

## Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

### Attachments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** YWCA of Quincy

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

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	

In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:

1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

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

16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	No	Yes
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	No	No	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	No	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Nonexistent	No	No
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	No	No	No
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	No	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Nonexistent	No	No
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	Veterans Administration & Supportive Services for Veteran Families	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.				

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(2)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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. 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 within the CoC.

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.

3. While no organizations specialize on homelessness within culturally specific communities, the CoC does have relationships with culturally specific organizations; we work on common goals and events together, such as Overdose Awareness Day, LGBTQIA Pride events, Juneteenth, etc to better serve vulnerable groups.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. IL-519 collabs 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. VA CATCHMENT AREAS: 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), 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, & DVSPs, one CoC organization determined that using ARPA funding to open a transitional housing program for long-term couch surfers & survivors of DV 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, & receives information in the same manner. The Collaborative Applicant is often asked to speak in City of Quincy Human Rights Commission meetings, which is a sub-committee of Quincy City Council.

3. Information is emailed out & also posted to the CoC & Collaborative Applicant website. Info is often also shared via partner agencies' social media. This written electronic communication has been effective in meeting the needs of folks with disabilities. The CoC is very responsive to social media, telephone, & email inquiries for folks who must/choose to communicate in those formats.

4. Homeless service providers (& others, like public library) requested info on interacting with folks with psychotic disorder; the Collab Applicant arranged a panel discussion was scheduled which featured mental health experts from local providers, who answered prepared questions & audience questions. This event was well-attended & resulted from a Q&A session between the local library & the CoC. The CoC is now planning a training on the intricate differences between service animals & emotional support animals, which will be free & open to landlords, housing providers, & community members. These were both the result of participation in the aforementioned groups/ initiatives.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The Collaborative Applicant publicly posts and sends an email blast once the CoC Comp is open. New providers are encouraged to submit apps, but in recent years, only 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.

2. The agencies that expressed interest in applying received follow up communications (links to HUD's CoC Program Competition webpage, the NOFO, New & Renewal Project Application Detailed Instructions, available funding amounts, local scoring criteria docs/instructions/process, & 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. Mentoring is available before and throughout the process.

3. IL-519's Scoring Criteria evaluates applicant performance, adherence to housing first, commitment to DEI, project target population vulnerability; these concepts ultimately determine inclusion in the app. The highest scoring projects are included in the app until no funding is left. CoC need and geographic coverage/regional access to are also considered.

4. 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 FY23 CoC Competition. 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).

## 1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Nonexistent
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)	No
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	No
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	No
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

18.	Veterans Administration/Supportive Services for Veteran Families	Yes
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1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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 ESG subrecipients) interact with the State of Illinois in other ways, including attending all available ESG monthly 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 (State of Illinois). However, after several reports of failures to communicate to subrecipients, communicating inaccurate information, and reports of unhelpfulness, the IL-519 leadership 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. IL-519 leadership participated in problem-solving meetings to address these statewide concerns about the ESG office, as well as meetings for revising the ESG allocation formula. 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, Racial Equity/DEI.

3. The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) oversees the Illinois 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, and other State entities at their request.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

IL-519 is an 11-county rural CoC—the only entity powerful enough to enter into a formal agreement with the entire region’s public schools is the Illinois State Board of Education. A more practical and implementable option is to enter into MOUs with the 3 separate Regional Offices of Education that oversee the homeless liaisons throughout the CoC. IL-519 does hold Interagency Agreements with the Regional Offices of Education, and ROE representation attends CoC meetings and makes CES referrals.

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 traditional school. 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.”

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

100% of those who inquire about shelter and housing (no matter their housing status) receive an emailed list of location-specific 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. The email also contains information about education services available through Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services (education & employment support for folks with disabilities/disabling conditions), and financial assistance through WIOA program providers.

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 attend CoC monthly meetings and Interagency Council meetings together regularly to keep one another informed of housing openings and households in need of assistance. Homeless Liaisons routinely make referrals to CoC, ESG, and other Federal, State, and other homeless service providers. Illinois now has a higher education-level version of homeless liaisons, called the HOUSE Liaison; they have been invited to join the CoC, but have not yet attended meetings.

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

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	No
4.	Early Head Start	No	No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program—(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	No
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.	Regional Offices of Education	Yes	No

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Victim service providers participated in development of the CoC's CES policies & procedures & provide guidance on updates; this ensures that the CES is based on a victim-centered & trauma informed approach. The next update will incorporate the change in Category 4 language. CCF, a DV service provider, holds a seat on the CoC Board; Quanada, a DV service provider, sits on the Research & Evaluation Committee. Both of these agencies are ESG subrecipients. Together, they represent DV survivors & providers & ensure that all policies & procedures address safety & protect confidentiality & ensure that the voices of survivors of DV are represented.

2. The Collaborative Applicant asks the CoC body to view "Safety Planning with Survivors of Domestic & Sexual Violence: A Guide for Homeless/Housing Programs" by the National Alliance for Safe Housing training video ANNUALLY in January. A domestic violence service provider [DVSP] sits on the CoC Board; she represents the voices of survivors to the CoC & directs best practices in serving survivors of DV/SA in shelter & housing.

Persons in crisis who indicate that they are survivors of DV are referred to DV service providers. They are NOT REQUIRED to engage with a DVSP—they are given the option to work alongside these trained specialists. Not engaging with a DVSP does not impact survivors' eligibility for other housing opportunities, and filing police reports/getting Orders of Protection are NOT required in order to get services.

DVSPs provide services in a way that attends to survivors' emotional as well as physical safety & use a trauma-informed approach to help clients strengthen their psychological capacity for addressing & recovering from the effects of violence. All staff & direct service volunteers are educated on trauma-informed practices prior to serving clients. Each new staff member or direct service volunteer must complete an initial 40 hours of training per the Illinois Domestic Violence Act & Illinois Sexual Assault Compiled Statutes before serving clients.

Annual training is provided to all DV staff on the Illinois Domestic Violence Service Provider Guidelines a collaborative document produced by the Illinois Department of Human Services & the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-2. The CoC does not limit its DV/SA training opportunities to CoC project staff and CES staff. The CoC asks every entity on the CoC mailing list--CoC, ESG, Illinois DHS, VA, faith-based providers, Regional Office of Education Homeless Liaisons, food pantries, United Ways, Public Housing Authorities, employment & education assistance providers, disability advocates, SUD/MH treatment providers, etc --to view "Safety Planning with Survivors of Domestic & Sexual Violence: A Guide for Homeless/Housing Programs" by the National Alliance for Safe Housing training video ANNUALLY in January. The training covers providing services in a trauma-informed, victim-centered way, protecting confidentiality, and more.

The CoC emails agency leadership/points of contact links to the trainings and asks them to have their staff view the trainings. Although the trainings are optional, they are highly encouraged. The training videos are free and available online, and are titled "The Basics of the Fair Housing Act," "Equal Access Rule," "Best Practices in Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence & Sexual Violence," and newly added in January 2022 "Using Data to Move Racial Equity Conversations Forward."

DVSPs also share training opportunities with the CoC/CoC Body via email blast—the DVSPs follow thinktanks, advocacy organizations, and policy makers with DV/SA-specific knowledge that other types of providers might not know about. Receiving the annual CoC training email plus additional emails from local providers ensures all staff are adequately trained to serve survivors.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.All CoC funded providers are well-versed in the use of the VAWA Emergency Transfer Plan; two VAWA emergency transfers have taken place since the last CoC funding application. The Emergency Transfer Plan is given to all CoC-funded housing clients during intake & thoroughly explained. Providers do not need permission from the CoC Board in order to do a VAWA Emergency Transfer, they may initiate that process on their own. CoC prog participants who have experienced DV, SA, or stalking may request that the PSH program purchase off-the-shelf security cameras, additional door locks, or other means of ensuring safety (these remain the property of the PSH program).

2.Personal identifying information about DV service provider [DVSP] clients is not shared unless an information release is executed \*on the DVSP end\* by the client. Before signing any release, clients receive a full explanation of what can/cannot happen with their protected information & any associated risks. If a trained DV counselor or advocate knowingly discloses any confidential communication in violation of Statute 750CS60/227 Section 227 on Privileged Communication, they commit a Class A Misdemeanor in Illinois.

DVSPs have the authority & expertise to develop their own safety & confidentiality protocols, so they vary. At Quanada, for example, a) There are separate entrances in the main shelter building for visitors, DV clients, & food pantry/clothing room clients. b) Use of the semi-private parking lot in the rear of the building is reserved for staff & clients of the DV service program. c) Clients are made aware of areas of the property they should avoid in order to ensure their presence in the building remains confidential. d)All services are provided in private offices with doors. The CCF office is housed in the Community Hope & Recovery building. There is no signage stating CCF has offices there. Clients are given the option of entering the main entrance or a side entrance that is near the offices. If the client chooses the side entrance, they call the advocate to be let in the door because it cannot be accessed without a key. Non-DVSPs protect safety & confidentiality by never confirming or denying whether anyone is a client without a signed ROI, never revealing the location of units unless absolutely necessary, and by being well-versed in the process of getting an Order of Protection.

1C-5d.	Used De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC used for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and	
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC collects aggregate data on experiences of domestic violence to assess the scope of DV in the CoC, as well as service gaps and available resources. Sources of DV data are primarily HMIS (ServicePoint) for non-victim service providers, and InfoNet for victim service providers. Illinois DV service providers are required to use InfoNet, a custom VPN database that is available to domestic violence programs, rape-crisis centers, and child advocacy centers throughout Illinois. InfoNet is maintained by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and collects client demographics, services information, and outcome measures.

2. InfoNet data is used to help facilitate continuous strategic planning at state and local levels that support effective resource allocation and improve services. The local data that are most often examined are number of folks who answer “yes” to 4.11 Domestic Violence questions, which household member is the survivor, DV/SA crisis calls over time, referrals to DVSPs, number of survivors served in specific programs/projects, etc.

The ICJFA maintains a website that provides data and tools to the public for planning purposes. This data, in conjunction with data provided directly from local VSP and NVSP providers, as well as statistics from the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, is used to determine funding priorities for the CoC. To ensure that the CoC receives regular DV data updates, DV-specific funding recommendations, and DV-centered gaps analyses, two of the CoC’s three DV providers hold positions on the Research & Evaluation committee. One of the CoC’s three DV service providers serves on the CoC Board.

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1C-5e.	Implemented Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:	
	1. whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;	
	2. the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and	
	3. the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals’ and families’ emergency transfer requests.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Yes, all CoC funded providers are in compliance with the VAWA Emergency Transfer protocols.
2. All CoC funded providers are well-versed in the use of the VAWA Emergency Transfer Plan. A hard copy of the Emergency Transfer Plan is given to all CoC housing participants during program intake and thoroughly explained. Program participants over age 18 initial and date a checklist of documents that they received during intake, and the Emergency Transfer Plan is one of them, so there is a record in each household's file that it was discussed. It is also discussed again with program participants if they indicate that there is a safety issue and a possible need for an emergency transfer.

Two VAWA emergency transfers have taken place since the last CoC funding application. Providers do not need permission from the CoC Board in order to do a VAWA Emergency Transfer, they may initiate that process on their own. CoC prog participants who have experienced DV, SA, or stalking may also request that the PSH program purchase off-the-shelf security cameras, additional door locks, or other means of ensuring safety (these remain the property of the PSH program).

3. The participant is provided with all necessary documents, including HUD-5382, at the time of program entry so that if any incidents arise, they already know about the form, know how to use it, and know the transfer process; the case manager can also print one for the participant if they indicate that it might be needed or if a safety issue arises. The participant completes the HUD-5382 form and submits it to the case manager; the case manager can assist if the participant needs help either due to a literacy, language, or stress barrier. This initiates the transfer process. Case managers immediately offer a warm introduction to the local DVSP for expert wraparound care. If the agency does not have an appropriately-sized unit available for the household to be transferred into, they may either stay in that unit until one is available, temporarily stay with a safe friend/family member while a new unit is identified, stay at the local emergency or DV shelter (not ideal, but an option), or stay at a motel as bridge housing until a new unit is identified. These options are presented to the participant, and they may choose which one is the safest and most appealing option. The new unit is leased, and the case manager and participant can move the participant's belongings together if the participant would like, or

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. HUD Category 4 survivorship opens housing options specific to survivors, it does not close any shelter or housing options; survivors are absolutely eligible for any housing program for which they meet basic eligibility. HUD Category 4 survivorship is not something used to screen folks out of housing and services. For PSH programs, folks fleeing DV “skip the line” due to the risk of lethality associated with HUD Category 4 survivorship, & are popped to the top of the By Name List for CoC-funded housing programs.

IL-519 is scheduled to incorporate updates to the Category 4 definition following the closure of the FY23 CoC Competition.

2. DVSPs are active in the development of all CoC-wide policies and procedures. This has been essential for ensuring that survivors’ unique safety and confidentiality needs are addressed. The most recent example of including DVSPs in policy development is revisions of the CES to include new Homellinois funds. Not only are DVSPs actively contributing to CES policies and procedures, but Quanada (DVSP) has taken a new recipient of RRH funding via Homellinois under their wing for mentorship. This will ensure that not only are the individual agency’s policies and procedures consistent with survivors’ needs, but staff are trained from project inception to be sensitive to those needs, connected with DV/SA training& resources, and know where to go for guidance on unfamiliar situations. Funding has not yet dropped for this Homellinois provider.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. At this time, for this specific situation (including survivors in a targeted way in the development of policies/programs), IL-519 depends on information and expertise to flow from client to agency to CoC. While the chair of the Lived Experience Workgroup is a survivor of domestic violence, both during childhood and adulthood, and is able to contribute information as a person with lived experience of DV, that is not the standpoint from which he usually speaks/leads. IL-519 is still working to fully incorporate and elevate voices of people of color and youth into planning and decision-making, and will add survivors’ voices to this chorus as soon as possible.

2. CoC leadership has been well-trained in Trauma Informed Care, and when the time is right to be intentional about adding survivors in a targeted way to the LEW, we have been educated on what to do (give space to survivors to share experiences if they feel safe doing so), and what not to do (ask about details of victimization, share information outside the group, compare to our own traumas, make the retelling of the story about ourselves, etc).

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The LGBTQIA community has been included in the CoC's anti-discrimination policy since the policy was developed. At that time, the only LGBTQIA advocacy organizations in our rural CoC were at select colleges and universities. Today, the SAGE Project in Jacksonville and Phoenix Project in Quincy offer information, support, and referrals for members of the LGBTQIA community in IL-519. At this time, the CoC refers INTO these organizations; homeless services have not received very few referrals FROM these agencies. They are on the CoC email blast list, and receive info from the CoC, but haven't made it to a CoC meeting yet. Individual members of the LBGQTQIA community hold leadership positions at service providers, and contributed to/reviewed the anti-discrimination and other policies; no deficiencies were found.

IL-519 would happily adjust policies if deficiencies were identified, however. The CoC would reevaluate the anti-discrimination policy if it was discovered that it was causing harm to a vulnerable group, creating barriers instead of eliminating them, etc. We are not open to all feedback though: the CoC will NOT reduce equal access to shelter or housing based on negative feedback to accommodate bigotry.

2.The CoC wrote the policy based on best practice information from HUD's Equal Access Rule, Gender Identity Final Rule, the 2016 HUD, HHS, and DOJ Joint Letter Regarding Immigrant Access to Housing and Services, True Colors Fund, the concept of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing and other information. This policy was given to providers; they may add to but not take away from the policy.

3-4.IL-519 has not yet developed a process to evaluate compliance with the anti-discrimination policy beyond a complaint elevating to the CoC level, or a provider/staff member making a verbal or written statement that contradicts the anti-discrimination policy. However, if through conversations with agency leadership or staff indicates non-compliance, the CoC will first investigate the violation, identify internal steps taken to remedy it and reeducate staff, direct leadership and staff to HUD documents, and follow up. If no action is taken to reeducate staff and leadership and realign with the policy, the CoC will not recommend the project for funding in the next funding competition.

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

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
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Quincy Housing Authority	0%	No	No
Morgan County Housing Authority	0%	Yes-Public Housing	No

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	steps your CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within your CoC's geographic area or the two PHAs your CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if your CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, you may respond for the one; or	
2.	state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. One of the members of IL-519's CoC Board is the Executive Director of the Quincy Housing Authority, and he understands the important role that the PHA holds as safe, affordable housing for those who have experienced homelessness. Despite this PHAs status as a CoC Board member and being the largest PHA in the CoC, this PHA is not able to adopt homeless preference.

The next largest PHA is the Morgan County, IL PHA which does have a homeless preference and DV (Category 4) preference.

