

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

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: IA-502 - Des Moines/Polk County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: City of Des Moines

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Institute for Community Alliances

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)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	No
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	No
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	No
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	No
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	No
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	No
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

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) New members are solicited monthly at Homeward (the CoC Lead) meetings. Access to membership is facilitated by posting the membership form and CoC committee opportunities on the Homeward website. Staff post announcements of board openings and community meetings on the Homeward website as well as circulating announcements among existing board members, service providers (HUD- and non-HUD- funded), current CoC members, social media, and local government officials with a request to post and circulate notification within their networks. Open board slots are announced at CoC meetings and committee meetings attended by board members and non-board members, posted on the website, posted on local volunteer websites, and shared via social media. Homeward staff and the Youth Action Council have presented to local organizations, local universities, neighborhood associations, employers, and local civil rights symposium where information about the CoC and invitations to participate have been shared.

2) The board packets, invitations to participate, standards, and policies and procedures are posted on the Homeward website in PDF format. Language is included at the bottom of Homeward staff emails and on the Homeward website explaining how people with hearing or speech impairments, as well as non-English speaking people, can obtain copies of materials released by Homeward and the Board.

3) Approximately 12% of the CoC’s population is people of color. However, they represent 45% of the people served in the homeless system. Specific invitations have been given verbally and via email to local organizations that serve people of color, people who identify as LGBTQ+, and people with disabilities to participate in Homeward committees and work groups. Example: a local provider for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking for Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities in Iowa now attends committee meetings. Specific focus has been made on adding diversity to the Homeward board. The Homeward staff reached out to the Iowa Youth Homeless Center & the Youth Action Council to recruit a youth to serve on the Homeward Board. After specific recruitment outreach to local cultural organizations and partners, 24% of our board identifies as people of color. A representative from the Refugee & Immigrants Voices in Action joined the Homeward board. People who identify as immigrant, having lived experience, and LGBTQ+ also serve on the board.

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) Public input is sought at monthly Homeward (CoC Lead) board & committee (that initiate many Homeward initiatives) meetings. Most comm. members are non-Homeward members but represent orgs. that address homelessness. A Youth Action Council (YAC), formed in 2016, meets bi-weekly & makes input into strategies to address youth homelessness (YH). During recent work on YHDP projects, a workgroup of over 45 community & YAC members met regularly to initiate action items on YH prevention goals. In 2022, Homeward raised funds & contracted with Drake Univ. to conduct surveys & in-depth qualitative interviews with unsheltered Polk County people. Findings & recommendations were shared in Jan. 2023 with communities, municipalities & service providers. Two workgroups resulted from feedback in the study. Semi-annual surveys offered to clients seek feedback on the CI experience. 2) Invitations to participate are sent to numerous stakeholders including cultural organizations, issued in open board, committee & YAC meetings, social media, & newsletter. Information about activities & programs to end homelessness, including CoC sponsored training events to improve skills of those working with homelessness, & information & invitations to participate is communicated at open Board & Committee meetings. Staff present information about Homeward & CoC & request input in local city council meetings, symposia, & panels. 3) Board packets, standards, & policies & procedures are posted on the Homeward website. Language is included at the end of Homeward staff emails & on the Homeward website explaining how people with hearing or speech impairments, as well as non-English speaking people, can obtain copies of materials released by Homeward & the Board. 4) Four Homeward work teams (CI, ending veteran’s homelessness, unsheltered homelessness, & equity) each meet monthly to implement & monitor strategies to prevent & end homelessness. These groups & other standing committees integrate gathered information into their planning & program development. Homeward staff, YAC, & community partners have presented to the Des Moines Human & Civil Rights symposium, post-secondary education classes, elected officials, employers, & a local fellowship on homelessness. A facilitator worked with the Directors Council to review & prioritize recommendations from the Unsheltered Study. Feedback has been gathered & multiple committee & work group volunteers have resulted from these fora.

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) Emails and the CoC Competition information included wording that stated “the CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding.” The announcement that Homeward is hosting an open meeting to learn about submitting a full application, for both currently funded agencies and agencies that have not previously received CoC funding, was posted on Homeward’s website, Facebook, & Twitter. The announcement was also sent to Homeward/CoC members, service providers (HUD- & non-HUD- funded) & local government officials with a request to post & circulate within their networks. 2) The open meeting, a publicly accessible forum, included a review of the process for applicants to submit their project applications. The open meeting agenda, which contains a link to the project application and instructions on how the project application must be submitted, was also posted on Homeward’s website. 3) The open meeting also included a review of the application scoring process and an explanation of how the project applications would be submitted to HUD in rank order by score, highest to lowest. Documents explaining the process for ranking and prioritizing of projects were available on the website in draft form for review. The final version of the process was posted on the website after Homeward board approval. 4) The 2023 HUD CoC Competition documents are posted on the Homeward website in accessible PDF format. Information on how to access materials by TTY, or if non-English speaking, is listed on the Homeward’s website, meeting announcements, Homeward staff email signatures & requests for public input.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	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)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	No
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Nonexistent
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

