (the "Letter of Interest" or "LOI") that outlines the Authority's proposal to finance the Project.

Please provide an electronic copy of the executed LOI by Friday, July 29, 2022. Once the Authority's Board approves your Project site(s), a commitment will be issued and if accepted by you, the Authority's obligation to fund will be subject to satisfaction of all the terms and conditions contained therein.

Thank you for your commitment to supportive housing. If you have any questions, please email justicerfa@ihda.org.

Sincerely,

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Christine H. Moran Managing Director Multifamily Financing Department



	Letter of Interest ("LOI")	
Housing for Justice Involved Indiv	viduals Program (HJIIP) Overview	
Grantee:	Young Women's Christian Association of Quincy or a to-be- formed sole or single purpose entity acceptable to the Authority.	
Grantor:	Illinois Housing Development Authority (the "Authority").	
Purpose:	To provide construction and permanent financing to the Grantee in connection with 52240 YWCA Justice Project.	
Construction to Permanent Grant	Terms	
Financing Structure:	The Build Illinois Bond funds will be structured as a forgivable grant to be recorded against the property.	
Grant Amount:	\$475,000.	
General Affordability Requirement:	10 years, serving justice-involved individuals at or below 80% AMI.	
Grant Security:	The grant shall be evidenced by a grant agreement and regulatory agreement by and between the Authority and Grantee.	
Recourse:	Non-recourse with program specific carveouts.	
Disbursement Process:	Funds will be disbursed on a draw down basis one time per month based on a written request from the Grantee and supported by documentation acceptable to the Authority (e.g., paid, or pending invoices). Additionally, please take note of the following:	
	 A Title Company must be engaged at Initial Closing to ensure clean title and record the grant and regulatory agreements against the property. 	
	 The Grantee must create a separate bank account to receive the grant funds. 	
	 If the Project involves a third-party sale, the first disbursement will run through the Title Company. 	
General Terms		
Application Fees:	\$250 (non-profit) or \$500 (for-profit)	
IHDA Legal Fees:	\$0	
Third-Party Reports:	Engaged by Grantee and adhering to Authority standards as posted on the Authority's website. At a minimum, an Appraisal and Home Inspection Report or Physical Needs Assessment from a licensed provider will be required. If the Project involves major rehabilitation or moderate rehabilitation of a larger Multifamily or Single Room Occupancy building, a Physical Needs Assessment will be required.	
Construction Standards:	 Contingency: 10% contingency for rehabilitation and 5% contingency for new construction. Wage Standard: Illinois Prevailing Wage in accordance with the Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/.01 et seq. 	



	 The Scope of Work must address all immediate issues identified in the Home Inspection Report or Physical Needs Assessment.
Historic Preservation:	Historic Preservation Checklist with Supporting Documentation for each site.
	The Project must meet the requirements of the Illinois State Historic Resources Protection Act, as determined by the State Historic Preservation Office at IDNR. Upon receipt of the Historic Preservation Checklist, the Authority will submit a review request to IDNR. There is a mandatory thirty (30) day review period required for obtaining an approval letter from IDNR.
Illinois Works Jobs Program:	For grants with an estimated total project cost of \$500,000 or more, the Grantee will be required to comply with the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative (30 ILCS 559/20-20 to 20-25) and all applicable administrative rules. The goal of the Illinois Apprenticeship Initiative is that apprentices will perform either 10% of the total labor hours actually worked in each prevailing wage classification or 10% of the estimated labor hours in each prevailing wage classification, whichever is less. Grantees will be permitted to seek from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity a waiver or reduction of this goal in certain circumstances pursuant to 30 ILCS 559/20-20(b). The Grantee must ensure compliance for the life of the entire project, including during the term of the grant and after the term ends, if applicable, and will be required to report on and certify its compliance.
Other	
Prerequisites:	 The Authority shall require the following prior to issuing a conditional commitment for the above referenced funding request: The Authority's Board approval of all Project sites; Submission of the Authority's Common Application and any additional due diligence reasonably required to underwrite and approve the grant; Execution of a Term Sheet by the Grantee; and Any additional information required by the Authority.

This LOI outlines the initial terms and conditions of the proposed financing. This LOI is confidential and cannot be shared with any parties without the Illinois Housing Development Authority's (the "Authority") prior written consent, except Borrower's attorney, accountant, officers, directors and employees. This LOI is not all-inclusive and does not include every term or condition that may be included in a term sheet and final legal documentation for the transaction.



If this LOI is not signed by a duly authorized signatory and electronically returned to <u>multifamilyfin@ihda.org</u> by 5pm (CST) on July 29, 2022, it shall expire without any further action on the part of the Authority and shall be of no further force or effect.

U By: In 10 Name: Maria Rench Title: Executive Director

Date: 7-19-22



July 18, 2022

Maria Rench Young Christian Association of Quincy mariarench@ywcaquincy.org

Re: 52291 YWCA Justice Project 2

Dear Ms. Rench:

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (the "Authority") has reviewed your Housing for Justice Involved Application (the "Application") in connection with the above referenced Project. Based on the information contained within the Application, the Authority is pleased to recommend an award of \$475,000. Attached is a preliminary summary of the terms and conditions (the "Letter of Interest" or "LOI") that outlines the Authority's proposal to finance the Project.

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Grantor:	Illinois Housing Development Authority (the "Authority").		
Purpose:	To provide construction and permanent financing to the Grantee in connection with 52291 YWCA Justice Project 2.		
Construction to Permanent Grant	Terms		
Financing Structure:	The Build Illinois Bond funds will be structured as a forgivable grant to be recorded against the property.		
Grant Amount:	\$475,000.		
General Affordability Requirement:	10 years, serving justice-involved individuals at or below 80% AMI.		
Grant Security:	The grant shall be evidenced by a grant agreement and regulatory agreement by and between the Authority and Grantee.		
Recourse:	Non-recourse with program specific carveouts.		
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Application Fees:	\$250 (non-profit) or \$500 (for-profit)		
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By: Name: Maria Reneh

Title: <u>Executive</u> Director Date: <u>7-19-22</u>

GENESIS GARDEN HEALTHCARE AGREEMENTS & MOUS

Genesis Garden Sharing food. Providing shelter. Empowering community.