The relationship between the CoC and its ten PHAs is warming, but not yet at a level that the PHAs are interested in attending CoC meetings (minus the Quincy Housing Authority), or creating joint policies. The CoC has however made an important, if minute, step forward: the CoC's PHAs are now willing to share the number and location of open units on a monthly basis at the prompting of the CoC. This requires the CoC to reach out to each of the 10 PHAs monthly, a labor and time intensive process, but it has opened communication.

An individual provider, Genesis Garden, has secured a MOU with Housing Authority of McDonough County that is the equivalent of a Moving-On preference, though the term "Moving On" isn't explicitly used in the document. HAMC has agreed to "prioritize" referrals coming from Genesis Garden. Their MOU is attached. Because of this statement of prioritization, IL-519 is selecting "YES" on Moving-On. HAMC is not one of the two largest PHAs in the CoC. The MOU is attached.

Other attempts to partner with the local PHAs involved the Emergency Housing Vouchers. One of the two selected PHAs immediately rejected the vouchers without consulting the CoC, but the other worked with the CoC to adopt a process for adopting the EHVs. Ultimately, the McDonough County IL PHA did not have the capacity to adopt EHVs. A more accurate response to question 1C-7e below would be "yes, but it was unsuccessful" and question 1C-7e1 would be "no, but we tried!"

The CoC reached out by to the PHAs to see if they would like any assistance with the HUD CoC Special NOFO Stabilization Vouchers, and none responded. Quincy Housing Authority reached out to let the CoC know that they applied for youth-specific vouchers, but did not involve the CoC in the planning process.

2. N/A.

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

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

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	No
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

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

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

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

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

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	No
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	

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

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

	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	No
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	If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.
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PHA
This list contains no items

## 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

1. Foster Care	No
2. Health Care	Yes
3. Mental Health Care	Yes
4. Correctional Facilities	Yes

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	6
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	6
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1,2. New and renewing project applicants must complete a Housing First Assessment with 14 metrics related to Low Barriers to Entry and 5 metrics related to Preventing Undue Termination; the Housing First Assessment is required as a part of project scoring, and was adapted from HUD's Housing First Self-Assessment Tool. Additionally, in FY22, applicants were required to submit their Participant Policies & Procedures along with their Scoring Matrixes/Housing First Assessments in order to verify their answers. By including the Housing First Assessment in the Scoring Criteria, applicant agencies are evaluated during every CoC Competition.

In the most recent ESG funding application, RRH applicants were required complete a Housing First Assessment for Rapid Re-housing Projects and emergency shelters are required to complete a Low-Barrier Shelter Assessment for Shelters. The Low Barrier Shelter Assessment for Shelters is a self-assessment that expands on a self-assessment available on the National Alliance to End Homelessness website. ESG applicants are evaluated annually during the ESG application and scoring process.

3.The CoC does not have the capacity to monitor each project for Housing First compliance outside of funding competitions. The only exception to this is if a complaint reaches the level of the CoC about a project's Housing First compliance (which has never happened), or if a conversation with agency staff or leadership causes concern about Housing First inconsistencies (this has happened). In this instance, the CoC uses a coaching approach and had a conversation about barriers to returning to a full Housing First approach. The CoC emailed the agency links to HUD, NAEH, and USICH Housing First materials, and also the most recent NOFO which communicates the importance of the Housing First approach in securing CoC funding.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. ESG-CV funding was the CoC's first opportunity to create formal street outreach [SO]. SO relies on traditional & non-traditional partnerships to identify & engage with those experiencing homelessness. Traditional partners are housing & service providers, Police, Park Districts, Fire Departments, & Libraries who can request that street outreach visit a location. Non-traditional referrals come from social media, State Parks, and businesses; CoC staff check regularly for these posts & make contact. As the ESG-CV funding dwindled, so did the SO team. IL-519 is searching for alternate funding to continue this effort; in the meantime, SO is an add-on to already overstretched case manager and agency leadership workloads.
2. IL-519 is a 100% rural CoC & the most populous communities are Quincy (US Census Quick Facts 2019 estimate 39,949), Jacksonville (18,603), & Macomb (17,413); these are also the 3 where unsheltered persons usually reside, according to communications with the 11 counties' county seat police/sheriff departments. 100% of the CoC's geographic area is covered by VA HCHV SO. Providers receive referrals from Police, Fire, Libraries, State & local parks, and other sources and dispatch SO as needed across the 11-county CoC.
3. The CoC conducts street outreach for an average of 1hr per week in the 3 most highly-populated communities, & is searching for funding to increase and expand.
4. Those who are unlikely to seek emergency shelter assistance are instead likely to seek assistance with acquiring food & weather-specific items: warm socks, bug spray, water, & body wipes; they also visit respite locations like local libraries. Therefore, SO engages with folks at food & clothing banks, CAAs, & other agencies where a person experiencing unsheltered homelessness might seek goods, but not request shelter. Maintaining a frequent presence at these locations & having items available allows SO personnel build trust. The CoC is already witnessing a positive result: a person met through Library SO is now the chair of the Lived Experience Workgroup.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	No
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	No
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	No
4.	Implemented community wide plans	No	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	25	14

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

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

	Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	No
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	No
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	Yes
4.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	No
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	No
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	
	Mainstream & community-based assistance available to veterans & youth 18-24	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. 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.

The CoC is currently exploring the use of AI as an upgraded version of 211.

2. When the FY21 CoC NOFO emphasized the importance of securing MOUs with healthcare providers & other partners, the CoC passed that information to CoC-funded & non-CoC funded agencies within the CoC. Agencies have secured their own MOUs & 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 the CoC 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. 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 if they are not participants in a CoC PSH program (where there are SOAR trained case mgrs on site).

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

IL-519 is focused on increasing safe, affordable permanent housing stock, building relationships with landlords to increase access to already-existing housing stock, and identifying funding streams that cover incidentals that disrupt households' stability (such as childcare, vehicle repairs, medical bills, appliance replacement, etc). This has been the focus at HUD's direction and as a response to community need.

Providers are experiencing backlash by hotel/motels throughout the CoC due to damages, disruptive, and illegal behavior. At this time, DVSPs and VA are the only providers whose clients are reliably accepted into motels. IL-519 can facilitate more funding for non-congregate shelter, but it is unlikely that motels will warm to us.

Recently, however, a motel frequented by folks with many, many barriers to housing contacted an ESG shelter provider and asked if they would like to purchase his motel. It is currently in terrible shape and is infested with pests, but 2 acres are attached on which to expand.

Non-congregate sheltering in response to communicable disease took the form of motel rooms paid for by ESG and ESG-CV funding. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the CoC explored other options such as college dorms, but no colleges or universities would house our population. In order to protect the health and safety of the population during the pandemic, IL-519 providers invested in partitions to separate unrelated individuals, social distancing, frequent sanitation, onsite immunization for staff and guests, and access to thermometers so folks could self-monitor symptoms.

Emergency sheltering in response to catastrophic loss of other non-congregate housing occurred in summer 2021 when about 300 people were displaced by the closure of two long-term stay motels. The CoC's shelter and service providers rallied with the City of Quincy to meet the needs of these folks, though the City of Quincy provided only one week of congregate shelter accommodations in a City owned building.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. IL-519's 11 county rural CoC is divided into 3 hubs; these hubs are the 3 most densely populated communities in the CoC and are also the places with shelter and wrap-around services available to those experiencing homelessness. Health departments directed congregate providers to reduce capacity in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. Providers placed folks into motel rooms to the extent possible in order to reduce capacity. Health departments and providers agreed that shelter access should not be denied to folks who are ill, including those who test positive for COVID due to the negative impact of homelessness on folks' health. Anyone who tested positive for COVID or exhibited COVID-like symptoms was quarantined from the rest of the population until it was safe. Providers stayed informed of safety guidelines from the CDC on when quarantine should end, as the guidelines changed over the course of the pandemic and as immunization was made available.

2. Each hub coordinated with its own health department and hospital/medical center to coordinate in-shelter immunizations and distribution of necessary items such as masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray/wipes, thermometers, fever reducer, etc.

Shelters socially distanced as much as possible by securing motel rooms paid for by ESG and ESG-CV funding. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the CoC explored other options such as college dorms, but no colleges or universities would house our population. In order to protect the health and safety of the population during the pandemic, IL-519 providers invested in partitions to separate unrelated individuals, social distancing, mask wearing, frequent sanitation, onsite immunization for staff and guests, and access to thermometers so folks could self-monitor symptoms.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. IL-519's 11 county rural CoC is divided into 3 hubs; these hubs are the 3 most densely populated communities in the CoC and are also the places with shelter and wrap-around services available to those experiencing homelessness. In order to avoid confusion and streamline communication, the CoC directed agencies to coordinate directly with their health departments and receive information directly from the CDC and HUD's COVID Office Hours webinars.

2. The CoC Board did not have to coordinate or facilitate communication between health departments, emergency rooms, or urgent/convenient care and providers; providers have been deeply embedded in these communities for many years, and were already in regular contact with these healthcare providers.

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1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System—Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
	1. covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;	
	2. uses a standardized assessment process; and	
	3. is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. IL-519 is a rural 11-county CoC & the most populous communities are Quincy (pop. 39,949), Jacksonville (18,603), & Macomb (17,413). Quincy's service providers cover 4 of 11 counties; Jacksonville's service providers cover 3 of 11 counties, & Macomb's providers cover 4 of 11 counties. Folks experiencing a housing crisis anywhere in the CoC can call any CoC or ESG funded agency & will receive information on help closest to them; in this way, IL-519 operates both a regional approach & a no-wrong-door approach. .

Each of these population hubs has its own CES wherein a VSP & Non-VSP can administer the VI-SPDAT & perform other CES functions. Each population hub also has a youth provider & the entire CoC is covered by one SSVF provider. Each hub's VSP & Non-VSP CE access points were selected because of their many years of expertise, capacity, & range of services. They build long-term relationships with those exp. homelessness via food pantries, soup kitchens, clothing banks, access to the computers/internet, etc, which allows them to build trust with those who are least likely to seek services. CoC agencies have a strong online presence, as well as radio, TV, & newspaper presence to advertise services even in the most remote regions of the CoC.

2. IL-519 uses VI-SPDAT and is looking for an alternative to the VI-SPDAT, & will implement the change when a new tool is identified. In the meantime, to increase equity & Affirmatively Further Fair Housing, providers are reaching out to agencies & orgs that are deeply embedded in local BIPOC communities to ensure that these communities have equal access to CoC & ESG funded services. Lifetime LOT homeless is the determiner of position on the BNL for PSH, though folks fleeing DV/SA jump to the top of the BNL due to risk of lethality.

3. The CE process is not updated regularly, but rather as needed, & changes are based on HUD/NAEH/USICH best practice & direct feedback from local participating agencies & households. Participant agencies recommended the use of the VI-SPDAT over the full SPDAT to increase efficiency. VSPs recommended that survivors bypass the BNL, which was immediately enacted to align with best practice in serving survivors. PSH providers recommended the adoption of lifetime experience of homelessness as the determiner because a prolonged experience of homelessness is the result of multiple compounding barriers.

1D-9a.	Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and	
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Those with mental health conditions, active substance use, no income, etc are reached via mainstream services like food banks, soup kitchens, clothing banks, public library, etc. By making these places CE outposts, & using staff at these agencies as proxies, the CoC is able to expand its reach to those least likely to engage. IL-519 service providers just keep engaging, & hope that one day folks will agree to a housing placement.

2. In order to best serve survivors of DV/SA & reduce the risk of lethality, folks fleeing Category 4 jump to the top of the PSH prioritization list (they must also meet basic PSH eligibility). IL-519's use of lifetime length of time homeless as the sole determiner for position on the By Name List (excluding HUD Category 4 survivorship) allows the CoC to account for multiple co-occurring barriers that combine to create long-term homelessness & housing insecurity. In other words, the result of having complex co-occurring severe service needs is an extremely long LOT homeless. Folks with less intense service needs are referred to less intense housing & service interventions + mainstream services.

3. The time between PSH program (the only CoC funded programs to date) entry & housing move-in is extremely short due to the use of the BNL. However, IL-519 recognizes that this is an "on paper" success & does not account for the many years some folks in our community struggle with homelessness & housing insecurity. Identifying housing options that are consistent with structural preferences, such as ground floor over second story, reduces timeliness but increases satisfaction. Identifying supportive housing options that are consistent with the preferences with folks with severe service needs is nearly impossible. Local HUD Section 811 providers are EXTREMELY restrictive re: criminal background & require folks to engage in strict financial mgt, which precludes most folks who would otherwise benefit from their programs & expertise. IL-519 is encouraging them to loosen criteria.

4. IL-519 has reduced the burden of ID, SSN, & anything contrary to Housing first. Participant feedback has been essential in identifying 1 remaining administrative burden, which the CoC is working to overcome: \*documentation\* of folks' lifetime LOT exp of homelessness. Partial HMIS coverage means the BNL captures only a snippet of folks' experience. IL-519 continues to work on this with other providers.

1D-9b.	Informing Program Participant about Rights and Remedies through Centralized or Coordinated Entry—Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or coordinated entry:	
1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;	
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and	
3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.By coordinating with subpopulation-specific providers via Interagency Councils, Business Before/After Hours, Great River Economic Development Foundation, TriState Diversity Coalition, United Ways, LGBTQIA/disability/veteran/youth advocacy organizations, housing task forces, Interfaith Councils, Unmet Needs Committees, etc IL-519 markets housing & services to all groups. Coordinated entry and supportive service info is on the CoC's website and social media, accessible to all.

AFFH was a new concept to IL-519 in 2021 during the development of the ARPA-funded Gap TH program, which houses & supports folks with long histories of couch-surfing. The provider wanted to alleviate housing local discrimination by giving an extra application half-point to members of vulnerable groups: BIPOC, LGBTQIA, veterans. To ensure that this was appropriate, the provider emailed AFFH@HUD.gov & learned that despite good intentions, that act would have been housing discrimination, not AFFH. HUD suggested that the provider do targeted advertising toward agencies that serve vulnerable groups, which has worked out very well.

2.IL-519 includes Fair Housing Act information in their Participant Handbooks, so that all persons engaged in CoC programs are aware of their rights and available remedies.

IL-519 also offers trainings for the community that advance Fair Housing: IL-519 is working with Equip for Equality, a disability advocacy org, to offer a free virtual training on the differences between service animals, emotional support animals, & companion animals & both renters' & LL's rights/responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act & Americans with Disabilities Act; this training will be available to all property owners, housing providers, & community members who wish to join.

3.In IL-519, it is the housing provider, not the CES staff, who inform folks of their rights under the Fair Housing Act; FHA rights are discussed in Participant Handbooks. Folks are directed to report violations of the Fair Housing Act to HUD's website (hud.gov/fairhousing/fileacomplaint), not the ConPlan Jurisdiction.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	09/20/2023

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-2. IL-519 concluded its most recent Racial Disparity Analysis [RDA] on September 20, 2023 by comparing HMIS data to US Census Data. In this way, the CoC could compare the demographic characteristics of IL-519 service recipients to that of the population at large. IL-519 will reassess using outside data analytics experts for the next RDA.

The RDA revealed that while 10.4% of IL-519's total population are members of the BIPOC community (no change since last assessment), 25.41% of those who receive shelter, RRH, & PSH assistance are members of the BIPOC community (an increase of about 4% from the last RDA). Because IL-519 is an 11-county rural CoC with 3 distinct population & service hubs, this information was examined by region & by service type. McDonough County's lack of PSH creates a built-in disparity in access there; all 3 population hubs have a victim service provider, a youth provider, & SSVF. McDonough County also has a higher proportion of BIPOC residents, who are can only access PSH if they are willing to relocate to Adams or Morgan Counties.

In July 2021, the Collaborative Applicant was exploring a partnership with Adams County Probation when a jail administrator shared demographic data with the Collaborative Applicant that emphasized the urgent need to address racial inequities: while only about 3.9% of Adams County self-identifies as Black/African American, 17.9% of those in Adams County Jail self-identify as Black/African American. Criminal history is a barrier to housing--landlords reject applicants with criminal convictions--this disparity in Law Enforcement & Justice Administration may be partially to blame for members of the BIPOC community needing CoC assistance. IL-519 attempted to include county jail data in this year's study, but adequate information was not submitted quickly enough to integrate into the RDA.