18.	Iowa Legal Aid, Housing Trust Fund, local advocates to prevent homelessness and evictions	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) Homeward (CoC lead agency) and the City of Des Moines (local ESG recipient) have formed an Integrated Grant Committee (IGC) composed of city staff and Homeward's Grant Committee (GC). IGC functions include (a) Setting priorities, informed by HMIS data, for ESG-eligible activities to be funded & the % of total ESG allocation designated to each eligible program type, and (b) Reviewing subrecipient application requests & recommending projects for funding to the Homeward Board (to be approved by Des Moines City Council). From April - June 2023, the IGC oversaw the application process for the 2023-2024 ESG application round. 2) The IGC also determines performance evaluation standards for ESG-funded activities, based on HUD criteria & Homeward performance measures. These standards are used by the IGC to evaluate ESG-funded programs as part of the local application review process. ESG-funded projects are also included in the DSM/PC CoC's Performance Management Plan which includes Homeward staff reviewing a quarterly HMIS-generated monitoring report which provides project level performance information; the GC completing an annual on-site visit of each project; and staff/GC identifying any consistently underperforming projects and targeting them for development of a Quality Improvement Plan. 3) HMIS Lead provided HIC data to City of Des Moines on 3/8/23 for CAPER and PIT data for the Con Plan on 4/12/23. 4) On 3/21/23, Homeward staff provided information on homeless goals to the City of Des Moines for the Con Plan Annual Action Plan.

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

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)	Yes
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)

Homeward’s annual Memorandum of Understanding with Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS), the largest public school district in Polk County, formalizes a partnership between DMPS & the Continuum of Care to ensure data sharing, regular collaboration, & ongoing conversations. DMPS provided extensive data on numbers of students experiencing, or at-risk of, homelessness during the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) planning process. Since implementation of YHDP programs, Homeward and DMPS have continued to share data. During the 2022-2023 school year, DMPS provided data detailing the number of students experiencing homelessness & their living situation (shelter, couch surfing, doubled up, etc). By partnering to share & analyze this information, Homeward was able to better assess the needs of at-risk youth & families in the community. Data were also shared with a local youth provider for strategic planning & grant submission purposes.

In addressing a local need, DMPS partnered with Centralized Intake to administer a homelessness prevention program for school district families. They made referrals to CI & focused on large families at risk of homelessness. The community has a significant gap of available 3 & 4 bedroom apartments. Keeping families housed is less traumatic & more beneficial to families than taking months to find a new home.

Partnership with DMPS has evolved to include regular opportunities for collaboration & conversation. In 2022, the DMPS District homeless liaison joined the Homeward Board of Directors to enhance connections between the district, CoC, and providers. This leadership role further formalizes the partnership between our two entities & ensures that information, best practices, & resources can be shared in a timely manner to support youth & families experiencing homelessness. Representatives from DMPS also partner with Homeward on efforts to improve the homeless response system. In 2021, Homeward formed a Youth Homelessness Prevention Workgroup to strengthen upstream interventions to prevent youth from experiencing homelessness. This group continues to meet quarterly and includes a wide array of youth-specific stakeholders including representatives from DMPS and other Polk County school districts such as Urbandale, Saydel, and Dallas Center-Grimes. The strong presence of education & school district partners in this workgroup has spurred new innovations, ideas, & planning for the future of youth services in Polk County

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)

On 9/12/16, Homeward implemented a policy to ensure all children & unaccompanied youth up to age 21 are enrolled in school, or in early childhood programs, and are connected to appropriate community education related services. By Iowa law a person is eligible to get a high school diploma up to age 21, and Des Moines Public Schools have reengagement programs that target people to 21. The policy specifies (a) At least one staff person in CoC or ESG funded program be familiar with parent & student rights under EHCY Act; (b) Within 24 hours of entering a program, parents be assisted to enroll their children in school; (c) Any resistance met at the neighborhood school level be immediately reported to district LEA; (d) Ensure that when a family or unaccompanied youth exits a HUD homeless program, they know their rights under the EHCY Act extend until the end of the school year; (e) At least one time per year, CoC shall convene a meeting of district LEAs & HUD funded homeless programs to discuss education & early childhood issues. DSM/Polk CoC local project applications for ESG and CoC funding include a section entitled, Collaboration with Local School Districts. It requires applicants to certify they have policies & practices consistent with, and that do not restrict exercise of, rights provided under subtitle B of title VII of the Act (42 U.S.C.11432, et seq.) and other laws relating to provision of educational & related services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The applicant is required to attach the policy to their application and identify, by name and title, the person responsible for ensuring that children are enrolled in school & connected with the appropriate community services, including early childhood education programs such as Head Start, Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Act, & subtitle B of title VII of the Act (42 U.S.C. 11432, et seq.) services. All project applications included in our Priority Listing have met these requirements.