<u>Memorandum of Understanding</u>

The purpose of this agreement between Genesis Garden and Lakeview Psychiatric is to show partnership of referral and providing services available within the two organizations in their shared catchment area.

Genesis Garden agrees to refer individuals, either private pay, covered under private insurance or Medicare, to Lakeview Psychiatric for the purpose of mental health assessment and appropriate treatment plans for those experiencing chronic or acute mental health issues. Genesis Garden agrees to continue case management services to individuals within our programs in order to support and encourage their participation and compliance with recommended individualized treatment plans and referrals. Genesis Garden agrees to accept referrals from Lakeview Psychiatric for clientele that are experiencing current homelessness or who are in imminent risk of becoming homeless within 14 days. In the event that Genesis Garden cannot provide direct services, Genesis Garden agrees to coordinate with Lakeview Psychiatric in referring to alternative providers to support individuals/households in need of Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-

Lakeview Psychiatric agrees to provide referred individuals with full mental health assessment and internal referral to appropriate programs for wrap around coverage of those individuals who would benefit from ongoing mental health care. These services include therapy/counseling, psychological assessment, "Genesight" genetic testing, medication management and psychiatry. Lakeview Psychiatric agrees to maintain agency wide fee schedule for those covered by Medicare, private insurance or private pay. In the event that Lakeview Psychiatric cannot provide direct care for referrals, Lakeview Psychiatric agrees to coordinate with Genesis Garden in order to make appropriate referrals to alternative mental health providers.

This Memorandum of Understanding is Acknowledged and Agreed upon by the undersigned representatives from both organizations and is in effect for one year of signed agreement. Should either party wish to discontinue this agreement before that time; a signed letter of intent should be provided to the other party within ten (10) days of intent to void this MOU.

Karen K Tronvig 08/30/22

Karen Tronvig Date Community Rehousing Navigator Genesis Garden 307 East Carroll Street Macomb, Illinois 61455

Ashley Martin, PMHNP-BC, FNP-BC Date Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Lakeview Psychiatric 1601 West Jackson Street Macomb, Illinois 61455

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Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of this agreement between Genesis Garden and North Central Behavioral Health Systems is to show partnership of referral and providing services available within the two organizations in their shared catchment area.

Genesis Garden agrees to refer individuals, either private pay or covered under Illinois State Medicaid, to North Central Behavioral Health Systems for the purpose of mental health assessment and appropriate treatment plans for those experiencing chronic or acute mental health issues. Genesis Garden agrees to continue case management services to individuals within our programs in order to support and encourage their participation and compliance with recommended individualized treatment plans and referrals. Genesis Garden agrees to accept referrals from North Central Behavioral Health Systems for clientele that are experiencing current homelessness or who are in imminent risk of becoming homeless within 14 days. In the event that Genesis Garden cannot provide direct services, Genesis Garden agrees to coordinate with North Central Behavioral Health Systems in referring to alternative providers to support individuals/households in need of Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-Housing or Homeless Prevention Services.

North Central Behavioral Health Systems agrees to provide referred individuals with full mental health assessment and internal referral to appropriate programs for wrap around coverage of those individuals who would benefit from ongoing mental health care. These services include therapy/counseling, case management, medication management and psychiatry. North Central Behavioral Health Systems agrees to maintain agency wide fee schedule for those covered by Medicaid or private pay. In the event that North Central Behavioral Health Services cannot provide direct care for referrals, North Central Behavioral Health Services agrees to coordinate with Genesis Garden in order to make appropriate referrals to alternative mental health providers.

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Karen K Tronvig 08/30/22

Karen TronvigDateCommunity Rehousing NavigatorGenesis Garden307 East Carroll StreetMacomb, Illinois 61455

Maggie Brooks

Director of Clinical Services – West Central Region North Central Behavioral Health Services 301 East Jefferson Street Macomb, Illinois 61455

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YWCA QUINCY HEALTHCARE AGREEMENTS & MOUS

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between YWCA Quincy and Transitions of Western Illinois is entered into on September 14, 2022 and will be updated annually thereafter.

YWCA QUINCY will administer Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Re-Housing to approximately qualifying 30 participants. YWCA Quincy services include housing case management, referral to mainstream benefits, referral to domestic violence and sexual assault counseling, transportation and grocery vouchers, childcare copay assistance, health and dental care copay assistance, and life skills and budgeting training.

TRANSITIONS OF WESTERN ILLINOIS will assign a Mental Health Community Support Staff member to be a liaison with the YWCA staff and provide approximately 30 YWCA Quincy Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Re-Housing participants with the following services between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024:

Service	Total Cost	Medicaid/ Non HUD Funded	HUD Grant Funded	
Mental Health Community Support / Case Management Services	\$301,683.00	\$226,262.00	\$75,421.00	
Mental Health Therapy	\$108,700.00	\$ 81,526.00	\$27,175.00	
Substance Abuse Treatment - Individual	\$ 26,094.00	\$ 19,570.00	\$ 6,523.00	
Substance Abuse Treatment - Group	\$ 59,342.00	\$ 44,507.00	\$ 14,836.00	
Representative Payee Services	\$ 2,400.00	0	\$ 2.400.00	
Medication Services	\$19,200.00	\$19,200.00	0	
Parents as Teachers	\$86,256.00	\$86,256.00	0	
Vocational Services – Individual Placement Support Services	\$85,376.00	\$85,376.00	0	
Total Costs	\$689,052	\$562,697	\$ 126,355	

Mental Health Community Support/Case Management Services will include the following:

- Outreach to those who have disengaged with mental health services
- Engagement services services designed to engage the individual in mental health treatment
- Contacts to help the individual with problem solving Issues related to family members and/or providing case management services to household members that may benefit the individual's stability
- Discussion about employment/job readiness prior to referral to or engagement in employment services
- Coordination of care with third parties prior to the completion of an integrated assessment or treatment plan or during the time period in which treatment plans have lapsed and they are in the process of re-applying for benefits
- Short distance transportation when not providing any other Medicaid compensable services
- Transportation of participants to inpatient drug treatment out of the area
- Coordinating the delivery of medications to consumers when they are in or out of jail or in rehab

 Consultation with YWCA staff and others when the consumer does not have Medicaid or an IMCANS

Other Services to be Provided:

- Psychiatry
- Mental Health Therapy
- Individual and Group Substance Abuse Treatment
- Psychotropic Medications
- In-home Parents as Teachers Services
- Vocational Services Individual Placement and Support Services
- Representative Payee Services, if needed

The estimated total value of services to be provided is \$689,052. Transitions of Western Illinois will bill services to Medicare/Medicaid or other insurance providers when possible. Outstanding eligible copays or other costs will be paid for by YWCA Quincy's CoC Joint TH-RRH funding.