In order to rectify the disparity in Adams County, \$950,000 in IL Housing Development Authority's Housing for Justice Involved Individuals funding is being used to develop a housing program specifically for those involved in Adams County Probation. This project is a 10-year partnership with Adams County Jail, Adams County Probation, Bella Ease (service provider) to house folks who are homeless/housing insecure. At this time, one duplex is fully occupied, another is undergoing renovation (target date: Nov '23), 1 duplex purchase is in-process, & 1 vacant lot has been acquired from the City of Quincy for a triplex

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

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	No
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	No
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	No
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
Other:(limit 500 characters)		
12.	The CoC used data from nontraditional sources, like county jails, to evaluate the impact of inequitable policing on access to housing: inequitable policing = increased criminal history for BIPOC = reduced access to housing via criminal background checks.	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In addition to the standard anti-discrimination policy, agencies utilize the Low Barrier Shelter Model to ensure that all persons who need shelter can access it. While imperfect, IL-519 continues to use the VISPDAT to conduct uniform assessments of all folks seeking housing assistance. Agency documents have been updated to ensure that they use inclusive language. Posters informing folks of McKinneyVento education protections are hung in both English and Spanish. Agencies conduct their own self-examinations, as well.

An idea proposed by the Lived Experience Workgroup chair, who self-identifies as a Black man, is to replicate the 2004 study "Are Emily and Greg More Employable than Lakisha and Jamal? A Field Experiment on Labor Market Discrimination" by Bertrand and Mullainathan in our homeless service system. The LEW chair works at a SUD treatment facility, and submitted applications to a faith-based TH provider that does not interact with the CoC--two applications were nearly identical, but one applicant was White, and the other was a recent immigrant from Chile. The White woman got the placement, and the Chilean woman's was rejected. A brilliant idea for an assessment.

The strategy to address inequity is simple: more safe, affordable housing as quickly as possible and services provided by an agency that stands apart as an advocate for BIPOC in Adams County: Bella Ease. Bella Ease, a new agency in IL-519 housing, is the supportive service provider for the Justice Project, & is home to the Freedom School, a program for youth in 5th -12th grade that focuses on Black history and cultural/artistic appreciation. The Justice Project serves folks who have had multiple stays at Adams County Jail and who also struggle with homelessness/housing insecurity. Bella Ease's expertise allows them to effectively & compassionately support all Justice Project participants, especially BIPOC who have experienced Adams County's inequitable policing & the trauma of incarceration in a county whose police, jail staff, Probation, State's Attorney's office, & Public Defenders are overwhelmingly white.

As stated in 1D-10a, 1 duplex (4 beds) has already been added to address this issue; an additional 20 beds will be added to the community housing portfolio when the project is complete.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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Outside of the Racial Disparities Assessment, no tracking is taking place. This task will be elevated to the LEW and CoC Board.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

At the agency level, CoC & ESG funded providers have folks with lived experience serving as Board Members, & as such they are active participants in leadership & decision-making.

Genesis Garden was founded in a grassroots movement to support those being evicted in a trailer park bankruptcy. Those with lived experience of homelessness led Genesis Garden as board members & Executive Director. Samaritan Well employed a former participant as Executive Director, & YWCA Quincy employed a former participant as case manager, later promoting her to Business Office Administrator.

During the pandemic, pandemic safety dominated conversations with those with lived experience, but have refocused on housing & services.

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

IL-519 struggles to balance evidence-based practice (Housing First, Low Barrier Shelter Model, & voluntary participation in services, AFFH) with ideas that emerge from these workgroups & sessions, which are often in direct conflict with these concepts. Some recommendations include:

- A. The CoC develop a tiny home village with mandatory participation in supportive services & mandatory drug testing with the threat of eviction/termination, while best practice dictates that CoCs AFFH by promoting integration in the greater community & making services voluntary.
- B. Stair-stepping folks into housing of their own--basically abandoning Housing First & returning to the "Housing Ready" model
- C. Providing folks experiencing unsheltered homelessness with vapes to reduce cigarette butt litter

Workgroup members then feel frustrated, disappointed, & disillusioned when their ideas are not implemented, & participation wanes. The CoC reached out to TA providers for assistance & were told to look into the \*intent\* of the idea, if the idea itself isn't feasible—folks in the parks want to reduce cigarette butt litter, so let's request an increase in ashtrays/trash cans! Folks want a tiny home village that preserves their community, so let's create a peer support group!

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

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	4	2
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	3	1
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	0	0
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	0	0

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Many providers in IL-519 employ folks with lived experience of homelessness in both skilled and unskilled positions, and rely on and value their expertise. These providers include but are not limited to Genesis Garden, Samaritan Well, YWCA Quincy, and Salvation Army.

All providers in IL-519 share information on job fairs, employers who are hiring, and job training opportunities that are available in their service areas.

Sub population-specific employment opportunities, such as those for youth and veterans, are shared with eligible participants. A partner agency, Bella Ease, is having great success with a Reimagining Rural Regions [R3] funded program that connects folks with criminal histories to second-chance employers.

Folks are also connected to Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services [DRS], which specializes in connecting folks with disabilities and disabling conditions to employment. These employment opportunities work around and do not exacerbate folks' disabilities and disabling conditions, and folks do not have to be receiving SSI/SSDI in order to be eligible. Folks with substance use disorder are eligible for this program. DRS will also pay for up to \$15,00 in tuition and school fees for program participants.

IL-519 has an MOU with Two Rivers Regional Council for employment and education services for folks referred by service providers and those who self-refer.

TRRC will provide case management, classroom training, and mileage & child care to participants. This partnership is valued at over \$493,000. Additional supports are available to youth 17-24 who participate in TRRC's WIOA programs.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-2.CoC and ESG funded programs use exit surveys to collect feedback on programs. These can take place at the time of exit or in a follow-up. The surveys include questions about treatment by staff & agency leadership, effectiveness of the program, what they would change, how services could be improved, etc. Some agencies also offer to conduct an exit interview. Info relevant to the CoC is passed along to the Collaborative Applicant & discussed at CoC meetings; most feedback is program-specific, though occasionally a participant shares an idea for a different type of intervention. Genesis Garden Board members occasionally drop by the Emergency Shelter and speak with residents about how things are going. Some residents express their opinions quite readily: their disappointment that another household got an apartment before they did or preferences on how much or little help they want from staff.

The Collaborative Applicant assisted with the United Way of Adams County Community Needs Assessment, which included extensive interviews with folks experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity, but also those seeking non-housing assistance (childcare, housekeeping assistance, vehicle repairs, etc) that impacts the overall stability of the household.The housing task force will follow up with these participants and use their input to build plans for increased safe, affordable housing programs.

3. Samaritan Well has purchased exterior & interior cameras to address concerns of safety & security. Samaritan Well has purchased household furnishing to improve the shelter's appearance so the environment has a feeling of home for each resident during their stay. One step Genesis Garden has taken is to permit cats & dogs to stay with their families in our Family Emergency Shelter. Several people with lived experience have told us they would refuse shelter if their pets were excluded. Quanada is one of few DV shelters in Illinois that also allow pets at shelter in response to participant feedback.

A gentleman who stayed at the ESG-funded Salvation Army Emergency Shelter shared an idea about a bicycle sharing program, which was elevated to the Collaborative Applicant. The CA reached out to the local bike shop for the cost of 10 fully-outfitted bikes (lights, helmets, locks) & explored funding opportunities to bring the program to fruition. The bikes were paid for with IL DHS \$.

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

2. reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

In general, zoning and land use policies nor regulatory barriers are an administrative annoyance, but not a roadblock to developing more housing in the CoC—funding streams that place limitations on acquisition, rehabilitation, and construction are. The community where the Collaborative Applicant is located (Quincy, IL) has reached out to the C.A. to share information about properties owned by the City and available for purchase. The mayor of the City of Quincy provided a letter of support for a recent non-HUD funded housing project.

The Collaborative Applicant recently purchased a vacant lot from the City of Quincy for \$500 for the continuation of an Illinois Housing Development Authority funded project. While the City received higher bids, they selected the Collaborative Applicant in a gesture of goodwill to address the City of Quincy's housing crisis.

The Executive Director of Great River Economic Development Foundation co-chairs a housing task force with the Collaborative Applicant, and are discussing local and regional administrative barriers/solutions to increasing safe, affordable housing stock: lack of access to rehabilitation funding to available to non-profits (current Quincy, IL programs are directed toward private developers), competition from well-funded private entities that focus only on high-priced housing developments, and landlords' refusal to engage with homeless and formerly homeless households and the agencies that assist them.

IL-519 staff regularly attend both Quincy City Council and Quincy Human Rights Commission meetings; both committees acknowledge the need for increased safe, affordable housing stock and are part of the local task force to identify solutions. Other CoC members also attend their local City Council and County Board meetings in their respective communities across the 11-county CoC and are regularly called upon to give updates on the housing & homelessness situations in their communities.

IL-519 has added the following non-HUD funded units to the region's affordable housing supply: YWCA - 12 (funded by ARPA & Illinois Housing Development Authority); Quanada - 11 (Office on Violence Against Women); MCS - 2 (State of Illinois); Genesis Garden/Salvation Army/Bella Ease/Crisis Center Foundation - 70 RRH beds (Home Illinois Plan - ramping up now).

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

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

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

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Enter your CoC's local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/29/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC's local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/29/2023

1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	

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

5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	No
6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	No

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

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

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	53
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	5
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. IL-519 uses HMIS data to analyze the effectiveness of each project. DVSPs decline CoC funding every year, therefore IL-519 does not create a Scoring Tool that accommodates Illinois InfoNet specifics; if a DVSP ever enters the CoC Competition, IL-519 will invest the time and resources into making a comparable database Scoring Tool.

2. HMIS data element 3.20 housing move-in date is used to assess how long it takes to house folks. However, all CoC funded projects are PSH with leasing, not RA. Therefore, when a unit opens & an applicant from the prioritization list is identified, it's plug-and-go. For everyone who is not at the top of the BNL or skipping the line due to fleeing DV/SA, it's likely many months or even years before they receive a project acceptance/move-in date. The experience captured in HMIS is only that of the "lucky ones," not the frustrating, disappointing, heartbreaking experience of those lingering on the BNL with no options. Everyone receives resources on alternate housing options when they inquire about available housing, & also info on education/employment resources, utility assistance, eviction prevention, etc. with the hope that they are able to self-stabilize.

3. The barrier to accessing permanent housing is a lack of safe, affordable housing throughout the CoC, not a lack of wraparound services. We did include two questions on the Scoring Criteria about vulnerabilities/barriers for the first time in FY23: "Does this project have a specific population focus" & "Does this project enroll those with barriers to housing." Especially vulnerable groups were youth under age 25 & the chronically homeless; the reviewer referred to Q2. The question about barriers was all-or-nothing: if any box was unchecked in 3b, no points were received.

4. 100% of CoC funding apps were for PSH projects, so the expectation is that the project will serve the hardest-to-serve. The Scoring Matrix takes into account both SSI/SSDI income & employment income—folks should have (or be on their way to acquiring) one or the other. Additionally, the CoC acknowledges that in serving the hardest-to-serve, not all exits are going to be to permanent housing.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.IL-519 was not able to engage with overrepresented populations to the degree that it would have liked, but we did engage with the chair of the Lived Experience Workgroup, who self-identifies as a Black man. Black/African American individuals and families are overrepresented in this rural CoC's homeless population. He gave feedback on the project applications, and had some questions about the Scoring Criteria, but did not have any comments on the proposed rating factors used to review project apps.

2. The preferred method of project application selection is through the scoring process—the highest scoring projects are inserted into the ranking sheet until we run out of available funds; we always run out of projects before we run out of available funds.

The project application review process was straight-forward: project applications were pulled up on a laptop and the LEW chair skimmed them, asking questions when something caught his eye. The process was very casual: project apps, HUD regs, his job, and local goings-on were discussed as he perused the project apps, stopping periodically for clarification, especially surrounding jargon.

3.The FY23 Scoring Matrix asks if programs and the agencies that house them are doing tangible, concrete work to advance DEI in their programs, agencies, and communities. The scoring matrix is not limited to racial/ethnic diversity, but also includes measures on inclusion/representation of LGBTQIA+ persons, persons with disabilities, persons with lived experience of homelessness, and service & emotional support animals. The assessment in regard to barriers in accessing housing was very brief and straightforward: "Does the project enroll those with barriers to housing?" Response options were "Housing everyone: 2 pts" or "Any exception: 0 pts." Information for this was found in the Project Description and project app question 3b.

1E-4.	Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC Policies & Procedures manual describes the reduction/reallocation process. "If the above scoring process reveals that a project is performing below the CoC's standards for essential elements such as failing to spend a significant portion of their prior year's funding without extenuating circumstances; failure to adhere to the Housing First model; failure to meet performance expectations on exits to permanent housing, returns to homelessness following exits to permanent housing, or increases/maintenance of income/benefits. Funding will be reduced or reallocated completely depending on the inadequacy of the performance. Renewal agencies and new agencies may apply for the reduced or reallocated funding."

2. No projects were identified

3. No projects were reallocated

4. The highest and lowest performing projects scored within 15 points of one another; no projects scored within 15 points of each other. While 52.5 points were available to PSH projects (100% of apps were for PSH), no project scored higher than 39.5. In FY23, the CoC estimates that the scores were the result of annual updates to the Scoring Criteria that may have been unclear.

It is extremely, extremely rare for a new agency to apply for CoC funds--only one agency has submitted new project apps in the last 10 years or so, and that was only in the FY21 Competition. The reality of reduction/reallocation in rural communities is that those PSH beds would either be reallocated within the SAME agency, or to an agency 76 miles away. No other agencies/organizations in IL-519 are willing to or have the capacity to run CoC-funded programs. If one of YWCA Quincy or MCS's PSH projects was performing poorly, it would be far more wise for the CoC Board to conduct performance coaching than to reallocate.

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

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

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/13/2023
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/25/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	09/25/2023
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## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/26/2023
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC communicates at least once annually directly with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, the providers of Illinois InfoNet, the HMIS-comparable database, on compliance, upgrades, challenges, wins, & updates. CoC HMIS data & DVSP's InfoNet data have conflicting goals: HMIS needs to identify & follow folks' experiences of homelessness, while InfoNet needs to ensure that no crumb of data can be traced back to any individual program participant.

The CoC collects de-identified data on experiences of DV to assess the scope of DV in the CoC, as well as service gaps & available resources. Sources of DV data rae primarily HMIS (WellSky's ServicePoint/Client Services) for non-DVSPs & InfoNet for DVSPs. InfoNet is a custom VPN database that is available to DVSPs, rape crisis centers, & child advocacy centers throughout Illinois. InfoNet collects demographics, service info, & outcome measures.

IL-519 DVSPs do NOT receive CoC funding.

2.According to a 9/14/23 email from the ICJIA the providers of Illinois InfoNet, the HMIS-comparable database will be fully compliant with the 2024 HMIS Data Standards in 2024 following necessary upgrades. At this time, the ESG Caper must be custom configured by ICJIA's InfoNet staff for each upload. Generating SPM data is limited due to Illinois VSPs restrictions on using identifiers, so tracking a single person's exits to permanent housing & returns is not possible. IL-519 DVSPs do NOT receive CoC funding.

3.Yes, the CoC's HMIS is compliant with FY22 HMIS Data Standards.

2A-5. Bed Coverage Rate—Using HIC, HMIS Data—CoC Merger Bonus Points.

NOFO Section V.B.3.c. and V.B.7.

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	58	22	26	72.22%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	51	19	25	78.13%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	14	1	13	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	88	0	88	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c.	
	For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:	
1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and	
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. IL-519 is home to several non-HUD funded homeless service providers who have made it very clear to the CoC that they will not participate in HMIS unless their funder requires them to do so. Despite years of begging, cajoling, offering free training, free user licenses, free data entry, promoting the helpfulness and ease of HMIS, informing them that CoC application points are directly related to their refusal to participate in HMIS, and desperate pleas for participation, they remain steadfast in their refusal. They have also refused work-arounds, such as regularly scheduled data dumps into HMIS.

In the FY22 CoC application, IL-519 stated, "Some of these agencies belong to the Quincy and Adams County housing task force, and the Collaborative Applicant will attempt to use this to its advantage in once again promoting the power of HMIS, though the CoC is not optimistic about the outcome." This prediction was correct: no new agencies on the Housing Task Force have joined HMIS.

IL-519 has even gone so far as to ask Illinois Department of Human Services to require that state-funded homeless services programs participate in HMIS. IL-519 has elevated this request to the IL Dept of Human Services Office of the Secretary & Illinois Office to Prevent and End Homelessness in an effort to force these providers to participate in HMIS. Happily, the Home Illinois plan all but requires HMIS participation!