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	Yes	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.		No	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	Yes
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) Representatives of Children and Families of Iowa Domestic Violence Services (DVS) which provides shelter, RRH, TH-RRH and services; Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services (PCCAS) which provides services and support to victims of sexual assault; and EMBARC, which provides culturally specific services to DV survivors in the Burmese community are members of Homeward’s Board of Directors. These organizations provide valuable input when updating CoC and ESG program policies addressing the needs of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors as well as trauma-informed and victim-centered care. Representatives from Monsoon, who provide culturally specific services to DV survivors in the Asians and Pacific Islanders community, and from DVS participate in Homeward’s monthly Coordinated Services Committee. This committee’s focus includes reviewing and recommending to Homeward’s board changes to the Centralized Intake policies and procedures. The director of DVS attends Homeward’s monthly Directors Council meetings where policy changes, such as the HUD-prescribed written standards for ESG and CoC programs, are discussed and recommended for action by Homeward’s board. 2) Homeward collaborates with the following federally funded programs and victims service providers whose participation described below ensure that housing and services provided with ESG and CoC funding are trauma-informed and meet the needs of survivors. DVS – Participates on Homeward’s board, Directors Council and YHDP All-Grantee Meetings; PCCAS – Participates on Homeward’s board, CI Work Team and Coordinated Services Committee; EMBARC – Participates on Homeward’s board, and Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence – Their director of housing and economic justice attends Homeward’s Housing Committee meetings which recommends policy changes to Homeward’s board.

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) At least annually, staff from Children and Families of Iowa, Domestic Violence Services (DVS) provide training on best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking including trauma-informed care and victim-centered care. Trainings occurred at the October 17, 2018, April 17, 2019, October 20, 2021, and October 19, 2022 Service Council meetings. The Service Council is comprised of front-line staff from HUD and non-HUD funded programs. On an as-needed basis, shelter & housing staff reach out to DVS staff with questions specific to dv survivors currently being served in their programs. 2) CI staff attended above referenced trainings held at the October 17, 2018, April 17, 2019, October 20, 2021, and October 19, 2022 Service Council meetings. New CI staff are also trained in safety and de-escalation practices, trauma informed care and victim-centered care by Primary Healthcare (CI project administrator) leadership.

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. Children & Families of Iowa’s Domestic Violence Services (DVS) is the central point of intake for domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, &/or stalking survivors (Survivor) To ensure continued Survivor safety, those seeking assistance at Centralized Intake (CI) are given a choice about a referral to DVS. If CI staff or outreach workers engage a person self-identifying as needing domestic violence services, the staff will offer to help contact DVS. If necessary, CI will provide transportation to the domestic violence shelter. If DVS’s shelter is full, DVS and CI staff work together to identify and transport the household to another area domestic violence shelter or safe place. The CI operates under the Housing First model, thus respecting client choice. If a Survivor declines a referral to DVS, the CI case manager engages the Survivor in a diversion conversation exploring options such as: a referral to a DV program outside of Des Moines; a referral to a non-DV shelter in Des Moines; transportation assistance to another community that provides the needed safety from the abuser or where the Survivor has a natural support system; or a referral to Polk County Crisis & Advocacy for services and support. 2. Clients who want only domestic violence specific services or housing are never entered into HMIS. The client’s information is only entered into an HMIS-comparable database known as DVIMS which is only accessible by DVS and the HMIS Lead. The HMIS Lead only has access to aggregate information needed to assist DVS in system problem solving and running reports. Should a client choose to contact DVS for shelter and services but also choose to continue with CI, appropriate releases are signed with DVS so CI staff can view the completed intake and the VI-SPDAT score. When moving to non-dv shelter & housing, clients maintain choice as to personal information being entered into HMIS. Intakes are completed by authorized DVS/CI staff in private rooms to maintain client confidentiality. Hard copy case files and other personally identifiable documents are secured in locked file cabinets only accessible to the authorized DVS of CI staff. Computers are password protected to limit access by non-authorized personnel, never allowed to be left unattended with DVIMS/HMIS open and are stored in locked offices and/or file cabinets.