Transitions will bill the YWCA monthly for services that are not funded by Medicaid, other insurance, or other grant-funded programs. Bills for services will be sent by the 15th of the month following the month in which services were provided. Transitions will provide an individual invoice for each client served. For any service not billable to a specific client (e.g. consultation / meetings with other, etc.), we will invoice the grant on an "other services" invoice.

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IL-519 IN CONTEXT

The IL-519 CoC is an 11-county rural CoC divided into three regions:

- Northern IL-519: Hancock, Henderson, McDonough, Warren Counties (population 68,080)
- Southern IL-519: Cass, Morgan, Scott Counties (population 50,906)
- Central IL-519: Adams, Brown, Pike, Schuyler Counties (population 93,622)

The northern most and southernmost towns in IL-519 are about 135 miles from one another. Each region is home to a youth 18-24 service provider, domestic violence/sexual assault service provider, and Supportive Services for Veteran Families and VA Outreach Social Workers. The rural nature of this CoC, and the geographic isolation that comes with living in rural communities, requires



that the *Plan to Serve Individuals & Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs* takes a regional approach. Each region's Plan is contained in the following pages.

Each region of the CoC has its own demographic profile, and variety exists *among* the counties within each region. Warren, McDonough, Brown, and Cass County are more racially and ethnically diverse than the rest of their regions due to employers Smithfield/Farmland Foods, Western Illinois University (student body also contributes to diversity of the County), Dot Foods and Western Illinois Correctional Center and Tyson Meats, respectively.

NORTH	Non-Latino White	Black	Asian	Hispanic /Latino	Language other than English spoken at home	Median Gross Rent	Owner Occupied Housing	Median HH Income	Persons in Poverty			
Hancock	95.5	0.8	0.3	1.8	1.5	\$652	81.6	\$55,818	11.2			
Henderson	95.1	0.6	0.6	1.9	1.9	\$638	83.1	\$55,759	10.6			
McDonough	87.0	5.8	2.3	3.1	4.2	\$714	63.3	\$43,591	16.8			
Warren	82.6	3.1	2.4	10.5	9.3	\$608	75.4	\$54,921	10.7			
CENTRAL												
Adams	91	4.1	0.9	1.9	2.4	\$692	71.6	\$55,052	10.7			
Brown	70.4	21.4	0.4	7.3	6.2	\$485	76.6	\$60,694	16.7			
Pike	95.3	1.7	0.3	1.6	1.4	\$554	79.4	\$46,605	13.5			
Schuyler	91.6	4.9	0.4	2.4	1.6	\$766	76.9	\$51,376	11.7			
SOUTH												
Scott	95.4	0.8	0.3	1.4	1.7	\$538	82.5	\$59,352	10.8			
Cass	72.7	5.8	1.0	20.7	17.5	\$627	75.4	\$53,899	12.2			
Morgan	87.1	7.2	0.8	2.9	3.6	\$684	69.5	\$53,002	12.4			

Non-CoC subsidized housing exists through the Public Housing Authorities in IL-519. Two IL-519 PHAs were offered Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV); Warren County IL PHA declined immediately, and McDonough County PHA worked closely with the CoC for weeks before determining that they did not have the capacity to administer the vouchers. Notably, 72% of IL PHAs offered this lowest number of EHVs did not accept them.

Income-based and senior housing is scattered throughout the CoC, though primarily in county seats, leaving a vacuum of affordable housing options in the more rural outlying areas.

Partner agencies submitting project applications in the Special NOFO are Genesis Garden, MCS Community Services, and YWCA Quincy.

IL-519 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- All persons need safe, stable, affordable housing.
- All persons, including those experiencing Substance Use Disorder, mental health conditions, and other challenges, have a right to self-determination.
- A wholistic approach that includes joyful hobbies in addition to traditional case management goals will improve housing stability and life satisfaction.
- The Housing First Model is the most efficient and inclusive method of addressing homelessness.
- Community integration and stable relationships increase housing stability.



NORTHERN IL-519 REGIONAL PLAN

Carried out by Genesis Garden Rapid Re-housing Program: Position #1 on Priority Listing

- Unique features. The most populous county (McDonough) has the highest rates of diversity and poverty and the lowest rate of owner-occupied housing in IL-519. McDonough also has the lowest median income of the counties in the CoC. (Excluding prison population of Brown County). Macomb, Illinois features free public busses.
- **Current Services.** Two agencies offer homeless services in addition to Genesis Garden's ES and RRH. These are Samaritan Well (single sex male and single sex female transitional housing TH) and WIRC Community Action Agency (DV and homeless prevention HP).
- Goals in the northern region are:

- leveraging the high percentage of unoccupied units in McDonough's county seat Macomb (26% unoccupied vs state rate of 10%).
- o maximizing the partnerships and resources available for immigrants in Warren County
- continuing RRH launched with ESG-CV funding
- o increasing system flow with RRH
- o investigating Housing Counseling services and re-entry housing supports

• Recent Advances in the Region:

- Publication of the City of Macomb/IL Housing Development Authority study City of Macomb: 2022 Housing Needs Assessment and Community Revitalization Plan, April 2022"
- New executive directors at two agencies in summer 2022 (Samaritan Well and WIRC-CAA)
- Genesis Garden secured \$40,834 in Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) funding to train a Housing Counselor, to assess need and feasibility of opening a re-entry housing and to assess need and feasibility of opening a Housing Counseling agency.
- Genesis Garden has built a close working relationship with Western Illinois Dreamers, the agency operating the Illinois Welcome Center in Warren County for immigrant residents of Warren County.