2. The CoC will continue to do the actions described above, including offer free HMIS access, free HMIS training, free HMIS data entry, and engage with State of Illinois, to these providers but it is highly unlikely that they will engage. We are also moving to decentralize HMIS Sys Admin privileges from within the HMIS Lead only to three agencies (one agency within each of the CoC's 3 sub-regions). We hope that local friendly faces encouraging the use of HMIS will help.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2023 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?		Yes

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

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/25/2023
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data—HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/26/2023
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2B-3.	PIT Count—Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC's Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Every year, the Collaborative Applicant emails and calls 100% of youth homeless service providers and 100% of Regional Office of Education Homeless Liaisons informing them of the PIT & HIC, requesting that they inform their clients that IL-519 will pay youth participants a cash stipend for their participation in the planning of the PIT, execution of the PIT, and/or information about where to seek unsheltered youth the night of the PIT. These emails were sent January 9, January 19 and the PIT was discussed in the December 2022 and January 2023 CoC monthly virtual meetings. IL-519 has never been successful in enticing youth to participate.

2. IL-519 attempted to work directly with youth (see above), and requested information from youth-serving providers for information on suggested PIT night locations. Because IL-519 is entirely rural, the PIT count is focused on the geographic areas where homeless services and folks experiencing homelessness find themselves: Quincy, Macomb, and Jacksonville, Illinois. The CoC emails and calls the Police/Sheriff's Departments in each of the 11 county seats during January to find out if law enforcement is aware of anyone experiencing homelessness in the remote areas of the CoC—this way we can dispatch enumerators/outreach to those communities. The report that came from the Macomb and Jacksonville, IL youth providers was that it is extremely rare for their clients to report experiences of unsheltered homelessness. The youth provider in Quincy, Illinois recommended the standard places where other folks experience unsheltered homelessness stay.

3. Despite IL-519's earnest attempts to include youth in the PIT as counters, we were unsuccessful as described above. We acknowledge that we have not achieved this measure and that our approach, stipend, and/or level of trust needs to change.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. No changes in methodology or data quality were introduced from 2022 to 2023. One DVSP was having flooring replaced at their shelter, which we thought might influence numbers, but the final 2023 numbers were nearly identical to the 2022 numbers.

2. No methodology or data quality changes were introduced from 2022 to 2023.

3. Although no methodology changes were introduced, the number of unsheltered folks identified in 2022 was 5, but in 2023 it was 2. Unfortunately, the CoC is confident that this is NOT the result of improved access to services, overall reduction in the number of folks experiencing homelessness, or any other "wins." The reduction from 2022 to 2023 can only be attributed to chance.

## 2C. System Performance

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.IL-519 examined HMIS & comparable database data from 1/1/2015 to date to determine the risk factors that might predispose someone to exp homelessness for the first time. Per HMIS, of 2,278 adults served in ES, 456 reported having 1 disabling condition, 416 reporting 3+ conditions. Of those with a disabling condition, mental health, SUD, & chronic health conditions destabilize the most. 555 had ever experienced DV; of those, 136 were actively fleeing at the time of intake. Those without income (1084) & those who are unstably housed with friends/family (730) are likely to enter ES. Partnerships with food/clothing banks, mainstream benefits offices, employment services, SUD/MH treatment have been essential in identifying those at risk of homelessness & diverting them by wrapping them in supports.

More broadly, IL-519 uses the United Way of Adams County Community Needs Assessment, Heartland Alliance's Report on Illinois Poverty, CDC 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.

2.Those who are doubled up with friends/family & those in their own rental but who are at risk of eviction are first referred to Illinois Housing Development Authority Court-based Eviction Prevention. Those who are ineligible, or whose LL's refuse the funds are referred to CSBG, IL DHS Homeless Prevention, sub-pop specific financial support, then finally township funds. ESG RRH is the next option if an eviction is imminent. The VI-SPDAT has been used to determine the appropriate level of intervention. All households are offered employment supports & connections to mainstream benefits to boost their income to improve stability moving forward.

3.The Collaborative Applicant & CoC Board are responsible.

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

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

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

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

In the field below:

1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
2.	describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Co-occurring action teams in Macomb, Quincy, & Jacksonville, IL are working to increase both the number of safe affordable housing units & improve access to already-existing privately owned units across the CoC. We work alongside a range of stakeholders: property owners/LLs, City/County decision-makers, service providers, funders/bankers, local economic development specialists, & developers. Increasing housing supply is the key to reducing the LOT folks exp homelessness. Despite Illinois HB 2775, which prohibits housing discrimination based on source of valid income, our population is consistently denied housing. We are choosing to bypass picky LL's & provide safe, affordable housing with compassionate, trauma-informed supportive services ourselves. YWCA used IL ARPA funding to develop 10 units of TH; Quanada used Violence Against Women Act funding to develop 11 units of TH; MCS used State of Illinois funding to develop 2 units of TH.

In the meantime, until we can get more units online, we immediately connect folks in crisis to all available crisis & long-term stabilization services for which they are eligible, & provide case management support.

2.Nurturing relationships with local police, park districts, libraries, food pantries, & other crisis services have been essential in identifying individuals & families exp homelessness. These deepening relationships have allowed IL-519 to do targeted outreach as needed to document their status. A new custom HMIS report allows IL-519 to pull the names of the folks with the most ES stays in HMIS in order from most stays to fewest. This info plus outreach info is used to update the BNL.

IL-519's BNL was adapted from the VA's Master List, wherein individuals & families exp unsheltered & sheltered homelessness are placed in order of documented LOT homeless. When an opening is available in PSH the eligible HH with the longest LOT homeless is offered housing first. The drop in LOT homeless was likely due to ESG-CV funding; the CoC is unsure of how the numbers will pay out in the absence of ESG-CV funding.

3.The Collaborative Applicant & CoC Board are responsible for this

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing–CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	

	In the field below:
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.To exit folks in ES to permanent housing [PH], we immediately start identifying funding streams the HH is eligible for, apply for as many housing opportunities as possible, support the participant so they retain their employment through their housing crisis, & connect them to all the wraparound services they need/want. In many cases, 30 days is insufficient; housing is in very short supply, & LL's are tightening eligibility criteria. LL's have also blacklisted some providers & refuse their clients.

To remedy this, IL-519 is investing in property ownership. That way, TH units + case mgt are available to those who are not able to stabilize during their time at ES. Acquisition funding is rare & the process is slow, but we are able to house folks that are rejected by LL's due to no/low income, criminal history, MH/SUD, & other barriers.

New Homellinois has allowed us to acquire non-Hud RRH funding, which can support 70 clients. We are hopeful that incentives will change LL's minds & convince them to house our folks.

2.Those identified as exp 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 & therefore encourage clients to integrate MH care into their service plans; those who self-disclose SUD are encouraged to connect with in- or outpatient SUD treatment. IL-519 has embraced the Housing First approach, Stages of Change model, and Harm Reduction Philosophy & avoids termination for declining to add items to case plans/slow progress on case plans.

In addition to connecting households in PH to mainstream services for which they may be eligible, like food pantries, clothing pantries, employment asst, & peer supports, IL-519 also ensures that folks receive a warm handoff to sub-pop specific services for youth under 18, youth 18-24, disability services, DV/SA services, MH/SUD services, veteran services, & family services. This ensures that their unique experiential & situational needs are met. These referrals occur at program entry to establish longstanding relationships between participants& providers.

3.The Collaborative Applicant & CoC Board

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;	
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Four methods are used to identify those who have returned to homelessness: self-referral, HMIS, IRIS, & warm handoffs. Those who have been through the homeless service system know where to go for help, & self-refer to services. HMIS allows providers to see who has exited PH & returned to shelter. IL-519 does not send referrals through HMIS. Much of the CoC has adopted IRIS referral system, which is much like HMIS in that it tracks referrals, but it includes both homeless & other types of service providers. Social service providers can send a referral through IRIS & folks will be contacted within 5 days. Finally, warm handoffs among social service agencies are utilized. When folks visit the food pantry, clothing pantry, employment assistance centers, medical/mental healthcare/SUD treatment & reveal their housing status, the provider will make a warm handoff both to emergency & long-term stabilization services.

2.The strategy for reducing returns to homelessness [RTH] begins with supportive services: connecting folks to intensive wraparound MH/SUD/disability/trauma supports, providing linkages to employment services, & ensuring that folks have all the mainstream benefits they're eligible for. Prior to CoC/ESG/other program exit, case managers help clients set a few months of appointments with their MH/SUD/disability/trauma support community-based providers so they have continuity of care & wraparound supports following program exit. Exit is a gradual process, where folks are acclimated to taking on increased personal expenses as CoC/ESG/other financial supports are reduced; this increases both confidence & independence. As CoC/ESG/other program exit nears, they are given info on what to do if they find themselves at risk of homelessness: connect with local housing advocates to intercede with landlords & where to find emergency financial assistance to remain stably housed.

Philosophically, as Housing First, Trauma Informed Care, Stages of Change Model, and Positive Youth Development were embraced, the CoC moved from a "when can we terminate them" to a "how can we keep them safely housed & engaged" mindset to prevent undue CoC/ESG/other program terminations.

3.The Collaborative Applicant and CoC Board are responsible for this strategy

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;	
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.IL-519's strategy to increase employment cash income 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/increasing income as quickly as possible. Two options are available: traditional routes (clients apply for jobs directly by filling out employment applications) & WIOA routes. Client choice is the determining factor on which route is selected. However, all clients who are not pursuing SSI/SSDI receive a warm handoff to WIOA centers to learn about the additional financial & case management supports available to them through workforce development: transportation, childcare, tuition/fee, & other financial support during the program, & the assurance that they will be qualified for a livable wage career at the end of the program. For those who wish to prioritize their MH/SUD/trauma treatment prior to working on employment, volunteerism is encouraged: in this way, they build both social & professional contacts, gain confidence, practice networking, & build the soft skills that will benefit them later. Case managers discuss past barriers to steady employment & identify ways to overcome those barriers. We link clients to job fairs, employers who are hiring, & other mainstream employment/education programs.

2.IL-519 has a current MOU (attached) valued at \$493,790 with Two Rivers Regional Council, a CAA, for assessment, SS, mileage & childcare, & classroom training for CoC program participants. Non-CoC program participants & those who call to enquire about services are given info on the WIOA center closest to them in our 11-county CoC, as well as info on Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services employment/education assistance for folks with disabilities/disabling conditions. Warm handoffs happen with IL Dept. of Employment Security, CAA Workforce Development specialists, college/university Adult Education/Non-Traditional Student progs, though IL-519 does not hold written agreements with these orgs.

3.The Collaborative Applicant and CoC Board are responsible for this strategy.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.IL-519 shelter & housing providers connect participants & anyone who inquires about services with any & all non-employment cash income they may be eligible for, including sub-pop specific resources. HH with children are linked to child tax credit programs, TANF, WIC, and non-profits for free/reduced diapers/wipes/formula. Veterans are linked with Lincoln's Promise, which assists with appealing other-than-honorable discharge, and LGBTQIA veterans discharged under DADT are linked with VA to correct their discharge. Disabled vets are referred to the VA HCHV, VA PACT, & their local VSO, as well as mainstream local veterans advocacy groups. By providing this info to ALL people who inquire about services, we assist them with self-stabilization to prevent homelessness.

CoC/ESG prog participants are encouraged to incorporate non-employment income & benefits into their client-driven case plans. Experienced staff educate on benefits that clients may not be aware of and assist with the application process, acquiring required docs, & doing warm handoffs to partner agencies. Case mgrs assist with understanding State & Federal mail, so they can meet paperwork deadlines/requirements & retain the benefits that they already have. United Way of Adams County's Community Building Council Poverty Team is working to address poverty in Adams County—they identified that insufficient childcare is a huge barrier. The solution: assist locals seek to become childcare providers with training and licensure; this way, employment/business ownership is increased as well as the number of available childcare slots.

2.The Collaborative Applicant and CoC Board are responsible for this strategy.

## 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	
	If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.	

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

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

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

## 4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1.	You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.		
2.	You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.		
3.	We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.		
4.	Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.		
5.	Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.		
6.	If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.		
	. We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).		
	. We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.		
7.	After you upload each attachment, use the Download feature to access and check the attachment to ensure it matches the required Document Type and to ensure it contains all pages you intend to include.		
8.	Only use the "Other" attachment option to meet an attachment requirement that is not otherwise listed in these detailed instructions.		
Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	PHA Homeless Pref...	09/20/2023
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	PHA Moving On Pre...	09/22/2023
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Letter Signed by ...	09/22/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/21/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Web Posting of Lo...	09/15/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/19/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	09/19/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/15/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/15/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	09/19/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Web Posting—CoC-A...	09/25/2023

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Notification of C...	09/25/2023
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HUD's Homeless Da...	09/19/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Healthcare Formal...	09/20/2023
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No	Additional MOUs a...	09/25/2023

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## Submission Summary

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

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<b>4B. Attachments Screen</b>	09/25/2023
<b>Submission Summary</b>	No Input Required

### C. Local Preferences and Ranking

The Housing Quality and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 permanently eliminated the Federal preference requirement; however, PHAs may adopt the Federal preference language and criteria as their local and/or ranking preferences.

The PHA will select and house applicants in accordance with the following preferences and priorities, in the order listed:

1. Limitations on Admission
  - a) Types of developments and units available;
  - b) Occupancy Standards (limitation on the minimum and maximum number of household members permitted to live in dwelling units of specified sizes).
2. Selection Preferences, as follows, in the order listed.

Preferences	Ranking or Point Value
Involuntary Displacement	5 points
Victims of domestic violence (spousal/child abuse)	5 points
Families that include a person with disabilities, but not for persons with a specific disability	4 points
Single persons who are elderly, displaced, homeless, or persons with disabilities over other single persons	3 points
<p>Local residency preference for those living or working in Morgan County.</p> <p>The preferences may not be upon the length of time the applicant has resided in the jurisdiction;</p> <p>Applicants who are working or who have been notified that they are hired to work in the jurisdiction will be treated as residents of the jurisdiction;</p> <p>A residency preference may not have the "purpose or effect" of delaying or otherwise denying admission to a development or unit based on the race, color, ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability or age of any applicant family member;</p> <p>The "residency preference" refers to admission of persons who reside in a specified geographic area that may not be an area smaller than a</p>	2 points



Preferences	Ranking or Point Value
county or municipality.	

3. Date and Time of Application (in each of the above circumstances)

Applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and who qualify for a preference will be assisted first according to the date and time of application. After all applicants with verified preferences are assisted, the PHA will then contact applicant families who are on the waiting list, according to date and time of application, and bedroom size needed.

4. Eligibility for Multiple Preferences

In the event that a family qualifies for multiple preferences, the PHA will award the points for the highest ranked single preference for which the family qualifies. Selection will not be based on the points from multiple preferences.

5. Denial of Local Preference(s) claim

Applicants must provide appropriate documentation to substantiate their claim for a local preference. Families who cannot provide the appropriate documentation to the agency will be notified in writing that they do not qualify for a local preference.

The PHA will provide a written notice if an applicant does not qualify for a preference. This notice will contain: a brief statement of the reasons for the determination, and a statement that the applicant has the right to meet with the PHA's designee to review the determination. This request must be received by the PHA no later than seven (7) calendar days from the postmarked date of the notice.

If the applicant requests the meeting, the PHA shall designate someone to conduct the meeting who is not the person who made the initial determination or reviewed the determination, a subordinate, or any other person designated by the PHA. A written summary of this meeting would be retained in the applicant's file. A letter informing the applicant of the final determination as to their local preferences status will be mailed within ten (10) days from the conference/hearing.



# Genesis Garden

Sharing food. Providing shelter. Empowering community.

## Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of this agreement between Genesis Garden and Housing Authority of McDonough County (HAMC), a HUD funded organization with 303 units across four communities for low-income households, 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 who are appropriate for housing under HAMC policy and HUD guidelines for income/eligibility of subsidized housing. Genesis Garden agrees to support referred households to HAMC through our Rapid Re-Housing program and will serve as a mediator should issues arise between household and property management during the household's involvement in the RRH program. Genesis Garden agrees to accept referrals from HAMC of households 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 HAMC in referring to alternative providers to support individuals/households in need of Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-Housing or Homeless Prevention Services.

HAMC agrees to maintain current HUD guidelines for sustainable, safe and subsidized housing for low-income households. HAMC agrees to maintain rental fee scheduled based on household size and income as required by HUD. HAMC agrees to prioritize appropriate referrals from Genesis Garden and place referrals on or near the top of the waiting list for subsidized housing at their properties, per HUD and organizational policy of prioritization for households experiencing homelessness. HAMC agrees to coordinate with Genesis Garden during times in which Section 8 applications are open to the public. In the event that HAMC cannot provide housing for referrals, HAMC agrees to coordinate with Genesis Garden in order to make appropriate referrals to alternative subsidized housing communities.