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) In January of 2017, Iowa launched the Domestic Violence Information Management System (DVIMS) under the direction of Iowa Finance Authority (as State ESG Grantee) and in coordination with the DSM/Polk County CoC. This network is administered by the Institute for Community Alliances (ICA) who is the HMIS Lead for both the Iowa BOS and DSM/Polk CoC. DVIMS is a separate implementation of the same tool used for HMIS but uses an "unnamed client" function to preserve the anonymity of clients who are seeking services from DV providers. De-identified aggregate data from both DVIMS and HMIS are used to assess the specialized needs of survivors experiencing homelessness. 2) ICA runs reports focused on all adults or heads of households receiving or seeking services during a specific time frame who indicated "yes" to being a domestic violence victim/survivor. They apply this methodology across coordinated entry, safe haven, transitional housing, PH (RRH & PSH), street outreach and emergency shelter projects for the general population, and across coordinated entry, transitional housing, RRH, and emergency shelter projects specifically serving DV survivors. HMIS is the de-identified aggregate data source for the general population and DVIMS is the de-identified aggregate source of data for projects specifically serving DV survivors. The need identified by this process was the principal reason the DSM/Polk CoC applied for, and successfully received, funding for a DV RRH Bonus Project in the 2018 CoC Competition, a YHDP DV TH-RRH project in 2020 and why a RRH project application for DV Bonus funds is included in this year's CoC Program application.

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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) On September 10, 2018, Homeward (CoC Lead Agency) adopted a policy to implement VAWA provisions (24 CFR Part 5, Subpart L & 81 FR 80798) for CoC & ESG-funded housing programs in the DSM/Polk County CoC (this policy has been updated to reflect changes made in VAWA 2022 legislation). The policy includes an Emergency Transfer Plan (HUD form 5381) that CoC & ESG-funded housing programs have implemented. The availability of and procedures to use the Emergency Transfer Plan are communicated to individuals and families at program enrollment. 2) All referrals for CoC-funded PSH/RRH and ESG-funded RRH, regardless of known survivor status, receive the Notice of Occupancy Rights (Form HUD-5380), which explains the VAWA protections, including the right to confidentiality, and the process for requesting to be moved to another unit. At the initial intake meeting and at the time the individual or family is admitted to the permanent housing program they also receive the Certification of Domestic Violence (form HUD-5382) form to be completed by the applicant or resident to document that they are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. When an individual or family feels unsafe in their current unit, they notify their case manager. 3) The DSM/Polk CoC's Emergency Transfer Plan policy stipulates that the program case manager assists the survivor in composing a written request for a transfer delivered to the housing provider's management office. The case manager follows up with the housing provider to ensure the transfer to another unit in the same complex or in a different complex is completed as quickly as possible. The case manager also assists the survivor in developing a safety plan until the emergency transfer takes place.

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) Children and Families of Iowa's Domestic Violence Services (DVS) refers survivors no longer in danger to ESG or non-ESG funded shelter as well as back to Centralized Intake (CI) for a referral to CoC-funded RRH & PSH programs as well as EHV and Mainstream voucher programs. In all cases, the survivors have the right of choice for services & housing. This includes whether they wish to seek housing and services from DVS or the same housing and services as all other populations experiencing homelessness. 2) The CI program manager meets monthly with DVS staff to review survivors in DVS service and housing programs who wish a referral to non-DVA services and housing. DVS informs CI staff of potential barriers to housing (e.g., poor credit or rental history caused by their perpetrator), amenities as well as the location and type of housing to meet the survivor's unique safety needs.

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) In 2022, Homeward collaborated with Drake University on an unsheltered homelessness study to obtain firsthand feedback from people with lived experience to assess the barriers/gaps in the homelessness system. The 152 people completing surveys and 37 people completing in-depth interviews included individuals who had experienced domestic violence, dating violence or sexual assault. To ensure that study participants were approached in a non-threatening way as well as treated with dignity and respect, the advanced undergraduate interviewers completed a formal training by two outreach workers which included respecting boundaries, basic rapport-building techniques and appropriate probing and follow-up questions. Survey participants were compensated with a \$10 gift card for completing the 10–15-minute survey and in-depth interview participants were compensated with a \$30 gift card for an hour-long interview. As a result of the responses received by people who had identified as having experienced sexual assault during their time of homelessness, two recommendations were included in the study and are being actively pursued – the creation of a non-congregate shelter with secure private living areas and the creation of a shelter for women and transgender individuals. 2) The formal training received by the interviewers included asking for name, gender and language preferences at the start of the survey and inquiring where the individual would feel most comfortable completing the hour-long interview. Prior to asking survey and interview questions, the interviewer read an informed consent statement to the participant which stated participation was voluntary and they could end their participation at any time, the amount they would be compensated for participating, participation will be confidential, responses would never be associated with the person’s name and the resulting report would be used for planning and advocacy. A separate consent was obtained from interview participants to use quotes or specific information about their experience noting a pseudonym would be used and their responses quoted in the report would never be associated with their name.