P-1b. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW UNITS & CREATION OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES: PHA COMMITMENT

The Public Housing Authority of McDonough County (HAMC) and Genesis Garden have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to mutually refer and serve the community. When given the option, many households chose private landlords rather than the PHA. While the grant will pay for 4 units of RRH, the expectation is that the same number of units of PHA will be available for households. PHA housing has been the destination of 8.3% of households in Genesis Garden's ESG-CV-funded RRH program. An additional 8.3% of households have selected senior subsidized housing such as Section 202.

HAMC allows preference points for those residing in substandard housing (including unhoused) and/or experience of domestic violence. HAMC worked extensively with the CoC but ultimately did not accept 15 EHVs due to limited administrative capacity and will be unable to accept the minimal number of SVs. The northern region also includes Warren County Housing Authority (which did not accept EHVs or SVs) and Hancock Housing Authority (which was not offered EHVs).

The Warren County Housing Authority has recently expressed concerns about the need for emergency shelter in their county seat, and we will be pursuing this opportunity to discuss the benefits of RRH, including cost-effectiveness and better outcomes for participants.

P-1c. LANDLORD RECRUITMENT

1.a. Genesis Garden has recruited landlords for tenant-based rental assistance for ESG-CV RRH over the past 18 months. The staff has developed relationships with several landlords. The proposed location in Macomb/McDonough County takes advantage of the high rate of unoccupied units (26% vs 10% statewide), which has resulted from a sharp decline in student enrollment at the state university. Landlords are anxious to fill open units with tenants. The Macomb landlords are accustomed to renting to college-age students, which comes with its own set of risks for landlords. Most landlords amenable to working with the RRH program have a significant number of student tenants. The City of Macomb has a rental registration and inspection program, which also supports

tenants in addressing problems with units. This approach has worked well during the, resulting in 13 households receiving ESG-CV RRH placements in a 12-month time period, with an average housing lead time of 15 days.

1.b. We have been successful with ESG-CV RRH whereas the local PHA has been less successful. This may be due to the number of units able to meet the more stringent HQS standard instead of than the ESG-CV Habitability Standard or may be due to differences in the wraparound supports or staff approach. The specific needs of each household are considered. Factors include household size and composition, eligibility for subsidized senior and disabled housing, and current and potential income. The type of housing and its location may impact the accessibility to free public transportation, bedroom size, and neighborhood density. Our staff work toward a goal of 30% or less of income for housing, which is most easily achieved in PHA or other HUD-subsidized housing units.

2. All of our practices are new in the past 3 years (18 months) because the ESG-CV RRH program became possible with ESG-CV funding. No CoC RRH has been available in this area in the past. A key reason for success based on landlord response is wrap-around services and the availability of staff to assist in addressing any concerns. We have worked with landlords and the police department's social workers and CIT-trained officers to stabilize RRH for tenants with behavioral issues who would otherwise have been arrested or evicted.

3. The landlord recruitment strategy will be monitored for successful outcomes and frequency of problems to help determine future placements. Returns to homelessness will be specifically reviewed.

P-3.a CURRENT STREET OUTREACH STRATEGY

- 1. A staffed street outreach program was piloted in the northern region using ESG-CV funds but has been discontinued due to ineffectiveness. Lacking a 211-type service and due to the nature of rural homelessness, key connections have been made with pastors and church staff, school administrators, teachers and social workers, park rangers, law enforcement, emergency services personnel, hospital emergency rooms, food pantries, clothing closets, the Amtrak station, mail carriers, and interested citizens. We receive information by phone, text, email, social service mailing lists, Facebook, and direct contacts at local events such as Rotary and the coffee shop. Coordination occurs at the level of responding to inquiries and reports from a wide variety of sources.
- 2. Our frequency of outreach has been expanded the most through a partnership with the Macomb Police Dept (MPD). While outside the norm, this has become an increasingly important for rapid connection to unsheltered citizens. MPD has hired a community service officer (CSO)/social worker and nearly all officers have been trained in Crisis Intervention (CIT). This offers a significant connection to unsheltered and post-incarcerated populations because MPD is co-located with the 911 call center, the county sheriff's department, and the county jail. Staff is in regular contact with MPD's CSO. The CSO is proactive about unsheltered homelessness and has helped found a free "furniture bank" to assist these households as they return to housing. The entire MPD collected donations for the little free pantry at the church across from their building.
- 3. These direct connections permit our staff to engage those in unsheltered homeless to achieve adequate emergency services and engage our continuum of care system. The current prioritization for most vulnerable is used.

- 4. See #3.
- 5. Our continuum of care connects to shelter and permanent housing through a single system.
- 6. We have one part-time and one full-time staff member. Our resources do not permit us to field a street outreach team at this time. Unsheltered homelessness in our regional is primarily concomitant with severe mental health concerns by those who have refused congregate shelter that has been available in the past. Through ESG-CV RRH, we have begun to address that gap.

P-3.b. CURRENT STRATEGY TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO LOW-BARRIER SHELTER AND TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

- 1. Currently, the northern region is sporadically able to offer *immediate* access to low-barrier shelter. Wait/prioritization lists are frequently in use for ES, TH, PHA, and ESG-CV RRH. Current ES motel vouchers are restricted to COVID-impacted cases by the United Way EFSP guidelines.
- 2. Genesis Garden strives to be fully compliant with the Housing First model. However, our congregate ES emergency family shelter is an exception for the safety and appropriate environment for children who are residing in the house. The goal is 30 days or less in ES, with a 90-day maximum. Without SNOFO funding to follow ESG-CV RRH, ES times are expected to increase because the area TH and PHA units operate with prioritization/wait lists, and both employment and unearned income demand time-intensive case management.
- 3. SNOFO RRH funding is expected to reduce or eliminate the delays in access to immediate shelter and increase system flow for ES. ESG-CV RRH has been successful in the past year at housing two individuals with chronic homelessness who have refused congregate housing or have been evicted from congregate shelter for several years.

P-3.c CURRENT STRATEGY TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO LOW BARRIER PERMANENT HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

1. Through 4. Currently, the northern region is not able to provide *immediate* access to low-barrier permanent housing. Wait/prioritization lists are in use for PHA and ESG-CV RRH. However, the average time to housing for ESG-CV RRH is 15 days. Many applicants lack the mandatory documents required by the PHA application or rental application. Securing these documents is dependent on the response times of courthouse staff, the social security administration, and others. Genesis Garden strives to be fully compliant with the Housing First model.