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.

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September, 20, 2023

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To Whom it May Concern:

I, Tangi Allen, Chair of the Lived Experience Workgroup have reviewed the project applications ready for submission in the FY23 Continuum of Care funding competition. The following project applications meet the eligibility threshold in the FY23 CoC NOFO:

- MCS PSH 1
- MCS PSH 2
- YWCA PSH A
- YWCA PSH B
- YWCA PSH C
- YWCA PSH D
- CoC Planning Project

I certify that I have lived experience of homelessness, which includes an extended period of unsheltered homelessness.

Attached you will find Addendum 2023 A, which describes the roles and responsibilities of the Lived Experience Workgroup and its Chair.

Thank you,

Tangi Allen, Lived Experience Workgroup Chair

# Bylaws of the Lived Experience Workgroup

## I. Preamble

### A. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of these bylaws is to establish the framework, principles, and guidelines governing the operations and activities of the Lived Experience Workgroup (hereinafter referred to as the "Workgroup") in accordance with HUD's Continuum of Care (CoC) standards. These bylaws aim to:

1. Empower individuals with lived experience of homelessness to actively participate in the decision-making processes related to homelessness services and solutions.
2. Promote collaboration between individuals with lived experience and service providers to create more effective and compassionate responses to homelessness within our community.
3. Ensure that the Workgroup operates with transparency, accountability, and in alignment with the broader goals and objectives of the CoC program.

### B. Compliance with HUD's Continuum of Care Standards

The Workgroup acknowledges its commitment to adhere to the regulations and guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as outlined in the Continuum of Care (CoC) program standards. We recognize the importance of aligning our activities with these standards to maximize the impact of our efforts in addressing homelessness and related issues within our community.

### C. Name and Affiliation

The Workgroup shall be known as the "Lived Experience Workgroup" and is affiliated with [Name of the CoC Program or Organization] (hereinafter referred to as the "CoC Program" or "Organization"). The Workgroup operates as an integral part of the CoC Program and is subject to the policies, procedures, and regulations set forth by the CoC Program and HUD's CoC standards.

These bylaws are hereby adopted by the founding members of the Lived Experience Workgroup on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and they shall govern the operations and activities of the Workgroup from this date forward.

## II. Definitions

### A. Key Terms and Phrases

1. **Lived Experience:** The personal experiences of individuals who have directly experienced homelessness or housing instability. Lived experience includes insights gained from first-hand experiences of homelessness and the challenges associated with it.

2. **Workgroup:** Refers to the Lived Experience Workgroup established under these bylaws, comprising individuals with lived experience of homelessness who work collaboratively to advocate for and contribute to the improvement of homelessness services and policies.
3. **CoC Program:** The Continuum of Care Program, a federal initiative administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) aimed at addressing homelessness and providing housing and supportive services to homeless individuals and families.
4. **HUD:** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the federal agency responsible for overseeing housing and urban development programs, including the Continuum of Care Program.
5. **Service Provider:** An organization or agency that delivers housing and supportive services to homeless individuals and families, including shelters, outreach programs, case management services, and housing providers.
6. **Chairperson:** The elected leader of the Lived Experience Workgroup responsible for presiding over meetings, coordinating activities, and representing the Workgroup to external stakeholders.
7. **Vice-Chairperson:** The elected deputy leader of the Workgroup who assists the Chairperson in their duties and assumes leadership responsibilities in the absence of the Chairperson.
8. **Secretary:** The member responsible for maintaining records, taking meeting minutes, and managing the documentation and communications of the Workgroup.
9. **Quorum:** The minimum number of Workgroup members required to conduct official meetings and make decisions as stipulated in these bylaws.
10. **Conflict of Interest:** A situation in which a Workgroup member's personal interests or affiliations may interfere with their ability to act impartially and in the best interests of the Workgroup and its mission.
11. **CoC Standards:** The regulations, policies, and guidelines established by HUD as part of the Continuum of Care Program, which govern the operation and funding of homeless services and programs.
12. **Advocacy:** The act of promoting, supporting, or speaking out on behalf of the rights, needs, and concerns of homeless individuals and families to influence policies and practices at the local, state, and federal levels.
13. **Peer Support:** The provision of assistance, guidance, and emotional support by individuals with lived experience to their peers who are currently experiencing homelessness or housing instability.
14. **Collaboration:** The process of working together with service providers, government agencies, and other stakeholders to develop and implement effective solutions to homelessness.
15. **CoC Planning:** The ongoing strategic planning and coordination efforts undertaken by the Continuum of Care Program to address homelessness within a defined geographic area or community.

16. **Education and Training:** Activities aimed at enhancing the knowledge and skills of Workgroup members and the broader community regarding homelessness issues, advocacy, and best practices in service delivery.
17. **Mediation and Arbitration:** Processes for resolving disputes or conflicts within the Workgroup through negotiation (mediation) or formal decision-making (arbitration) when necessary.

### **III. Name and Mission**

#### **A. Workgroup Name**

The Workgroup shall be known as the "Lived Experience Workgroup" hereinafter referred to as the "Workgroup."

#### **B. Mission Statement**

The mission of the Lived Experience Workgroup is to actively engage individuals with lived experience of homelessness in the development, implementation, and evaluation of homelessness services and policies within our community. Our mission is encapsulated in the following statement:

##### **Mission Statement:**

The Lived Experience Workgroup is committed to empowering individuals with lived experience of homelessness to become agents of positive change. We aim to provide a platform for their voices to be heard and their perspectives to be valued in the quest to end homelessness. Through advocacy, collaboration, and peer support, we strive to create a more inclusive, equitable, and compassionate response to homelessness within our community.

#### **C. Alignment with CoC Goals and the Goals of the YWCA Quincy**

The Lived Experience Workgroup is dedicated to aligning its activities and objectives with the overarching goals of both the Continuum of Care (CoC) program and the YWCA Quincy (hereinafter referred to as the "YWCA"). This alignment ensures that our efforts are complementary and mutually reinforcing.

##### **Alignment with CoC Goals:**

Our Workgroup aligns with the goals of the CoC program by actively participating in CoC planning, advocating for the effective use of CoC resources, and contributing to the development and enhancement of homelessness services in accordance with HUD's Continuum of Care standards. We recognize the CoC's objectives, including reducing homelessness, providing stable housing, and promoting self-sufficiency, as central to our mission.

##### **Alignment with the Goals of the YWCA Quincy:**

As an affiliate of the YWCA Quincy, the Lived Experience Workgroup is committed to supporting the YWCA's mission, programs, and initiatives. We work collaboratively to align our efforts with the YWCA's objectives, which include promoting social justice, empowering women and families, and providing resources and support to those in need. By doing so, we strengthen our impact and contribute to the broader goals of our affiliated organization.

## IV. Membership

### A. Eligibility Criteria

1. **Eligibility for Membership:** Membership in the Lived Experience Workgroup is open to individuals who have direct lived experience of homelessness or housing instability, including those who are currently or were formerly homeless. All members must have a genuine commitment to the mission and goals of the Workgroup.

### B. Application and Selection Process

1. **Application Procedure:** Prospective members shall complete a membership application provided by the Workgroup. This application shall include information about their lived experience, reasons for seeking membership, and a declaration of commitment to the Workgroup's mission.
2. **Selection Process:** Membership applications will be reviewed by the Workgroup's leadership team (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary). Applicants will be notified of their membership status within 30 days of submitting their application.

### C. Term Length and Renewal

1. **Term Length:** Members of the Workgroup shall serve a term of two years, with the option for renewal.
2. **Renewal Process:** Members interested in renewing their membership may submit a request for renewal to the Workgroup leadership team. Renewals will be considered based on the member's active participation, dedication to the mission, and adherence to these bylaws.

### D. Responsibilities of Members

1. **Active Participation:** Members are expected to actively participate in Workgroup meetings, activities, and initiatives to the best of their abilities.
2. **Advocacy and Engagement:** Members shall engage in advocacy efforts, peer support activities, and collaboration with service providers to advance the Workgroup's mission.
3. **Confidentiality:** Members shall respect the confidentiality of sensitive information discussed within the Workgroup and exercise discretion when sharing information with external parties.
4. **Commitment to Workgroup Goals:** Members shall uphold and promote the mission, goals, and values of the Workgroup, as outlined in the mission statement.
5. **Collaboration:** Members shall work collaboratively with fellow members, service providers, and other stakeholders to achieve the objectives of the Workgroup.

### E. Termination and Resignation

1. **Termination:** Membership may be terminated if a member consistently fails to fulfill their responsibilities, violates these bylaws, or engages in conduct that is detrimental to the Workgroup's mission. Termination requires a majority vote of the Workgroup leadership team.

2. **Resignation:** Members may resign from the Workgroup at any time by submitting a written resignation notice to the Workgroup leadership team.

#### **F. Conflict of Interest**

1. **Disclosure:** Members shall promptly disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may arise between their personal or professional affiliations and the interests of the Workgroup. Such disclosures shall be made to the Workgroup leadership team.
2. **Recusal:** Members with a conflict of interest related to a particular decision or action shall recuse themselves from participating in the discussion or vote on that matter.

### **V. Leadership and Governance**

#### **A. Chairperson**

1. **Role and Responsibilities:** The Chairperson of the Lived Experience Workgroup shall preside over all meetings, provide leadership and guidance to the Workgroup, represent the Workgroup to external stakeholders, and ensure that the Workgroup operates in accordance with these bylaws and the mission statement.
2. **Selection:** The Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the Workgroup members for a term of two years. If the Chairperson position becomes vacant during their term, a special election shall be held to fill the position.

#### **B. Vice-Chairperson**

1. **Role and Responsibilities:** The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson in their duties, assume the Chairperson's responsibilities in their absence, and support the overall functioning of the Workgroup.
2. **Selection:** The Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the Workgroup members for a term of two years. If the Vice-Chairperson position becomes vacant during their term, a special election shall be held to fill the position.

#### **C. Secretary**

1. **Role and Responsibilities:** The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of Workgroup meetings, including meeting minutes and attendance, managing communication and documentation, and ensuring that Workgroup records are organized and accessible.
2. **Selection:** The Secretary shall be appointed by the Chairperson and approved by the Workgroup members. The Secretary's term shall coincide with the Chairperson's term.

#### **D. Decision-Making Process**

1. **Consensus-Based Decision-Making:** The Lived Experience Workgroup shall strive to make decisions through a consensus-based process. Members shall work collaboratively to reach

agreement on decisions, and alternative dispute resolution methods, such as mediation, may be employed if consensus cannot be reached.

2. **Majority Vote:** In cases where consensus cannot be achieved, decisions may be made by a majority vote of the Workgroup members present at the meeting. The decision shall be deemed passed if it receives a majority vote.

#### **E. Quorum Requirements**

1. **Quorum Definition:** A quorum for Workgroup meetings shall consist of 50% of the total Workgroup members. Meetings may proceed when a quorum is present.

#### **F. Meeting Schedule and Notice**

1. **Regular Meetings:** The Lived Experience Workgroup shall hold regular meetings on a monthly basis. The meeting schedule shall be determined and communicated in advance to all members.
2. **Notice of Meetings:** Notice of upcoming meetings, including the date, time, location, and agenda, shall be provided to all Workgroup members at least seven days in advance.

#### **G. Committees and Subgroups**

1. **Formation:** The Workgroup may establish committees or subgroups to address specific tasks, initiatives, or projects. Committee members shall be appointed by the Chairperson or determined by the Workgroup.
2. **Reporting:** Committees and subgroups shall provide regular reports and updates to the Workgroup on their activities and progress.

#### **H. Records and Documentation**

1. **Record Keeping:** The Secretary shall maintain accurate records of Workgroup meetings, including meeting minutes, attendance records, and any relevant documents or correspondence.
2. **Access to Records:** Workgroup members shall have access to Workgroup records and documents upon request, subject to applicable privacy and confidentiality requirements.

## **VI. Responsibilities and Duties**

#### **A. Advocacy and Peer Support**

1. **Advocacy:** The Lived Experience Workgroup is committed to advocating for the rights, needs, and concerns of individuals experiencing homelessness. Responsibilities include:
  - Engaging in advocacy efforts at the local, state, and federal levels to influence policies, funding, and initiatives related to homelessness.
  - Amplifying the voices of those with lived experience in discussions and decision-making processes.
2. **Peer Support:** Members shall provide peer support to individuals currently experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Responsibilities include:

- Offering guidance, empathy, and encouragement to peers.
- Sharing personal experiences and insights to assist others on their journey to stability.

## **B. Collaboration with Service Providers**

1. **Collaborative Partnerships:** The Workgroup shall actively collaborate with service providers, shelters, housing agencies, and other stakeholders involved in addressing homelessness.

Responsibilities include:

- Participating in collaborative efforts to improve the delivery of services and resources to homeless individuals and families.
- Offering valuable insights and feedback to service providers based on lived experience.

## **C. Input in CoC Planning and Decision-Making**

1. **CoC Planning:** Workgroup members shall actively engage in Continuum of Care (CoC) planning processes within their community. Responsibilities include:

- Providing input, recommendations, and feedback on CoC program strategies and priorities.
- Participating in CoC meetings and workgroups as representatives of individuals with lived experience.

2. **Decision-Making:** Workgroup members shall have the opportunity to participate in CoC-related decision-making processes. Responsibilities include:

- Voting or providing input on CoC funding allocation decisions, program designs, and policies when applicable.

## **D. Education and Training**

1. **Education:** Workgroup members shall seek opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skills related to homelessness and advocacy. Responsibilities include:

- Participating in training sessions, workshops, and educational programs related to homelessness issues.
- Sharing acquired knowledge with peers and the broader community.

## **E. Reporting and Evaluation**

1. **Reporting:** The Workgroup shall regularly report on its activities, achievements, and challenges to its members and external stakeholders. Responsibilities include:

- Providing updates on advocacy efforts, collaborations, and projects during Workgroup meetings.
- Maintaining transparent and accurate records of Workgroup activities.

2. **Evaluation:** The Workgroup shall periodically evaluate its effectiveness and impact in achieving its mission. Responsibilities include:
  - Conducting self-assessments to identify areas of improvement and growth.
  - Seeking feedback from peers, service providers, and the community to inform ongoing development.

## **F. Communication and Outreach**

1. **Communication:** The Workgroup shall maintain open and effective communication channels. Responsibilities include:
  - Sharing information, updates, and resources with Workgroup members in a timely manner.
  - Promoting respectful and constructive communication among members.
2. **Outreach:** The Workgroup shall engage in outreach efforts to raise awareness and mobilize support for its mission. Responsibilities include:
  - Participating in community events, forums, and outreach activities to promote understanding of homelessness issues.
  - Collaborating with local media and advocacy groups to share stories and advocate for change.

## **VII. Finances**

### **A. Budgeting and Funding Sources**

1. **Budget Development:** The Lived Experience Workgroup shall develop an annual budget that outlines its expected income and expenses. The budget shall be prepared and reviewed by the Workgroup's leadership team in consultation with its members.
2. **Funding Sources:** The Workgroup shall identify and seek funding sources to support its activities, initiatives, and projects. Funding may be obtained through grants, donations, contributions, or other lawful means.
3. **Diversification of Funding:** The Workgroup shall actively seek to diversify its funding sources to reduce financial dependency on any single entity or organization.

### **B. Financial Records and Reporting**

1. **Financial Records:** The Secretary shall maintain accurate and organized financial records, including income, expenses, receipts, and financial statements, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
2. **Financial Reporting:** The Workgroup's financial records shall be available for inspection by members and external auditors upon request. The Secretary shall provide regular financial reports to the Workgroup membership during meetings.

3. **External Reporting:** The Workgroup shall comply with any financial reporting requirements imposed by funding sources, granting organizations, or regulatory authorities.

### **C. Transparency and Accountability**

1. **Transparency:** The Workgroup shall operate with transparency regarding its financial affairs, ensuring that members and stakeholders have access to relevant financial information.
2. **Accountability:** The Workgroup's financial decisions and expenditures shall be made in accordance with its approved budget and aligned with the mission and goals of the Workgroup.
3. **Auditing and Review:** The Workgroup shall undergo periodic financial audits or reviews as required by funding sources or regulatory authorities to ensure financial accountability.
4. **Conflict of Interest:** Workgroup members and leaders shall disclose any financial conflicts of interest promptly. Any member with a financial interest in a decision shall recuse themselves from voting on matters related to that interest.