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)?	Yes

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) We update the document as needed. To date we have not received any stakeholder feedback regarding the policy or the need to update it. We received assistance in drafting the policy from One Iowa, whose mission is to advance, empower, and improve the lives of LGBTQ lowans statewide and would seek their assistance again if needed. 2) We provided housing and services providers a copy of Homeward's (CoC Lead Agency) antidiscrimination policy as a template. True Colors has provided training to our YHDP and CoC providers regarding LGTBQ+ and racial equity. We provide other resources to assist providers in developing their policies including verbiage from the Equal Access and Gender Identity Final Rules Iowa Civil Rights Act which incorporates gender identity and sexual orientation into its protected classes. 3) Annually the anti-discrimination policies of services providers are reviewed during the CoC and ESG application processes. 4) Non-compliance would result in loss of points in the local CoC application process. The CoC Performance Monitor plan outlines how an improvement plan is implemented and defines corrective action taken. If corrective action was not taken, it could result in the organization no longer being eligible to receive CoC funding.

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?
Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency	28%	Yes-HCV	Yes

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

Describe in the field below:

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| 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) The Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) is the only PHA in the DSM/Polk CoC geographic area and has been a participant in the CoC process since the CoC inception by HUD. The DSM/Polk CoC has been working with DMMHA to adopt a homeless admission preference for over 10 years. To date, this has resulted in several limited preferences: 2008 – DMMHA received funding for 35 VASH vouchers. Currently, they administer 165; 2011 – DMMHA implemented a Project-Based Voucher (PBV) Program awarding a total of 50 vouchers to two providers serving individuals experiencing homelessness. Central Iowa Shelter & Services received 38 while the YMCA Supportive Housing Campus received 12. DMMHA has added 6 more PBV to CISS for a total of 44. DMMHA has awarded 12 PBVs to a mixed use LIHTC project with a preference for you aging out of foster care. 2013 – DMMHA established a preference for S+C (now PSH) participants who have been in the PSH for a minimum of 3 consecutive years. 2019 – DMMHA partnered with the DSM/Polk CoC in receiving 60 Mainstream Vouchers. In 2020, an additional 18 Mainstream Vouchers were allocated to DMMHA through the CARES Act. 2021 - DMMHA partnered with the DSM/Polk CoC in receiving 120 Emergency Housing Vouchers. 2) N/A

1C-7b.	Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.	
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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.		No

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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In the chart below, indicate if your CoC includes units from the following PHA programs in your CoC's coordinated entry process:

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

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	Yes
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	EHV, FUP, Mainstream

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.	
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	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?	Yes
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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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1C-7e.1. List of PHAs with MOUs

Name of PHA: Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency

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	Yes
2. Health Care	Yes
3. Mental Health Care	No
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.	8
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.	8
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.) The DSM/PC CoC’s project application includes a list of 20 questions about practices that are inconsistent with Housing First. Answering “No” to all 20 questions is a threshold requirement for the application to move forward in the review process. Applicants are required to submit with their application a copy of their admittance, termination and termination appeal policies. Members of Homeward’s Grant Committee, that reviews, scores and ranks the applications, review the policies to verify they match answers given in the Housing First checklist. 2.) The factors encompassed in the 20 questions can be grouped as follows: Criminal background, active substance abuse/testing, untreated mental health issues, have or obtain income, service plan and goals, equal access to program and services, and exclusion of household members. 3.) As part of the DSM/PC CoC’s Performance Management Plan members of Homeward’s Grant Committee and staff complete annual on-site visits to each CoC- and ESG-funded project. Compliance with Housing First is one of the performance indicators reviewed during the on-site visit. A project found not to be operating under Housing First criteria would be required to enter a Quality Improvement Plan to correct the deficiency.