Non-congregate ESG-CV funded RRH has been a breakthrough for multiple chronically unhoused persons in our region who have repeatedly refused assistance in PHA, TH, and congregate ES units. These people have moved directly from the street or through two or three day motel vouchers into ESG-CV RRH.

SNOFO RRH funding is expected to increase system flow.

P-5. IDENTIFY & PRIORITIZE HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING OR WITH HISTORIES OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

- 1. SNOFO-funded RRH will facilitate movement through shelters to permanent housing, which will reduce waiting time for availability and increase access for people attempting to enter a shelter. Increased RRH funding will reduce or eliminate this delay, reducing unsheltered homelessness. This will also increase our region's understanding of the effectiveness and viability of RRH.
- 2. The Coordinated Entry process currently prioritizes the most vulnerable applicants. The process will not change but more households will be served because more units will be available through this SNOFO. The more experience we gain with placing individuals, the better understanding we will have of what supports and strengths are key to successful placements.

Feedback from landlords indicates that they would like renters with recent unsheltered homelessness to be taking advantage of supportive services such as mental health, substance abuse treatment, and medical care, along with case management to increase life skills and budgeting. Macomb offers multiple behavioral health and medical providers, a Center for Independent Living, the Community Action Agency for the four-county northern region, Domestic Violence services, and supportive employment. SNOFO funding will provide a case manager to encourage participants to engage with support services. MOUs and/or a shared ROI among service providers open communications to assist faltering participants and to respond with immediate intensive wraparound attention.

- 3. Our street outreach network connects directly into these resources.
- 4. Our staff routinely works with people who need a state ID (available by public bus service) and we provide letters of confirmation of homeless status to facilitate this. Staff assist people in applying for birth and marriage certificates from authorities and provide funding to pay the fees. Direct referrals and follow-ups are made through our MOUs with behavioral and physical health providers. If Medicaid/Medicare is not secure, these applications are processed with the assistance of our staff through Illinois' unified web site.

P-6a. INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS IN DECISION-MAKING MEANINGFUL OUTREACH

- 1. Currently, our outreach recruitment is to those with stable housing post-ES/RRH. Two recent ESG-CV RRH recipients have accepted positions on this advisory board. With limited staffing, we have engaged a former staff person with lived experience and volunteer experience in shelters to facilitate an advisory board. The facilitator is now a licensed counselor specializing in trauma recovery, LGBTQIA+ support, and cultural and systemic oppression.
- 2. Genesis Garden was founded in a grassroots effort with residents evicted from a trailer park. The residents lead the process. Those with lived experience have in the past served on our board and as executive director. At their recent meeting, the board of directors approved issuing an invitation to serve on the board to a person with lived experience who also has a family member with severe mental illness and chronic homelessness.
- 3. We have hired people with lived experience as our executive director, as well as to assist with facility and yard maintenance. We serve as a host site for mandatory community service hours for county/circuit court probation.

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- Those who must register as sex offenders are currently precluded from the ES, TH and PHA units in the northern region due to state law. Proximity to schools, parks, daycares, and congregate shelters with children are precluded by law. RRH will be available due to the flexibility of non-congregate locations. Residents in the northern region, currently do not have the opportunity to live in CoCfunded units without relocating 90 miles or more. SNOFO RRH funding will allow those in crisis to remain in their communities, schools, employers, and natural support networks if they choose. Transportation is a major concern in this area for those who lack housing, and those without housing generally prefer the larger communities due to access to services. Macomb has a free bus service and is reasonably walkable with a broad array of supportive services.
- 2. We have worked extensively with Western Illinois Dreamers, who provide an Illinois Welcome Center for immigrants clustered in Warren County near meat processing facilities. Through a separate program, our partner agency WID is able to provide resources, culturally relevant and native language supports for this community. This community is likely underserved due to the widespread fear among the people that public charge rules may impact them or their family, despite what current law states about immunity. However, it is difficult to document need, although WID is making some progress in that aspect. We refer to WID and WID refers when needs and services are appropriate.
- 3. The addition of SNOFO RRH will expand RRH funding to allow more households to be served, and if needed due to severe service needs, will allow all RRH recipients to be served for longer periods of time. We will continue our partnership with WID.

SOUTHERN IL-519 REGIONAL PLAN

Carried out by MCS Community Services Joint Transitional Housing - Rapid Re-housing Program: Position #2 on Priority Listing

- Unique features. Jacksonville, Illinois is home to the Illinois School for the Deaf and the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired, as well as three colleges: MacMurray, Illinois College, and Lincoln Land Community College. These educational institutions and Passavant Hospital are major employers.
- **Current Services.** MCS Community Services' CoC PSH, IL DHS Emergency Transitional Housing (ETH), IL DHS homeless prevention, CSBG; New Directions faith-based emergency shelter, Crisis Center Foundation's ESG domestic violence shelter, ESG/ESG-CV RRH.
- Goals in the southern region are:
 - Further outreach to diverse populations throughout the services area, particularly in Spanish- and French-speaking Cass County residents
 - Alleviate barriers and encourage self-sufficiency of the income disadvantaged
 - o Maximize relationships with community agencies to decrease homelessness
 - Partner with Public Housing Authorities to aid in transition from PSH and IL DHS funded ETH into subsidized permanent housing
- Recent Advances in the Region:
 - New chain retailers and restaurants offer expanded employment options, but also attract medianincome renters to compete for housing with those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.

 Communication has increased between the southern region of IL-519 and the neighboring CoC, IL-513 Springfield/Sangamon County and households seeking services move between Jacksonville and Springfield.

P-1b. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW UNITS & CREATION OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES: PHA COMMITMENT

Morgan County Public Housing Authority allows for a preference point for those who have experienced homelessness and/or domestic violence. However, MCPHA has declined to enter into an agreement for the purpose of the SNOFO, and will not pursue Stability Vouchers.