## **VIII. Amendments**

### **A. Process for Amending Bylaws**

1. **Initiation:** Any member of the Lived Experience Workgroup may propose amendments to these bylaws by submitting a written proposal to the Workgroup leadership team.
2. **Review and Evaluation:** The Workgroup leadership team shall review the proposed amendments to assess their alignment with the mission and goals of the Workgroup and their compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
3. **Discussion:** Proposed amendments that pass the initial review shall be discussed during a regularly scheduled Workgroup meeting. Members shall have the opportunity to provide input and express their views on the proposed changes.
4. **Revision:** Based on the feedback received during the discussion, the Workgroup leadership team may revise the proposed amendments as necessary.

### **B. Notification of Members**

1. **Notice:** Members shall be provided with written notice of the proposed amendments and the date of the meeting at which they will be discussed and voted upon. Notice shall be given at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
2. **Distribution:** Notice of proposed amendments shall be distributed via email or other agreed-upon means of communication to all Workgroup members.

### **C. Approval Requirements**

1. **Approval Threshold:** Proposed amendments to these bylaws shall require approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the Workgroup members present at the meeting where the vote occurs.

2. **Record of Amendments:** Approved amendments shall be documented and incorporated into the bylaws as a new section or integrated into the appropriate sections. An updated version of the bylaws shall be made available to all members.
3. **Effective Date:** Approved amendments shall take effect immediately following their approval, unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

## **IX. Dissolution**

### **A. Process for Dissolving the Workgroup**

1. **Initiation:** The decision to dissolve the Lived Experience Workgroup may be initiated by the Workgroup leadership team or upon the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of the Workgroup members present at a special meeting called for that purpose.
2. **Special Meeting:** A special meeting shall be convened to discuss and vote on the dissolution of the Workgroup. Notice of this meeting, including the agenda and the proposed dissolution, shall be provided to all Workgroup members at least 30 days in advance.
3. **Dissolution Vote:** The dissolution of the Workgroup shall be approved if it receives a two-thirds majority vote of the Workgroup members present at the special meeting.
4. **Disposition of Records:** Upon dissolution, the Secretary shall ensure that all Workgroup records and documentation are preserved and transferred to an entity or organization designated by the Workgroup membership.

### **B. Distribution of Assets**

1. **Distribution Plan:** In the event of the Workgroup's dissolution, any remaining financial assets and property shall be distributed in accordance with a dissolution plan approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Workgroup members present at the special meeting convened for the purpose of dissolution.
2. **Charitable Purpose:** Assets shall be distributed for charitable purposes aligned with the mission and goals of the Workgroup or to another tax-exempt organization with a similar mission, as determined by the dissolution plan.
3. **No Personal Gain:** No member of the Workgroup shall receive any portion of the Workgroup's assets upon dissolution, except for reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in the course of Workgroup activities.
4. **Filing and Compliance:** The Workgroup leadership team shall ensure that all necessary legal filings and compliance requirements related to the dissolution process are completed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

## **X. Conflict Resolution**

### **A. Process for Resolving Internal Disputes**

1. **Informal Resolution:** When conflicts or disputes arise within the Lived Experience Workgroup, members are encouraged to first attempt to resolve them through informal discussions and negotiations among the involved parties.
2. **Mediation:** If an informal resolution is not achievable, and the dispute involves two or more parties, the parties involved may opt for mediation. Mediation is a voluntary process where a neutral third party, agreed upon by the disputing parties, assists in facilitating a resolution.
3. **Escalation to Leadership:** If the conflict remains unresolved after attempts at informal resolution and mediation, the parties involved may bring the matter to the attention of the Workgroup leadership team for intervention and resolution.

## **B. Mediation and Arbitration**

1. **Mediation:** Mediation is a voluntary process in which a neutral mediator assists the parties involved in a dispute to communicate, understand each other's perspectives, and work toward a mutually agreeable solution. Mediation may be used to resolve internal conflicts within the Workgroup.
2. **Arbitration:** In cases where mediation fails to resolve a dispute, and the parties involved agree to binding arbitration, the matter may be submitted to an arbitrator or arbitration panel for a final and binding decision. The decision reached through arbitration shall be accepted by all parties as the final resolution of the dispute.
3. **Selection of Mediator or Arbitrator:** The mediator or arbitrator shall be selected by mutual agreement of the parties involved in the dispute. If the parties cannot agree on a mediator or arbitrator, they may seek the assistance of an external dispute resolution service or organization to facilitate the selection process.

## **XI. Adoption and Ratification**

### **A. Initial Adoption of Bylaws**

1. **Drafting:** These bylaws were initially drafted by [Specify the individual or committee responsible for drafting] in collaboration with the founding members of the Lived Experience Workgroup.
2. **Review and Approval:** The draft bylaws were reviewed and approved by the founding members during [Specify the date or meeting when the initial approval occurred].
3. **Legal Review:** [Optional] Legal counsel or experts in nonprofit governance may have reviewed the bylaws to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

### **B. Ratification by Membership**

1. **Member Review:** A copy of the draft bylaws was provided to all members of the Lived Experience Workgroup for their review and feedback.
2. **Membership Ratification:** The bylaws were ratified by a majority vote of the Workgroup members present at a special meeting convened for this purpose, held on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The bylaws were approved by 100% of members present at the meeting.

### C. Effective Date

1. **Effective Date:** These bylaws shall become effective on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, which is the effective date of these bylaws.
2. **Bylaw Revisions:** Any subsequent amendments to these bylaws shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Workgroup membership, unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

## XII. Appendices

### A. Membership Application Form

1. **Purpose:** The Membership Application Form is used by individuals seeking membership in the Lived Experience Workgroup. It serves to collect essential information about the applicant, including their background, contact information, and reasons for joining the Workgroup.
2. **Content:** The Membership Application Form includes fields for the following information:
  - Name and contact details
  - Lived experience background
  - Commitment to the Workgroup's mission and goals
  - Previous involvement in advocacy or homelessness-related activities
  - Availability and areas of interest for participation

### B. Code of Conduct

1. **Purpose:** The Code of Conduct outlines the expected behavior and ethical standards for all members of the Lived Experience Workgroup. It promotes a respectful, inclusive, and collaborative environment within the Workgroup.
2. **Content:** The Code of Conduct includes:
  - Guidelines for respectful communication and interactions among members.
  - Expectations regarding confidentiality and privacy.
  - Provisions for conflict resolution and dispute resolution processes.
  - Consequences of violating the Code of Conduct.

### C. Meeting Agenda Template

1. **Purpose:** The Meeting Agenda Template provides a structured format for organizing and conducting Workgroup meetings. It ensures that meetings are efficient, focused, and productive.
2. **Content:** The Meeting Agenda Template includes sections for:
  - Meeting date, time, and location (if applicable).

- A list of attendees and apologies for absence.
- Review of previous meeting minutes and action items.
- Discussion of agenda items, including time allocations.
- New business and announcements.
- Next meeting date and adjournment.

#### **D. Record Keeping Guidelines**

1. **Purpose:** The Record Keeping Guidelines provide instructions and best practices for maintaining accurate and organized records of Workgroup activities, meetings, decisions, and financial transactions.
2. **Content:** The Record Keeping Guidelines include information on:
  - Responsibilities of the Secretary for record-keeping.
  - Formats for meeting minutes, including required content.
  - Guidelines for maintaining financial records and reporting.
  - Retention and storage of records.
  - Access to records by members and external auditors.


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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

- A3. Will/Does the project require participants to be clean and sober prior to project entry and/or during project stay?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

- A5. Will/Does a positive alcohol/drug test result in termination from the project and/or require participant to participate in substance abuse treatment and/or detox to resume project services?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

- A6. Will/Does the project require participants to have a mental health evaluation prior to project entry?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

- A8. Will/Does the project require participants to have income at time of project entry?

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_

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No 1

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## WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONTINUUM OF CARE CONSORTIUM

WCICCC developed in April of 1997 with the intent of helping communities to develop comprehensive and long-term solutions to address the problem of homelessness in their communities. **Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Henderson, McDonough, Morgan, Pike, Schuyler, Scott, and Warren are the counties represented by WCICCC.**

Due to the large geographic area covered, the WCICCC is broken down into three sub-regions. The boundary of the sub-regions corresponds to the service area of the three community action agencies in the region. By breaking the region into sub-regions, gaps and other homelessness issues are easier to analyze.

Since 1999's HUD Continuum of Care grant competition, WCICCC has been successful in obtaining nine grants for a total of fourteen units of transitional housing and eleven units of permanent supportive housing. To date, three agencies have been approved to receive HUD funds in WCICCC regions. Each sub-region has an organization receiving HUD funding.

The **FY23 Continuum of Care Competition** is now open! Project applications will be accepted until close of business on **August 29, 2023**. See the CoC Funding Competition tab or contact [AmandaErwin@ywcaquincy.org](mailto:AmandaErwin@ywcaquincy.org) for more information.



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SECTION 1:	<u>0.00</u>	(7 available)	
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TOTAL:	<u>0.00</u>	(9.5 available)	This score carries over to the Project Performance tab.

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Agency Context	METRIC		APR REFERENCE & CALCULATION	Available Points: All projects - 12 pts	ENTER YOUR DATA HERE	ASSIGN POINTS HERE
	B	Current maximum capacity (beds)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable		
	C	Total individuals served (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)	5a.1	Not Applicable		
	D	Households with children served (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)	8a, with children	Not Applicable		
	E	Households without children served (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)	8a, without children	Not Applicable		
	F	Were any funds from this project's most recently closed grant year unspent? Y/N	Not Applicable	No, we spent all our funds: 1 pt Yes, we had unspent funds: 0 pts		
	G	If unspent funds, how much	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	\$	
	H	If unspent funds, what percent of the total grant do the unspent funds represent?	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	%	
	I	Cost Effectiveness: Cost per individual (HUD funding only)	Total HUD funding (A, above) / 5a.1 total number of individuals	\$5,297 or below: 3 pts \$5,298 - \$5,500: 2 pts \$5,501 - \$6,000: 1 pt \$6,001 or above: 0 pts	\$	
	J	Cost Effectiveness: Cost per household (HUD funding only)	Total HUD funding (A, above) / 8a, total of households	\$12,254 or below: 3 pts \$12,255 - \$12,500: 2 pts \$12,501 - \$13,000: 1 pt \$13,001 or above: 0 pts	\$	
		K	If this agency administers any separate housing programs funded by an entity that is NOT the US. Dept of Housing & Urban Development, state the total number of non-HUD beds here.	Not Applicable	10 or more beds: 5 pts 5-9 beds: 3 pts 1-4 beds: 1 pt 0 beds: 0 pts	
		L	Did a representative from this agency help conduct the Point in Time Count on the night of January X, 2023?	Not Applicable	Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts	

Contribution to System Performance	METRIC		APR REFERENCE & CALCULATION	Available Points: PSH - 9, RRH - 11 (No TH, SSO, or Joint applicants in FY23)	ENTER YOUR DATA HERE	ASSIGN POINTS HERE
	A	<b>RRH &amp; TH-RRH ONLY:</b> Average number of months of RRH assistance per household	Add all months of assistance per household / number of households. See comment.	5-9 beds: 3 pts 1-4 beds: 1 pt 0 beds: 0 pts		
	B	<b>PSH ONLY:</b> Acquisition of any income from start to exit	16: 1 - [No income at exit divided by no income at start]	43% or more: 1 pt 42.9% or less: 0 pts	%	
	C	Number of adult stayers without required annual assessment	16: Row "Number of adult stayers without required annual assessment" divided by Total Adults	35% or more: 1 pt 34.9% or less: 0 pts	%	
	D	<i>Earned</i> income change from start to exit	19a2: Righthand column: percent of adults with <i>earned</i> income	22% or more: 1 pt 21% or less: 0 pts	%	
	E	<i>Other</i> income change from start to exit	19a2: Righthand column: percent of adults with <i>other</i> income	16% or more: 1 pt 15% or less: 0 pts	%	
	F	<i>Total</i> income change from start to exit	19a2: Righthand column: percent of adults with <i>total</i> income	32% or more: 1 pt 31.9% or less: 0 pts	%	
	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)]	19% or more: 1 pt 18% or less: 0 pts	%	
	H	State the length of time between project start date and housing move in date	23c: Total column, "Average Length of Time to Housing"	30 days or less: 1 pt 31 days or more: 0 pts		
	K	Percentage individuals who exited from HUD-funded programs to PERMANENT destinations	23c: Percent Positive Destinations (23c, bottom row)	89% or more: 1 pt 88% or less: 0 pts	%	
	L	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	11% or less: 1 pt 12% or more: 0 pts	%	

Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	METRIC		APR REFERENCE & CALCULATION	Available Points: All projects - 9 pts	ENTER YOUR DATA HERE	ASSIGN POINTS HERE
	A	Does the racial and ethnic makeup of the agency's Board of Directors reflect the racial and ethnic makeup of the population served?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts		
	B	Does the racial and ethnic makeup of the <i>program staff</i> reflect the racial and ethnic makeup of the population served?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts		
	C	Does the agency have a written Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy/Plan?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts		
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	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, January 7, 2022, and January 10 2023?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts		
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	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?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts		
	I	Does the agency serve on any local committees or groups dedicated to advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the community?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts		
	METRIC		APR REFERENCE & CALCULATION	Available Points: all projects 9.5	ENTER YOUR DATA HERE	ASSIGN POINTS HERE
Housing First	A	Housing First Fidelity Agency Self-Assessment	Automatically carries over points to this cell from Housing First Fidelity Self-Assessment tab	Automatically carries over points to this cell from Housing First Fidelity Self-Assessment tab	0.00	0.00

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	METRIC		APR REFERENCE & CALCULATION	Available Points: all projects 13	ENTER YOUR DATA HERE	ASSIGN POINTS HERE
Project Application	A	Does this project have a specific population focus?		NA: Serves all populations: 2 pts Youth under age 25: 1 Chronically Homeless Persons: 2		
	B	Does this project enroll those with barriers to housing?		Houses everyone: 2 pts Any Exception: 0 pts		
	C	Does this proeject prevent undue termination?		Prevents all undue termination: 2 pts Any Exception: 0 pts		
	D	What percent of funds will be used for housing (leasing structure + units or rental assistance)?		Housing > supportive services: 2 pts Housing = supportive services: 1 pt Supportive services > housing: 0 pts		
	E	Match documentation attached?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts		
	F	HUD 2880 attached?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts		
TOTAL SCORE	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: PSH - 52.5; RRH - 54.5. No assessments were made for TH, SSO, or Joint projects because no organizations communicated that they were applying for those project types.					0

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MCS PSH 1

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B	Current maximum capacity (beds)	Not Applicable	3		
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D	Households with children served (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)	Not Applicable	0		
E	Households without children served (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)	Not Applicable	4		
F	Were any funds from this project's most recently closed grant year unspent? Y/N	No, we spent all our funds: 1 pt Yes, we had unspent funds: 0 pts	Yes		
G	If unspent funds, how much	Not Applicable	694		
H	If unspent funds, what percent of the total grant do the unspent funds represent?	Not Applicable	3		
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L	Did a representative from this agency help conduct the Point in Time Count on the night of January X, 2023?	Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts	YES	1	REVIEWER'S NOTE: YES :)

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### Contribution to System Performance

METRIC	A/R REFERENCE & CALCULATION	Available Points: PSH - 9 pts, RRR - 11 pts (No TH, SSO, or Joint applicants in FY23)	ENTER YOUR DATA HERE	ASSIGN POINTS HERE
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H State the length of time between project start date and housing move in date	23c: Total column, "Average Length of Time to Housing"	30 days or less: 1 pt 31 days or more: 0 pts	25	1
K Percentage individuals who exited from HUD-funded programs to PERMANENT destinations	23c: Percent Positive Destinations (23c, bottom row)	89% or more: 1 pt 88% or less: 0 pts	100%	1
L 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	11% or less: 1 pt 12% or more: 0 pts	0%	1

All clients in the program obtained income at time of entry	REVIEWE R'S NOTE:
No annual assessment t required	SEE 24 CFR
1/4 started receiving income upon	578.53. REVIEWE R'S NOTE: SEE ATTACHM ENT 1
All clients had Non-Cash Benefits upon start except 1	REVIEWE R'S NOTE: SEE ATTACHM ENT 2

Two exits - One to  
Section 8 other to  
own apartment

A hand-drawn diagram of a cell. It consists of a large, irregular oval shape representing the cell membrane. Inside this oval, there is a smaller, more circular shape representing the nucleus. The nucleus contains two small, dark, circular dots representing nucleoli. The entire diagram is drawn in blue ink.

# Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

METRIC	APR REFERENCE & CALCULATION	Available Points: All projects - 9 pts	ENTER YOUR DATA HERE	ASSIGN POINTS HERE
A Does the racial and ethnic makeup of the agency's Board of Directors reflect the racial and ethnic makeup of the population served?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts	No	0
B Does the racial and ethnic makeup of the <i>program staff</i> reflect the racial and ethnic makeup of the population served?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts	Yes	1
C Does the agency have a written Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy/Plan?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts	yes	1
D Does a person who has experienced homelessness <i>within the last five years</i> serve on the agency Board of Directors in a decision-making capacity?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts	Yes	1
E Does the agency advertise assistance to vulnerable groups such as those with disabilities or members of the LGBTQIA+ community?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts	Yes	1
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, January 7, 2022, and January 10 2023?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts	No	0
G Does the program have a written policy and procedure in place to accommodate service <i>and</i> emotional support animals?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts	No	0
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?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts	Yes	1
I Does the agency serve on any local committees or groups dedicated to advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the community?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts	Yes	1

*AutoPopulate*

Housing First		APR REFERENCE & CALCULATION	Available Points: all projects - 9.5 pts	ENTER YOUR DATA HERE	ASSIGN POINTS HERE
METRIC					
A	Housing First Fidelity Agency Self-Assessment	Automatically carries over points to this cell from Housing First Fidelity Self-Assessment tab	Automatically carries over points to this cell from Housing First Fidelity Self-Assessment tab	9.00	9.00
METRIC		APR REFERENCE & CALCULATION	Available Points: all projects - 13 pts	ENTER YOUR DATA HERE	ASSIGN POINTS HERE
A	Does this project have a specific population focus?		NA: Serves all populations: 2 pts Youth under age 25: 1 Chronically Homeless Persons: 2	NA, all	2
B	Does this project enroll those with barriers to housing?		Houses everyone: 2 pts Any Exception: 0 pts	everyone	2
C	Does this project prevent undue termination?		Prevents all undue termination: 2 pts Any Exception: 0 pts	Prevents	2
D	What percent of funds will be used for housing (leasing structure + units or rental assistance)?		Housing > supportive services: 2 pts Housing = supportive services: 1 pt Supportive services > housing: 0 pts	Housing >	2
E	Match documentation attached?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts	match	01
F	HUD 2880 attached?		Yes: 1 pt No: 0 pts	2880.00	01
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*Total 300*  
*100*

# ATTACHMENT 1

19a2 - Client Cash Income Change - Income Source - by Start and Exit									
Income Change by Income Category (Universe: Adult Leavers with Income Information at Start and Exit)	Had Income Category at Start and Did Not Have It at Exit	Retained Income Category but Had Less \$ at Exit Than at Start	Retained Income Category and Same \$ at Exit as at Start	Retained Income Category and Increased \$ at Exit	Did Not Have the Income Category at Start and Category at Exit	Did Not Have the Income Category at Start or at Exit	Total Adults (including those with no Income)	Performance Measure: Adults who Gained or Increased Income from Start to Exit, Average Gain	Performance measure: Percent of Persons who Accomplished this Measure
Number of Adults with Earned Income (i.e., Employment Income)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0%
Average Change in Earned Income	0	0		0				0	
Number of Adults with Other Income	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	100%
Average Change in Other Income	0	0		77	0			77	
Number of Adults with Any Income (i.e., Total Income)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	100%
Average Change in Overall Income	0	0		77	0			77	
19b - Disabling Conditions and Income for Adults at Exit									

# ATTACHMENT 2

20b - Number of Non-Cash Benefit Sources				
	Benefit at Start	Benefit at Latest Annual Assessment for Stayers	Benefit at Exit for Leavers	
No Sources	1	0	0	
1 + Source(s)	3	0	1	
Client Doesn't Know/Client Refused	0	0	0	
Data Not Collected/Not stayed long enough for Annual Assessment	0	3	0	
Total	4	3	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 explanations will be considered.

## SECTION 1: LOW BARRIERS TO PROJECT ENTRY

- 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 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

- A2. Will/Does the project prohibit persons with certain criminal convictions (e.g. violent felonies, arson) from entering your project (*excluding registered sexual offender/predator for site-based projects with legal requirements*)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

- A3. Will/Does the project require participants to be clean and sober prior to project entry and/or during project stay?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

- A4. Will/Does the project require alcohol/drug tests on participants suspected of being under the influence?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

- A5. Will/Does a positive alcohol/drug test result in termination from the project and/or require participant to participate in substance abuse treatment and/or detox to resume project services?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

- A6. Will/Does the project require participants to have a mental health evaluation prior to project entry?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

- A7. Will/Does the project require project participants who demonstrate mental health symptoms to participate in mental health services and/or medication compliance (*excluding those who present a danger to self or others*) as a condition of services?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

- A8. Will/Does the project require participants to have income at time of project entry?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_


- A9. Will/Does the project exclude participants who do not have a form of identification?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_


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# 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 1  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 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_


A12. Will/Does the project prohibit any member(s) of a household (as defined by the household), based on age, gender, biological relationship and/or marital status, from residing together at the project?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

A13. Will/Does the project exclude any family composition type: single dad, single mom, same gender couples, opposite-gender couples, multi-generational, and non-romantic groups who present for services as a family?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  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 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 2: PREVENTING UNDUE TERMINATION

B1.

Will/Does the project require participants to obtain an income as a condition of remaining in the project?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

B2. Will/Does the project require participants to participate in supportive services (such as vocational training, employment preparation, budgeting or life skills classes; not including required case management meetings) as a condition of continued services?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

B3. Will/Does the project require participants to be 'progressing' in their goals in order to remain in the project?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No 1  Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 1



- 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 1

Inconsistent \_\_\_\_\_



SECTION 1: 7.00 (7 available)

SECTION 2: 2.00 (2.5 available)

TOTAL: 9.00 (9.5 available) This score carries over to the Project Performance tab.





## Amanda Erwin

**From:** Amanda Erwin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 1:38 PM  
**To:** Jerry L. Gille; James.Gatti@va.gov; donal@jvilleccf.org; JFennewald@morgancounty-il.com; Executive Director; Marc Mercado  
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MCS	PSH 2	36.0	Accepted	Renewal	3	\$ 79,193	\$ -
MCS	PSH 1	36.0	Accepted	Renewal	4	\$ 11,484	\$ -
MCS	PSH 1	36.0	Accepted	Renewal	4	\$ 12,527	\$ -
YWCA Quincy	PSH C	37.5	Accepted	Renewal	5	\$ 32,932	\$ -
YWCA Quincy	PSH D	24.5	Accepted	New - Bonus	6	\$ 64,616	\$ -
YWCA Quincy	CoC Planning		Accepted		Unranked	\$ 50,000	
			IL-519 TIER 1 [94% ARD]			\$ 603,945	
			IL-519 TIER 2 [(ARD - Tier 1) + Bonus] REQU			\$ 45,459	
			IL-519 AVAILABLE BONUS			\$ 64,758	
			IL-519 RANKED PROJECTS			\$ 714,020	
			IL-519 FY19 TOTAL			\$ 764,020	

CONGRATULATIONS!

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						IL-519 TIER 2 [(ARD - Tier 1) + Bonus] REQU	\$ 45,459
						IL-519 AVAILABLE BONUS	\$ 64,758
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						IL-519 FY19 TOTAL	\$ 764,020

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**FY23 COC COMPETITION PRIORITY LISTING**

A full description of Tier 1 and Tier 2 can be found in the FY23 CoC Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

***Tier 1***

Tier 1 is equal to 100 percent of the combined Annual Renewal Amounts for all projects eligible for renewal for the first time, plus 94 percent of the combined Annual Renewal Amounts for all other projects eligible for renewal. Project applications in Tier 1 will be conditionally selected from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC, provided the project applications pass both eligibility and quality threshold review. Any type of new or renewal project application can be placed in Tier 1, except for CoC Planning and UFA Costs (if applicable), which are not ranked. However in the event insufficient funding is available to award all Tier 1 projects, Tier 1 will be reduced proportionately, which could result in some Tier 1 project falling into Tier 2.

***Tier 2***

Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC's ARD plus any amount available for CoC Bonus projects (not including amounts available for DV Bonus projects) and before adjustments are made to permanent housing leasing, operating, and rental assistance budget line items based on changes to Fair Market Rent (FMR) as described in Section III.K of this NOFA. This does not include the amounts available for CoC Planning and UFA Costs (if applicable) projects. Project applications placed in Tier 2 will be assessed for eligibility and threshold requirements, and funding will be determined using the CoC Application score as well as the factors listed in Section II.B.10 of this NOFA.

AGENCY	PROJECT	SCORE	A/R	STATUS	RANK	FY23 REQUEST	REALLOCATION	
YWCA Quincy	PSH A	39.5	Accepted	Renewal	<b>1</b>	\$ 152,513	\$ -	Tier 1
YWCA Quincy	PSH B	32.5	Accepted	Renewal	<b>2</b>	\$ 360,755	\$ -	
MCS	PSH 2	36.0	Accepted	Renewal	<b>3</b>	\$ 79,193	\$ -	
MCS	PSH 1	36.0	Accepted	Renewal	<b>4</b>	\$ 11,484	\$ -	
MCS	PSH 1	36.0	Accepted	Renewal	<b>4</b>	\$ 12,527	\$ -	Tier 2
YWCA Quincy	PSH C	37.5	Accepted	Renewal	<b>5</b>	\$ 32,932	\$ -	
YWCA Quincy	PSH D	24.5	Accepted	New - Bonus	<b>6</b>	\$ 64,616	\$ -	
YWCA Quincy	CoC Planning		Accepted		<i>Unranked</i>	\$ 50,000		
						\$ 603,945		
						\$ 45,459		
						\$ 64,758		
						\$ 701,493		
						\$ 751,493		

**IL-519 certifies that the projects included in the above Priority Listing are necessary in order to prevent, address, and end homelessness in West Central Illinois.**

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Due to the large geographic area covered, the WCICCC is broken down into three sub-regions. The boundary of the sub-regions corresponds to the service area of the three community action agencies in the region. By breaking the region into sub-regions, gaps and other homelessness issues are easier to analyze.

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The **FY23 Continuum of Care Competition** is now open! Project applications will be accepted until close of business on **August 29, 2023**. See the CoC Funding Competition tab or contact [AmandaErwin@ywcaquincy.org](mailto:AmandaErwin@ywcaquincy.org) for more information.

The **FY23 Continuum of Care Competition CoC-Approved Consolidated Application** is now available on the "CoC Funding Competition" tab!

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The FY23 CoC Consolidated Application is now available for review and feedback! Please visit the "CoC Funding Application" tab on WCICCC.com; the document is available for download. Be forewarned – the document is 150 pages

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If your agency would like to apply for HUD Continuum of Care funding for any of the following allowable project types in next year's CoC application, let's start talking now!!!!

- **Permanent Supportive Housing:** long-term subsidized housing and case management supports for those experiencing both homelessness and a disability/disabling condition; housing subsidy can be either rental assistance (25% match) or leasing the structure and subleasing to the client (no match)
- **Rapid Rehousing:** time-limited (up 3 months or up to 24 months) rental assistance and case management supports; leased by resident
- **Joint Transitional – Rapid Rehousing: Transitional:** housing used as a bridge to get folks off the street/out of emergency shelter while they look for a rental unit of their own; they are then eligible for the rapid rehousing assistance; whole tenure in program is max 2 years.
- **DV Bonus PSH, RRH, Joint TH-RRH:** same as above, but fleeing DV, SA, stalking is part of the eligibility criteria
- **Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry:** not housing funding – coordinating assessment & access to housing and services
- **Homeless Management Information System:** not housing funding - HMIS data management only

THANK YOU!

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## 2023 HDX Competition Report

### PIT Count Data for IL-519 - West Central Illinois CoC

#### Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	113	111	97	95
Emergency Shelter Total	58	76	53	59
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	52	34	39	34
Total Sheltered Count	110	110	92	93
Total Unsheltered Count	3	1	5	2

#### Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	3	3	0	4
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	3	2	0	3
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	0	1	0	1

## 2023 HDX Competition Report

### PIT Count Data for IL-519 - West Central Illinois CoC

#### Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	10	17	13	10
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	10	17	13	10
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	0	0	0	0

#### Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011 PIT	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	4	2	7	0	2
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	2	2	7	0	2
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	2	0	0	0	0

\*For CoCs that did not conduct an unsheltered count in 2021, 2020 data were used.

## 2023 HDX Competition Report

### HIC Data for IL-519 - West Central Illinois CoC

#### HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	58	26	36	72.22%	22	22	100.00%	48	82.76%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	51	25	32	78.13%	19	19	100.00%	44	86.27%
RRH Beds	14	13	13	100.00%	1	1	100.00%	14	100.00%
PSH Beds	88	88	88	100.00%	0	0	NA	88	100.00%
OPH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
Total Beds	211	152	169	89.94%	42	42	100.00%	194	91.94%

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### HIC Data for IL-519 - West Central Illinois CoC

#### Notes

\*For OPH Beds, this does NOT include any beds that are Current, Non-VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

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In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").

In the HIC, Current beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

#### PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	43	43	43	43

#### Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Units Dedicated to Persons in Household with Children

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	2	1	3	0

#### Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	6	15	25	14

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# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

### Summary Report for IL-519 - West Central Illinois CoC

#### Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than October, 1, 2012.

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

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

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

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	492	449	33	38	5	24	21	-3
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	492	449	34	38	4	25	21	-4

b. Due to changes in DS Element 3.17, metrics for measure (b) will not be reported in 2016.

This measure includes data from each client's "Length of Time on Street, in an Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven" (Data Standards element 3.17) response and prepends this answer to the client's entry date effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

NOTE: Due to the data collection period for this year's submission, the calculations for this metric are based on the data element 3.17 that was active in HMIS from 10/1/2015 to 9/30/2016. This measure and the calculation in the SPM specifications will be updated to reflect data element 3.917 in time for next year's submission.

## 2023 HDX Competition Report

### FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	528	508	167	198	31	35	34	-1
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	562	508	167	198	31	35	34	-1

## 2023 HDX Competition Report

### FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

#### Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness

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

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
		FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	3	2	67%	0	0%	0	0%	2	67%
Exit was from ES	243	11	5%	8	3%	14	6%	33	14%
Exit was from TH	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	60	1	2%	8	13%	2	3%	11	18%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	308	14	5%	16	5%	16	5%	46	15%

#### Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

##### Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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### FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

This measures the change in PIT counts of sheltered and unsheltered homeless person as reported on the PIT (not from HMIS).

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	111	97	-14
Emergency Shelter Total	76	53	-23
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	34	39	5
Total Sheltered Count	110	92	-18
Unsheltered Count	1	5	4

### Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	522	504	-18
Emergency Shelter Total	522	504	-18
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	0	0	0

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### FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	11	10	-1
Number of adults with increased earned income	3	2	-1
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	27%	20%	-7%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	11	10	-1
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	4	4	0
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	36%	40%	4%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	11	10	-1
Number of adults with increased total income	6	5	-1
Percentage of adults who increased total income	55%	50%	-5%

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### FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

#### Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	14	21	7
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	3	3	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	21%	14%	-7%

#### Metric 4.5 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	14	21	7
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	3	5	2
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	21%	24%	3%

#### Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	14	21	7
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	5	8	3
Percentage of adults who increased total income	36%	38%	2%

## 2023 HDX Competition Report

### FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

#### Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time

Metric 5.1 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	499	480	-19
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	73	87	14
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	426	393	-33

Metric 5.2 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, TH, and PH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	548	551	3
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	92	98	6
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	456	453	-3

## 2023 HDX Competition Report

### FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

#### Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD's Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

This Measure is not applicable to CoCs in FY2022 (Oct 1, 2021 - Sept 30, 2022) reporting period.

#### Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

Metric 7a.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	4	8	4
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	4	1	-3
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	0	0	0
% Successful exits	100%	13%	-87%

Metric 7b.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

## 2023 HDX Competition Report

### FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	484	471	-13
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	265	300	35
% Successful exits	55%	64%	9%

#### Metric 7b.2 – Change in exit to or retention of permanent housing

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	66	101	35
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	62	96	34
% Successful exits/retention	94%	95%	1%

# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality

### IL-519 - West Central Illinois CoC

	All ES, SH			All TH			All PSH, OPH			All RRH			All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	48	21	36	36	41	37	101	95	88	3	15	20			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	26	21	26	24	29	28	101	95	88	3	15	20			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC ( % )	54.17	100.00	72.22	66.67	70.73	75.68	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	236	376	504	70	1	0	109	92	116	39	54	72	0	13	8
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	226	346	462	63	0	0	51	28	46	37	38	61	0	4	3
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	62	124	89	12	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	3
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	27.43	35.84	19.26	19.05			1.96	3.57	8.70	0.00	0.00	3.28		0.00	100.00

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**FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality**

## 2023 HDX Competition Report

### Submission and Count Dates for IL-519 - West Central Illinois CoC

#### Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/25/2023	

#### Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/26/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/26/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/27/2023	Yes

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between YWCA Quincy and Transitions of Western Illinois is entered into on September 12, 2023 and will be updated annually thereafter.