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) Street Outreach is conducted by multiple agencies: Primary Health Care, Iowa Homeless Youth Centers (IHYC), Central Iowa Shelter & Services (CISS), Bethel Mission, VA- HCHV Outreach, and JOPPA. Outreach includes engaging people at the Polk County Jail, on the street, at free meal sites, in camps located in sparsely populated wooded areas, at the Des Moines and West Des Moines libraries, and in apartments occupied by multiple youth. Every known location is documented and updated by cross talk between agency staff, with law enforcement and by word of mouth from persons already engaged. CISS's street outreach has contacts in three Des Moines suburbs who alert them to people experiencing homelessness. IHYC has expanded the hours of the drop-in center to include weekend hours. This has increased their engagement of unsheltered unaccompanied youth who need to access services over the weekend. Outreach teams meet monthly to review a by-name list of chronically homeless, report back on location and progress toward goals. Homeward (CoC Lead) receives emails from city re: camps that have been posted for cleanup. Homeward staff reach out to outreach teams to engage campers. This provides information on camp locations not previously known. 2) Street Outreach is conducted over 100% of DSM/Polk County CoC's geographic area. 3) Street outreach teams are out daily. Engagement with specific individuals occurs at least weekly and, in some instances, daily or multiple times a day depending on their needs and vulnerabilities. IHYC's outreach team alternates time of day to include some evenings. 4) Outreach staff utilize progressive engagement and are trained to engage people with cognitive disabilities and connect a person to CI for referrals on the spot by transporting the person (disabled and non-disabled) to CI, hospital or other services. Non-English-speaking persons will be assisted by bilingual staff or by use of Language Line services. Outreach staff carry a sign language sheet or have access to a sign language interpreter. Outreach staff also communicate by exchanging written messages. Outreach materials are produced in large print as needed, as well as in English and Spanish and distributed to clinics, pantries, campsites, hospitals & school SUCCESS case managers. Outreach materials can also be written in Braille, as needed, at the Iowa Department for the Blind's library.

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	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	Yes
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		
		No	No

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	331	317

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

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

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

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) Homeward (CoC Lead) committees (Coordinated Services [CSC] & Service Council [SC]) keep program staff abreast of benefit options -SNAP, SSI/SSDI, VA, TANF & substance abuse & mental health programs to pass on to program participants. Presentations by public & mainstream groups are part of committee meetings and are reflected in minutes posted on Homeward's website & emailed to committee members monthly. Information provided outside committee meetings is emailed by Homeward's ED. Homeward's website resources page provides benefits info. The ED sends updates about mainstream benefits to CoC members & announcements about the annual Iowa Housing Conference, hosted by the Iowa Finance Authority, & the Iowa-Nebraska Peer to Peer, hosted by the Omaha and Des Moines HUD Field Offices. Both meetings include workshops on accessing mainstream resources.

2) Homeward's ED met with CEO of substance abuse recovery center to explore options for collaboration, share resources, and better connect clients to services, and also provided networking opportunity for front line staff & substance abuse agency through training on harm reduction and administering naloxone. Homeward's System Streamline Subcommittee is reviewing the performance & integration of service systems that intersect with homelessness systems. Medical, including nursing homes, mental health, & substance abuse are systems of focus. The subcommittee is mapping each system by organization & intersection with homelessness system as well as inviting system representatives to discuss better integration with the homelessness system. Homeward connected UCS Healthcare mobile van, which provides free substance abuse assessments & treatment meds, Hep C & HIV testing to street outreach teams. Homeward initiated discussion with the City about UCS getting permission to enter a camp located on city property.

3) Iowa Department of HHS leads the Iowa SOAR team & Homeward staff forwards information generated by this team to the CoC. Homeward promotes SOAR certification for staff of funded projects by including points for programs that have SOAR-trained staff in scoring of the local CoC & ESG project applications. Every project listed in our Priority Listing has at least one SOAR trained staff person.

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)

During the pandemic, the use of hotels was a valuable tool for reducing the number of people in congregate shelter and allowing households to isolate when they had COVID-19. However, with the ending of FEMA funding and the large number of people to be served in congregate shelters (250 beds), the use of hotels for non-congregate shelters is no longer a cost-effective approach given the available resources.

Homeward (CoC Lead Agency) staff have been exploring alternative options for non-congregate shelter. This includes visiting Aviva Shelter in Minneapolis, MN, a Pallet shelter operated by the Gospel Mission in Everett, WA and a Tiny Home Village in Seattle, WA. Also, City of Des Moines staff have toured a Tiny Home Village in Austin, TX. Homeward and city staff are evaluating the best option for Des Moines given the hot summers and frigid winters as well as available land to site a non-congregate shelter and funds to build and operate the facility.

Earlier this year, Homeward released a study done by Drake University on unsheltered homelessness. The study was based on surveys and interviews completed by people experiencing, or having recently experienced, unsheltered homelessness. A shelter for women and transgender individuals was one of the recommendations of the study. Homeward has tasked a subcommittee with exploring the development of the shelter with one of the criteria being it is fashioned to be a non-congregate facility.