P-1c. LANDLORD RECRUITMENT

1. MCS Community Services currently recruits landlords for project-based rental assistance, not tenantbased rental assistance, but the method will be very similar. Currently, the Director reaches out to any landlord with units within a negotiable range of Fair Market Rent. She then informs them of our programs, including the programs' importance in addressing homelessness and housing insecurity, wrap-around services/supports/life skills training/good tenant training, and provides reassurance about repair funding if required. If the landlord is amenable to the program, the unit passes Housing Quality Inspection, and the rent can be negotiated to within Fair Market Rent, MCS Community Services will add the unit to the housing portfolio.

1a. This strategy is working well enough to support 2 PBRA programs, but the number of units that are both affordable and pass Housing Quality Standards is limited. A portion of the units that are affordable and pass HQS will not be rented due to the landlord not wanting to rent to our clients.

1b. All MCS Community Services TBRA units are in Jacksonville, Illinois. MCS Community Services will expand into historically unserved locations if the SNOFO Joint TH-RRH project is approved. In the event that the SNOFO Joint TH-RRH project is approved, MCS Community Services will transfer these duties from the Director to the Housing Navigator, who will build relationships with landlords preemptively so they are already enticed and ready to take our clients.

2. MCS Community Services staff attend Jacksonville's Landlord Association Meetings to inform them of the benefits of working with households involved in MCS's programming and learn about landlords' concerns and preferences. This has been effective in building trust with landlords.

3. MCS Community Services examines rent price, unit location (near amenities like bus stops, day care, grocery stores, etc), Housing Quality Standards, ADA and other accessibility, environmental review, and complaints against landlords/violations of local housing codes, and the pros/cons of the neighborhood (for example, if a program participant engaged in substance use in that neighborhood, that may be a risk for relapse). However, Joint TH-RRH program participant self-determination requires that if a participant wishes to rent from one of the landlords on MCS Community Services' "Do Not Rent" list, they may absolutely do so, after the participant is informed of why they're on the list and what problems they may experience. Landlords are placed on the "Do Not Rent" list if they have a reputation for violating the terms of their leases, failing to maintain their properties, or engaging in discrimination against our population.

P-3.a CURRENT STREET OUTREACH STRATEGY

1. The Central region of IL-519 does not have a standalone Street Outreach position or team at this time, but has been working for many years with the Jacksonville Police Department's Chaplain, who is the main point of contact at the police department for folks experiencing homelessness.

2. Formal street outreach with Jacksonville Police is not conducted weekly. However, Jacksonville Police Department's Homeless Liaison Officer communicates regularly with housing providers, emergency/domestic violence shelters, and other agencies when she encounters someone experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

3-4. Anyone encountered during outreach is transported to shelter if they are open to that. It is rare that a bed is available in shelter, however. Other service providers, such as food pantries, soup kitchens, clothing pantries, housing subsidy providers, medical/mental healthcare/substance use treatment providers, etc are all places where folks experiencing unsheltered homelessness can access information about where to get help with housing and supportive services.

5. The supply of rental units that pass Housing Quality Inspection and meet rent reasonableness and have landlords that are willing to engage with our population is insufficient to meet local demand. While connections to permanent housing can be made, landlords receive dozens of applications for each available unit, and prefer not to work with our population.

6. The Central region of IL-519 does not have a standalone Street Outreach position at this time.

P-3.c CURRENT STRATEGY TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO LOW BARRIER PERMANENT HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

1a. All projects are expected to be fully consistent with the Housing First model unless external factors like local laws prevent them from doing so.

1b. The units identified in the Leveraging Housing Resources portion of the Plan are all PBRA units within a distance of schools, parks, daycare, and/or other amenities that preclude housing sex offenders. The proposed Joint TH-RRH units will have greater flexibility in location.

2. Currently, this region is not able to provide *immediate* access to low barrier permanent housing. Wait lists exist for shelter, CoC PSH and PHA units are full with wait/prioritization lists, and openings in market rate units are filled within moments of being listed.

3. The current strategy exists not because it's effective, but because the region lacks the capacity to change it without SNOFO Joint TH-RRH funding.

4. In the last 3 years, MCS Community Services truly embraced the "no preconditions to entry" and "optional supportive services" portions of the Housing First/Low Barrier model. In the past, urinalysis was a mandatory part of case management for those who entered the program due to Substance Use Disorder; this was eliminated in 2019. Mandatory engagement in supportive services was eliminated at the same time. It took some time for case managers to change their model of engaging with participants, but the number of terminations for noncompliance dropped immediately. Performance measures associated with income have been less successful since the full implementation of these practices.

P-5. IDENTIFY & PRIORITIZE HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING OR WITH HISTORIES OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

1. At this time, \$16,910 is available via ESG RRH to the general population across the entire 11-county CoC; an additional \$18,534 is available only to survivors of domestic violence. This is a fraction of what the CoC's population requires. The availability of additional RRH funding alone will reduce unsheltered homelessness, and the expanded eligibility of CoC Joint TH-RRH versus ESG RRH would be an incredible asset to IL-519.

2a. All programs are required to employ the Housing First Model, and no program will add additional eligibility restrictions outside what is required in 24 CFR 578.

2b. The Coordinated Entry process will not change; instead, more funding will be available to serve households in crisis.

3. SNOFO Joint TH-RRH will facilitate more efficient movement through emergency and domestic violence shelters to permanent housing, which will relieve the bottleneck that occurs for people attempting to access shelter. At this time, shelters operate with long wait lists due to folks being unable to identify landlords who will work with them. Joint TH-RRH funding will alleviate this burden, and make our population more attractive to landlords.

4. Feedback from landlords indicates that they would like renters with recent lived experience of homelessness, especially unsheltered homelessness, to be actively engaged with supportive services including mental health care, medical care, substance use treatment, case management, and life skills and budgeting training. Each region of the CoC has a portfolio of services that can meet these needs, and the SNOFO funding will provide a case manager that ensures participants are engaging with their providers. A shared ROI among service providers will be able to open communication in order to alert fellow service providers when a participant is faltering, and provide immediate intensive wraparound care.