YWCA QUINCY will administer Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program Permanent Supportive Housing to up to 30 qualifying participants through their PSH A, B, C, and D projects. 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 up to 30 YWCA Quincy Permanent Supportive Housing A, B, C, and D participants with the following services between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025:

Service	Total Cost	Medicaid/ Non HUD Funded	YWCA Quincy BTG 5k funding
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
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$689,052</b>	<b>\$562,697</b>	<b>\$ 126,355</b>

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 Bridge the Gap to Health 5k funds.

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

  
 YWCA Quincy

9/14/2023

Date

  
 Transitions of Western Illinois

9/20/23

Date

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Two Rivers Regional Council and IL-519 West Central Illinois Continuum of Care is entered into on 9/14/23 and will be updated annually thereafter.

IL-519 West Central Illinois Continuum of Care will refer shelter and housing program participants in need of employment and education services to Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials; some individuals experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity may self-refer. Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials is invited to participate in collaborative case conferencing for problem-solving on shared participants, provided the participant signs a release of information.

Two Rivers Regional Council Intake Department will assess the needs of each participant and provide them with education and employment services from the list below. Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials will provide approximately 25 individuals with services between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025:

- Assessment: \$250.00
- Supportive Services: \$2,500.00
- Mileage & Childcare: \$5,000.00
- Classroom Training: \$12,000.00

The estimated total value of services is up to \$493,750.00.

  
IL-519 West Central Illinois Continuum of Care  
Date 9/14/23

  
Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials  
Date 9/14/23

Quincy Legal Partnership  
Memorandum of Agreement

This Memorandum of Agreement outlines the responsibilities of the Quincy Legal Partnership (QLP) among Quanada, Land of Lincoln Legal Aid (LOLLA), and Ascend Justice (AJ).

1. Purpose - The QLP is a legal-social services partnership aimed at meeting the needs of survivors of gender-based violence in and around Quincy, Illinois. The purpose of the QLP is to address the legal desert for survivors of gender-based violence in and around Quincy, Illinois; provide legal services through LOLLA and AJ attorneys; and positively impact the local legal culture through practice change and other advocacy efforts. The QLP will explore the efficacy of a hybrid model of representation through in-person and remote legal services within a partnership involving a domestic violence services organization.
2. Structure - The partnership is funded by two grants from the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) to Quanada and Ascend Justice respectively. Quanada will subcontract with LOLLA. The grants are legislatively appropriated state dollars and do not include VOCA or VAWA funding. The grants are intended to be used to launch and implement the QLP.
  - a. IDHS grant to Quanada to subcontract with LOLLA:
    - i. The IDHS grant to Quanada funds a subcontract with LOLLA to support non-personnel costs associated with opening and maintaining a legal office (rent, insurance, supplies, etc.) in Quincy, Illinois and the hiring and employment of the following positions:
      1. Two family law / OP attorneys,
      2. 1 caseworker who will serve as part of the LOLLA legal team,
      3. 1 paralegal, and
      4. 1 secretary.
    - ii. Quanada and LOLLA will enter a subcontractor agreement.
  - b. IDHS grant to AJ:
    - i. The IDHS grant to AJ funds the hiring and employment of one family defense attorney, and technical assistance, program support and consulting, and evaluation.
  - c. Quanada will refer clients for legal services. Through internal intake processes and determinations, LOLLA can provide legal services and representation as well as caseworker support to clients on family law and Order of Protection matters, and AJ can provide legal services and representation on family defense, immigration, and economic justice matters. If resources allow, AJ will provide client support coordinator support for family defense, immigration and economic justice matters.
3. Mutual Responsibilities of the Partners - All of the partners agree to the following:
  - a. Collaborate with the partnership to provide holistic legal services through a hybrid model to survivors of gender-based violence in and around Quincy, Illinois;

- b. Use the funds only for the purposes stated in the award notification from IDHS;
- c. Comply with the ethical obligations of each organization's respective professional field;
- d. Provide supervision and oversight to each agency's own employees who are participating in the QLP;
- e. Develop a program plan that outlines the specific operations and structures of the QLP;
- f. Develop any forms or documents necessary to the launch and implementation of the QLP;
- g. Furnish any required or agreed upon data or reporting for the grant and participate in any programmatic evaluation efforts; and
- h. Hold the grantor and each QLP partner and their officers, directors and employees, harmless from any claim, causes of action, damages, costs and expenses (including expenses for reasonable attorneys' fees), of whatever nature, arising out of, or in connection with, the programs of the QLP or the use of the grant funds.

**ACCEPTED:** Quanada



(Signature)

Megan Duesterhaus

(Name)

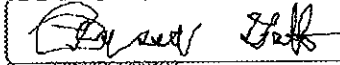
CEO

(Title)

12/20/2022

(Date)

**ACCEPTED:** Land of Lincoln Legal Aid



(Signature)

Clarissa Gaff

(Name)

Executive Director

(Title)

12/20/2022

(Date)

**ACCEPTED:** Ascend Justice



(Signature)

Margaret Duval

(Name)

Executive Director

(Title)

12/20/2022

(Date)

**FY24 SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG) CONTRACT EXECUTION PAGE**

**WHEREAS** the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault [hereinafter "ICASA"], is a statewide organization of community-based sexual assault crisis centers; and,

**WHEREAS** ICASA has contracted for funding with the Illinois Department of Human Services; and,

**WHEREAS** Quanada Sexual Assault Program – Quincy [hereinafter "CENTER"] has applied for a portion of said funds to provide supportive services to sexual assault victims, significant others and the community; and

**NOW THEREFORE** ICASA and CENTER agree as follows:

CENTER agrees to provide services in accordance with the attached **FY24 ICASA/Rape Crisis Center SSBG Contract (ICASA-SSBG-24)** and acknowledges receipt of the ICASA Policy and Procedures Manual [hereinafter "ICASA P&P Manual"]. CENTER agrees to provide all services in accordance with the definitions and standards listed in the manual. References to certain sections of the manual are not limiting but for identification only.

**1. CERTIFICATIONS: UEI NUMBER; SAM REGISTRATION; NATURE OF ENTITY**

Under penalties of perjury, Center certifies that (i) it is registered with SAM and **KW1VKZGRMRN5** is Center's correct UEI number, that **37-1097200** is Center's correct FEIN or Social Security Number, and that Center has an active State registration and SAM registration.

**2. TERM/PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE AND COSTS INCURRED**

This Contract shall be effective **July 1, 2023** and shall expire **December 31, 2023** for all SSBG funds listed below, unless terminated pursuant to this Agreement. ICASA shall not be responsible for costs incurred before the effective date or after termination pursuant to the terms of this Contract.

**3. AMOUNT OF AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT**

The maximum amounts payable by ICASA to CENTER under this Contract is **\$28,762** for SSBG funds.

**4. NOTICES**

All notices required or desired to be sent by either party shall be sent to the following respective addresses unless otherwise notified in writing:

ICASA  
Carrie Ward, Chief Executive Officer  
Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
100 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62703-1102  
217/753-4117

CENTER  
Quanada Sexual Assault Program  
2707 Maine Street  
Quincy IL 62301  
(217) 222-0069  
Contact Person: *Amanda Carpenter*

The undersigned authorized representatives of ICASA and the CENTER certify that they have read all terms listed above and on the attached FY24 ICASA/Rape Crisis Center SSBG Contract and agree to abide by all said terms.

**Authorized Representatives for CENTER:**

*Margaret Duesth* *Chief Exec. Officer* *9/19/23*  
Name Title Date

**Authorized Representative for ICASA:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Title Date

**FY24 ICASA/RAPE CRISIS CENTER VAWA SASP CONTRACT EXECUTION PAGE**

**WHEREAS** the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault [hereinafter "ICASA"], is a statewide organization of community-based sexual assault crisis centers; and,

**WHEREAS** ICASA has contracted for funding with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority; and,

**WHEREAS** Quanaa Sexual Assault Program- Quincy [hereinafter "CENTER"] has applied for a portion of said funds to provide supportive services to sexual assault victims, significant others and the community;

**NOW THEREFORE** ICASA and CENTER agree as follows:

CENTER agrees to provide services in accordance with the attached **FY24 ICASA/Rape Crisis Center VAWA SASP Contract (ICASA-VAWA SASP-24)** and acknowledges receipt of the ICASA Policy and Procedures Manual [hereinafter "ICASA P&P Manual"]. CENTER agrees to provide all services in accordance with the definitions and standards listed in the manual. References to certain sections of the manual are not limiting but for identification only.

**1. CERTIFICATIONS: UEI NUMBER; SAM REGISTRATION; NATURE OF ENTITY**

Under penalties of perjury, Center certifies that (i) it is registered with SAM and **KW1VKZGRMRN5** is Center's correct UEI number, that **37-1097200** is Center's correct FEIN or Social Security Number, and that Center has an active State registration and SAM registration.

**2. TERM/PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE AND COSTS INCURRED**

This Contract shall be effective **July 1, 2023** and shall expire **December 31, 2023** for all VAWA SASP funds listed below, unless terminated pursuant to this Agreement. ICASA shall not be responsible for costs incurred before the effective date or after termination pursuant to the terms of this Contract.

**3. AMOUNT OF AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT**

The maximum amounts payable by ICASA to CENTER under this Contract is **\$15,000** for VAWA SASP funds.

**4. NOTICES**

All notices required or desired to be sent by either party shall be sent to the following respective addresses unless otherwise notified in writing:

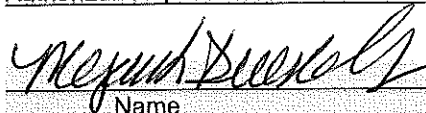
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217/753-4117

CENTER  
Quanaa Sexual Assault Program  
2707 Maine Street  
Quincy IL 62301  
(217) 222-0069

Contact Person: Amanda Carpenter

The undersigned authorized representatives of ICASA and the CENTER certify that they have read all terms listed above and on the attached FY24 ICASA/Rape Crisis Center VAWA SASP Contract and agree to abide by all said terms.

**Authorized Representatives for CENTER:**

 Chief Exec. Officer 9/18/23  
Name Title Date

**Authorized Representative for ICASA:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Executive Officer

# Genesis Garden

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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.

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

Maggie Brooks 9/8/22

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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## Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of this agreement between Genesis Garden and Housing Authority of McDonough County (HAMC), a HUD funded organization with 303 units across four communities for low-income households, 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 who are appropriate for housing under HAMC policy and HUD guidelines for income/eligibility of subsidized housing. Genesis Garden agrees to support referred households to HAMC through our Rapid Re-Housing program and will serve as a mediator should issues arise between household and property management during the household's involvement in the RRH program. Genesis Garden agrees to accept referrals from HAMC of households 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 HAMC in referring to alternative providers to support individuals/households in need of Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-Housing or Homeless Prevention Services.

HAMC agrees to maintain current HUD guidelines for sustainable, safe and subsidized housing for low-income households. HAMC agrees to maintain rental fee scheduled based on household size and income as required by HUD. HAMC agrees to prioritize appropriate referrals from Genesis Garden and place referrals on or near the top of the waiting list for subsidized housing at their properties, per HUD and organizational policy of prioritization for households experiencing homelessness. HAMC agrees to coordinate with Genesis Garden during times in which Section 8 applications are open to the public. In the event that HAMC cannot provide housing for referrals, HAMC agrees to coordinate with Genesis Garden in order to make appropriate referrals to alternative subsidized housing communities.

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

*Annette Carper* 9-8-22

Annette Carper  
Executive Director, FOIA Officer  
Housing Authority of McDonough County  
322 West Piper Street  
Macomb, Illinois 61455

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## Memorandum of Understanding

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-Housing or Homeless Prevention Services.

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

# Genesis Garden

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## Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of this agreement between Genesis Garden and Jefferson House, a HUD funded community for low income senior or disabled households, is to show partnership of referral and providing services available within the two organizations in their shared catchment area.

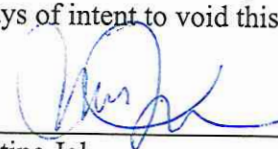
Genesis Garden agrees to refer individuals who are appropriate for housing under Jefferson House policy and HUD guidelines for income/eligibility of subsidized housing. Genesis Garden agrees to support referred households to Jefferson House through our Rapid Re-Housing program and will serve as a mediator should issues arise between household and property management during the households involvement in the RRH program. Genesis Garden agrees to accept referrals from Jefferson House of households 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 Jefferson House in referring to alternative providers to support individuals/households in need of Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-Housing or Homeless Prevention Services.

Jefferson House agrees to maintain current HUD guidelines for sustainable, safe and subsidized housing for seniors and households with documented disabilities. Jefferson House agrees to maintain rental fee scheduled based on household size and income as required by HUD. Jefferson House agrees to prioritize appropriate referrals from Genesis Garden and place referrals on or near the top of the waiting list for subsidized housing at their property, per HUD and organizational policy of prioritization for households experiencing homelessness. In the event that Jefferson House cannot provide housing for referrals, Jefferson House agrees to coordinate with Genesis Garden in order to make appropriate referrals to alternative subsidized housing communities.

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

  
Justine John  
Property Manager  
Jefferson House, SHP  
900 East Jefferson Street  
Macomb, Illinois 61455

8/30/22  
Date



204 W Jefferson St, Macomb, IL 61455 Phone 309.836.5202

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May 26, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of Genesis Garden, advocating for their continued support and funding. I have worked very closely with Genesis Garden on initiatives aimed to increase the quality of life for the citizens that we serve in the City of Macomb and surrounding counties.

As we take pride in protecting and serving the Macomb community, this requires that we provide guidance and resources to the community as needed. We often collaborate and reach out to Genesis Garden as their services are vital to the Macomb community.

Their various programs have been invaluable to the community through housing assistance, food assistance, and other community projects.

Please, let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julia Albarracin'. The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Julia Albarracin

Executive Director

# Macomb Police Department

120 S. McArthur Street • Macomb, Illinois 61455  
cityofmacomb.com/police-department

(309) 833-4505  
Fax (309) 836-2765

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May 26, 2023

Dear ESG Staff and Personnel,

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of Genesis Garden, advocating for their continued support and funding through the ESG program. As the Community Service, Diversity, and Recruitment Officer (CSDRO) for the City of Macomb Police Department, I have worked very closely with Genesis Garden to increase the quality of life for the citizens of our community.

In the CSDRO position, I work closely with Genesis Garden on several projects. Together, we can and do home our homeless community members. We work very well together on more than just housing. We are able to discuss and identify those in need of services and ways to reach out to them. We also work on getting all the resources needed for the future success of our clients. We have collaborated on providing furniture and household items to clients in need, organizing funding and bed building for children, and work together with the Macomb Area Housing and Homelessness providers to continue to address and combat the homelessness we see in our community.

The Macomb Police Department is lucky to have such a valuable organization as a part of our community. I believe that our small, rural community would suffer greatly without the benefit of Genesis Garden. Please continue to support this agency in your funding as they are vital to our social services community.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,



Sally Viguzzi  
Community Service, diversity, and Recruitment Officer  
Macomb Police Department  
120 S McArthur St.  
Macomb, IL 61455  
309-833-4505 ext. 8253  
sviguzzi@macombpolice.com



McDonough County United Way  
440 N. Lafayette, Suite 106, Macomb, IL 61455  
309-837-9180

June 15, 2022

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)  
Division of Family & Community Services  
Department of Human Services  
823 N. Monroe Street  
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear ESG Program Staff:

Re: Genesis House – Letter of Support

As the Executive Director of the McDonough County United Way, I am writing this letter of support for Genesis Garden in their application for ESG funding for Genesis House shelter.

United Way's mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our communities to advance the common good. We are a collective group of donors, advocates, volunteers, and partners who fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person.

Genesis Garden's Genesis House shelter for families experiencing homelessness in our county is filling a crucial gap in services in Macomb, helping families stabilize after a housing crisis. Their services prove to be a necessity for those in our community.

Genesis Garden has been a multi-year recipient of funding through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP), which we administer. We appreciate having the services of Genesis House in this community.

Sincerely,

**Jill Beck**

Jill Beck  
Executive Director  
McDonough County United Way