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) The CoC and community have been extremely flexible in responding to the pandemic. The experience has encouraged new collaborations and implementation of new policies. Relationships with the Polk County Health Dept. (PCHD) and Emergency Management are now more established. Homeward (CoC Lead) and service providers have participated in various emergency management planning meetings with PCHD and Emergency Management. The finalized plans were shared with the CoC members and general public. Homeward has updated policies including the Centralized Intake (CI) policy that allows the CI work group and Homeward executive committee to implement timely and quick CI decisions before finalizing them with the Board. Primary Health Care (PHC), a FQHC and CoC provider, works with local services providers and partners to set up immunization clinics around the community. PCHD shares information regarding public health campaigns with Homeward, which relays that information to service providers. 2) In partnership with Polk County, a process was created for shelters to access non-congregate hotel rooms for people with COVID-19. This process was extremely effective and can be replicated when working to prevent another infectious disease outbreak. The PCHD has met with homeless service providers many times during the COVID pandemic and during Mpox to relay information. PCHD is invited to present information to the Homeward Directors Council, which is comprised of leaders and executive directors from local homeless service providers, to educate the group when public health issues arise. PCHD and PHC worked together to create harm reduction boxes at multiple locations around Des Moines. Homeward partnered with PCHD to share information with service providers and the community about the presence of the harm reduction boxes and how to access them. Concerns about the potential increase of local HIV/AIDS cases was shared with PHC. Upon recommendation from a person with recent unsheltered experience and connections with current campers, they partnered with a local apartment complex and permanent supportive housing provider to set up HIV and STD testing. This location was near a local unsheltered camp. Safe sex and bleach kits were shared at the site. After testing, the provider supported people who tested positive with services and resources.

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) Homeward (the CoC Lead) has been able to share public health information with the homeless services providers. The executive director has forwarded several pieces of information relating to supports for congregate shelters, COVID-19, recovery planning, vaccination information, harm reduction, & Mpox education to homeless service providers (HUD and non-HUD funded) & CoC members. The Homeward website has a resources page that includes homeless COVID-19 information, links to the state and county public health sites, flu information, translation services and homeless COVID-19 information. As it relates to keeping people housed, eviction prevention resources are also on the webpage. Harm reduction & naloxone training was provided to the homeless service providers as was training for the Homeward Board. Information on the locations, how to access the harm reduction boxes, and business cards with the access code has been shared by Homeward with the homeless services providers and the community. Messaging that safe housing is a social determinate of health and that housing is healthcare is shared within the community.

2) Homeward has invited the Polk County Health Department (PCHD) to speak to various CoC committees which include service providers (including street outreach) as members. Homeward uses social media to elevate public health information and opportunities. Homeward Facebook & Twitter accounts are followed by homeless service providers & the general public. Examples of information shared are vaccination clinics, harm reduction information, location of harm reduction boxes, culturally specific hosted public health events, & the Mpox call center. Homeward communicated with services providers, including street outreach, to connect them to the Iowa Public Health Department to order free naloxone. Homeward asked follow-up questions, provided feedback when the new process became onerous, & shared the revised process. The CoC has scheduled ad hoc meetings, attended by street outreach service providers, to address spikes in public health issues. Recent meetings with service providers and health care agencies regarding mental health issues has started discussions of the escalation of patients in crisis, limited inpatient resources, & how to better respond on a system level. A work group has been created to focus on systems that can integrate more effectively with the homeless system. The focus of the work group includes improvements in the health system.

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) The DSM/PC CoC's Centralized Intake (CI) covers 100% of the CoC's geographic area by creating connections across the metro area & county with meal sites, community service centers, emergency shelters, housing providers, police, fire & sheriff's departments, local hospitals, department of human services & 211, area schools & churches, & through the use of street outreach teams. CI staff meet with community stakeholders as well as regularly attend community meetings to describe CI services & how persons experiencing homelessness can access services. CI business cards are disbursed at these meetings which in turn can be given to people needing CI services. Anyone in Polk County can access CI either through a phone or in-person intake. Transportation to the CI's location is also provided. 2) The CI case managers use the Vulnerability Index & Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tools designed for individuals, families, & transition age youth to assess various health & social needs. The VI-SPDATs have a built-in scoring mechanism that recommends the family/individual/ transition age youth for referral to the most appropriate housing interventions available (e.g., PSH, RRH, or affordable housing). Additional questions are built into the intake process to account for bias in the tool in instances where someone's observed vulnerability is higher than indicated by their the VI-SPDAT score, or the person is unable to appropriately answer the VI questions. Dynamic prioritization occurs in CI staff case conferencing meetings which ensures the most needy & vulnerable aren't being overlooked. 3) The CI assessment process is evaluated on a regular basis to ensure operation at maximum efficiency. Feedback used in in this process include: Homeward's CI Work Team (CIWT) meets monthly to evaluate the CI process & establish if there are any policy or procedural changes needed; A quarterly review of performance measures for the CI assessment process by the CIWT and Homeward's Board (BofD); & An annual survey of clients who receive services conducted during the week of the January PIT count. A summary of the survey results is forwarded to the BofD. Policy or procedural changes identified through this feedback are presented to Homeward's Directors Council (DC) & then presented to the BofD for review & action.