P-6. INVOLVING INDIVIUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS IN DECISION-MAKING MEANINGFUL OUTREACH

1. At the agency level, CoC and ESG funded providers have folks with lived experience serving as Board Members, and as such they are active participants in leadership and decision-making. During the pandemic, COVID safety dominated conversations with those with lived experience of homelessness, but have refocused on housing and services. MCS Community Services' Board of Directors includes a person with lived experience, who actively provides input and perspective on proposed projects, including the SNOFO Joint TH-RRH project.

2. IL-519 uses interviews, surveys, group meetings, and outreach to seek feedback and input on policies and services. Lived Experience Workgroup participation is unpredictable, and multiple meeting dates often pass with no participants. At the CoC level, surveys more reliably collect information, and focus groups are occasionally attended. Participation is low at the CoC level, even with the use of stipends. Flowing information up from MCS Community Services participants to the CoC Board is more effective.

3. Providers understand the value of lived experience of homelessness, and as such, select qualified candidates that can provide that in-depth knowledge, compassion, and expertise when possible.

P-7. SUPPORTING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORTING EQUITABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. At this time, the only population that experiences homelessness at a rate greater than their ability to access homeless services is those who must register as sex offenders. In an effort to comply with Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and integrating CoC-funded units into neighborhoods close to community amenities like schools, parks, and daycare centers, these PBRA units are not available to sex offenders. Groups otherwise defined by demographic characteristics such as race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability status, etc are not under-served.

2. At this time, only residents of Quincy, Illinois and Jacksonville, Illinois have the opportunity to live in CoC-funded units without relocating. SNOFO Joint TH-RRH funding will allow those in crisis to remain in their communities, schools, employers, and natural support networks if they choose. The

nature of rural culture, however, normalizes seeking services such as medical care in more populated areas of the county or region.

3. Again, the addition of SNOFO Joint TH-RRH will expand RRH funding to those who do not meet ESG RRH eligibility criteria, will allow more households to be served, and will allow all Joint TH-RRH recipients to be served for longer periods of time.

CENTRAL IL-519 REGIONAL PLAN

Carried out by YWCA Quincy Rapid Re-housing Program: Position #3 on Priority Listing

- Unique features. Adams County, Illinois is experiencing a business boom and is a major retail hub for the 11-county region. This business boom is drawing new median- and relatively high-income households, exacerbating an already-existing housing crisis. Community stakeholders are meeting biweekly in a Housing Task Force to identify opportunities to expand access to safe, affordable housing to the community's low-income residents.
- **Current Services.** Adams County has the largest range of homeless services and subsidized housing options: Salvation Army Quincy's ESG emergency shelter, ESG RRH, and IL DHS homeless prevention; Quanada's ESG domestic violence shelter, ESG DV RRH, and IL Department of Justice TH program; Two Rivers Regional Council's Illinois Housing Development Authority rental assistance; Well House's faith based TH for women returning from incarceration; Fishers of Men & New Start Rescue Mission's faith based OPH; Transitions of Western Illinois Youth TLP and Mental Health TLP; YWCA Quincy CoC PSH, ARPA TH, and Illinois Housing Development Authority TH for Justice-Involved Individuals.
- Goals in the central region are:
 - enumerating the vacant units in the community, including the number that are move-in ready versus require rehabilitation or demolition
 - expanding the number of available emergency shelter beds
 - o increasing system flow with RRH
 - creating safe, affordable housing options for populations who are traditionally screened out of market-rate housing: folks with extensive and/or violent criminal history, no income, multiple evictions, etc.
- Recent Advances in the Region:
 - Publication of the 2021 United Way of Adams County Community Needs Assessment study, which revealed housing to be the foremost community challenge and spurred the establishment of the Housing Task Force
 - Formalization of the Schuyler County Next Step Housing Committee, the first housing-specific workgroup in Schuyler County. This group is spearheaded by the Rushville Church of Christ.

P-1b. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW UNITS & CREATION OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES: PHA COMMITMENT

YWCA Quincy was not able to secure any PHA vouchers, slots, or homeless preference with Quincy Housing Authority, Adams County Housing Authority, Brown County Housing Authority, Pike County Housing Authority, or Schuyler/Cass County Housing Authority. These PHAs are willing to place their Section 8 voucher recipients in the proposed units, but are not willing to further engage.

P-1c. LANDLORD RECRUITMENT

1. YWCA Quincy currently recruits landlords for project-based rental assistance, not tenant-based rental assistance, but the method will be very similar. Currently, the Executive Director reaches out to any landlord with units within a negotiable range of Fair Market Rent. She then informs them of our programs, including the programs' importance in addressing homelessness and housing insecurity, wrap-around services/supports/life skills training/good tenant training, and provides reassurance about repair funding if required. If the landlord is amenable to the program, the unit passes Housing Quality Inspection, and the rent can be negotiated to within Fair Market Rent, YWCA Quincy will add the unit to the housing portfolio.

1a. This strategy is working well enough to support 4 PBRA programs, but the number of units that are both affordable and pass Housing Quality Standards is limited. A portion of the units that are affordable and pass HQS will not be rented due to the landlord not wanting to rent to our clients.

1b. All of YWCA Quincy's TBRA units are in Quincy, Illinois. YWCA Quincy will expand into historically unserved locations if the SNOFO RRH project is approved. In the event that the SNOFO RRH project is approved, YWCA Quincy will transfer these duties from the Executive Director to the Housing Navigator, who will build relationships with landlords preemptively, so they are already enticed and ready to take our clients.

2. About 3 years ago, YWCA Quincy gained a new Executive Director. The previous Executive Director described CoC program requirements using restrictive language, but the current Executive Director presents CoC programming's many *assets*, frequent in-home visits from case managers to ensure the unit is safe and clean, available repair funding, etc. Some landlords have been surprised and receptive, though others still refuse to work with our population.

3. YWCA Quincy will take the following data points into consideration: rent price, unit location (near amenities like bus stops, day care, grocery stores, etc), Housing Quality Standards, ADA and other accessibility, and complaints against landlords/violations of local housing codes. However, RRH program participant self-determination requires that if a participant wishes to rent from one of the landlords on YWCA Quincy's "Do Not Rent" list, they may absolutely do so, after the participant is informed of why they're on the list and what problems they may experience. Landlords are placed on the "Do Not Rent" list if they have a reputation for violating the terms of their leases, failing to maintain their properties, or engaging in discrimination against our population.

P-3.a CURRENT STREET OUTREACH STRATEGY

1. The Central region of IL-519 does not have a standalone Street Outreach position or team at this time. YWCA Quincy's Director of Grant Coordination strategizes with Quincy Police, the local shelter Director, and folks with lived experience to schedule outreach as needed.

2. Formal street outreach with Quincy Police is not conducted weekly. However, Quincy Police Department's Homeless Liaison Officer communicates regularly with the Director of Grant Coordination, emergency/domestic violence shelters, and other providers when she encounters someone experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

3-4. Anyone encountered during outreach is transported to shelter if they are open to that. It is rare that a bed is available in shelter, however. Other service providers, such as food pantries, soup kitchens, clothing pantries, housing subsidy providers, medical/mental healthcare/substance use treatment providers, etc are all places where folks experiencing unsheltered homelessness can access information about where to get help with housing and supportive services.

5. The supply of rental units that pass Housing Quality Inspection and meet rent reasonableness and have landlords that are willing to engage with our population is insufficient to meet local demand. While connections to permanent housing can be made, landlords receive dozens of applications for each available unit, and prefer not to work with our population. We are hopeful that the Housing Navigator attached to the YWCA Quincy RRH application will assist with this.

6. The Central region of IL-519 does not have a standalone Street Outreach position at this time. Street Outreach duties are part of the workload of YWCA Quincy's Director of Grant Coordination, who does not have lived experience of homelessness.

P-3.c CURRENT STRATEGY TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO LOW BARRIER PERMANENT HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

1a. All projects are expected to be fully compliant with the Housing First model unless external factors like local laws prevent them from doing so.

1b. The units identified in the Leveraging Housing Resources portion of the Plan are all PBRA units within a distance of schools, parks, daycare, and/or other amenities that preclude housing sex offenders. The proposed RRH units will have greater flexibility in location.

2. Currently, this region is not able to provide *immediate* access to low barrier permanent housing. Wait lists exist for shelter, CoC PSH and PHA units are full with wait/prioritization lists, and openings in market rate units are filled within moments of being listed.

3. The current strategy exists not because it's effective, but because the region lacks the capacity to change it without SNOFO RRH funding.

4. In the last 3 years, YWCA Quincy truly embraced the "no preconditions to entry" and "optional supportive services" portions of the Housing First/Low Barrier model in a way that it didn't under the previous Executive Director. In the past, urinalysis was a mandatory part of case management for those who entered the program due to Substance Use Disorder; this was eliminated in 2019. Mandatory engagement in supportive services was eliminated at the same time. It took some time for case managers to change their model of engaging with participants, but the number of terminations for noncompliance dropped immediately. Performance measures associated with income have been less successful since the full implementation of these practices.

P-5. IDENTIFY & PRIORITIZE HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING OR WITH HISTORIES OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

1. At this time, \$16,910 is available via ESG RRH to the general population across the entire 11-county CoC; an additional \$18,534 is available only to survivors of domestic violence. This is a fraction of what the CoC's population requires. The availability of additional RRH funding alone will reduce unsheltered homelessness, and the expanded eligibility of CoC RRH versus ESG RRH would be an incredible asset to IL-519.

2a. All programs are required to employ the Housing First Model, and no program will add additional eligibility restrictions outside what is required in 24 CFR 578.

2b. The Coordinated Entry process will not change; instead, more funding will be available to serve households in crisis.

3. SNOFO RRH will facilitate more efficient movement through emergency and domestic violence shelters to permanent housing, which will relieve the bottleneck that occurs for people attempting to access shelter. At this time, shelters operate with long wait lists due to folks being unable to identify

landlords who will work with them. Increased RRH funding will alleviate this burden, and make our population more attractive to landlords.

4. Feedback from landlords indicates that they would like renters with recent lived experience of homelessness, especially unsheltered homelessness, to be actively engaged with supportive services including mental health care, medical care, substance use treatment, case management, and life skills and budgeting training. Each region of the CoC has a portfolio of services that can meet these needs, and the SNOFO funding will provide a case manager that ensures participants are engaging with their providers. A shared ROI among service providers will be able to open communication in order to alert fellow service providers when a participant is faltering, and provide immediate intensive wraparound care.

P-6. INVOLVING INDIVIUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS IN DECISION-MAKING MEANINGFUL OUTREACH

1. At the agency level, CoC and ESG funded providers have folks with lived experience serving as Board Members, and as such they are active participants in leadership and decision-making. During the pandemic, COVID safety dominated conversations with those with lived experience of homelessness, but have refocused on housing and services. YWCA Quincy's Board of Directors includes a person with lived experience, who actively provides input and perspective on proposed projects.

2. IL-519 uses interviews, surveys, group meetings, and outreach to seek feedback and input on policies and services. Lived Experience Workgroup participation is unpredictable, and multiple meeting dates often pass with no participants. At the CoC level, surveys more reliably collect information, and focus groups are occasionally attended. Participation is low at the CoC level, even with the use of stipends. Flowing information up from agency-level to the CoC Board is more effective.

3. Providers understand the value of lived experience of homelessness, and as such, select qualified candidates that can provide that in-depth knowledge, compassion, and expertise when possible.

P-7. SUPPORTING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORTING EQUITABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. At this time, the only population that experiences homelessness at a rate greater than their ability to access homeless services is those who must register as sex offenders. In an effort to comply with Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and integrating CoC-funded units into neighborhoods close to community amenities like schools, parks, and daycare centers, these PBRA units are not available to sex offenders. Groups otherwise defined by demographic characteristics such as race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability status, etc are not under-served.

2. At this time, only residents of Quincy, Illinois and Jacksonville, Illinois have the opportunity to live in CoC-funded units without relocating. SNOFO RRH funding will allow those in crisis to remain in their communities, schools, employers, and natural support networks if they choose. The nature of rural culture, however, normalizes seeking services such as medical care in more populated areas of the county or region.

3. Again, the addition of SNOFO RRH will expand RRH funding to those who do not meet ESG RRH eligibility criteria, will allow more households to be served, and will allow all RRH recipients to be served for longer periods of time.