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) Weekly PHC (CE Lead) street outreach, including to known associates of people experiencing homelessness, ensures people least likely to apply for homeless assistance have access to CI. At camps, transported to the CI location. CI cards are distributed to people experiencing homelessness. PHC coordinates outreach & engagement with other street outreach programs. Outreach occurs at meal sites, camps, the downtown branch of the public library & other locations where people experiencing homelessness are known to reside in Polk County. CI staff respond to referrals from social service agencies & community service sites that engage people experiencing homelessness. CI flyers (English & Spanish) go to area hospitals, fire & police departments, EMS, schools, churches & community groups. 2) Each VI-SPDAT tool, with questions pertaining to vulnerability & severity of need, generates a score that identifies the most appropriate housing intervention. CI staff use dynamic prioritization to prioritize people most in need. To ensure service to a wide range of people experiencing homelessness, prioritization for openings alternates between the next most vulnerable household & the next most vulnerable household scoring in the RRH range. 3) CI tracks open beds & units by daily contact with shelter & housing providers - speeding up referral process. After being apprised of a shelter opening, a person has 6 hours to respond, 72 hours in the case of a housing intervention, or the next person will be contacted. A chronically homeless PSH unit only remains open 10 days then is offered to the next highest priority person. During the 10-day period, PHC's, & other, street outreach programs aggressively search for the person to ensure they can claim the open unit. Going to camps, other known places of habitation & meal sites, checking in with known associates & other service providers who have engaged the individual, & outreach to police & sheriff departments. 4) The CIWT meets monthly continuously looks at questions in terms both of what needs, & what doesn't need, to be asked; wording of questions; & grade level for which questions are created, to reduce the burden of answering the questions. Needed changes are forwarded to Homeward's Board for review & action. CI staff attend monthly street outreach by-name list meeting informing attendees if clients they have engaged have gone through CI & when that hasn't occurred, develops strategy with outreach worker for it to occur.

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) Since referrals for housing & support services come through the CI, CI staff affirmatively market available housing & supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, or disability. If an individual or family referred to a program for housing &/or services encounters a condition or action that impedes fair housing choice, they can appeal through CI referral grievance process. Both CI & individual agencies make referrals to Iowa Legal aid when a client or staff thinks fair housing rights have been violated. 2) CI & all CoC & ESG-funded programs are required to post information about rights & remedies under fair housing laws (federal, state & local) in easily accessible areas & in languages common to those they serve. Non-English-speaking persons are assisted by bilingual staff or by use of Language Line services. CI maintains a contact list of other resources, eg. Sign Language, so that barriers to communication are eliminated. 3) CI intake staff would speak with the CI Program Manager who would contact the City of Des Moines Neighborhood Services who certifies consistency with the Consolidated Plan if a client's been negatively impacted by the fair housing choice. The client may also be given resources for Iowa Legal Aid or the Iowa Civil Rights Commission depending on the violation.

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.	09/20/2022

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)The Homeward Equity Committee (EC) has been meeting for the past four years. The committee is comprised of Homeward staff, HMIS lead, service providers, and community members. A member from the Iowa Balance of State was also included to keep connection between continuums. The EC has focused on various data reviews specific to the Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VISPDAT), utilization of services by racial and ethnic populations, drug usage, and chronic homelessness. The VISPDAT data has been analyzed using chi-squares and p-values to determine which questions cause inequity. The EC has also compared the population in the community to the population receiving an assessment at centralized intake. By looking at the racial and ethnic breakdown of the comparisons through each step of the continuum, assessments can be analyzed in street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, etc. Performance measures by project are being reviewed by racial break to determine other disparities. Working with available equity resources, the EC adapted a tool to create a self- assessment tool for use by the local service providers. The tool is being shared with the full continuum in 2024.

2)The analysis of the VISPDAT identified specific questions that had significant and highly significant disparity. With the implementation of the new 3.0 VISPDAT, additional analysis of the tool shows that while disparity remained, the number of questions with disparity was significantly reduced. Analysis of people served in the homeless system showed that people of color, particularly black community members, were overrepresented in the services received in the local continuum. This overrepresentation remains even if you compare the population in poverty to people receiving an assessment at centralized intake. The level of overrepresentation was consistent throughout the system except with permanent supportive housing where a smaller proportion of people of color were served. People of color were not receiving disability designations to the same degree as white people. When additional statistical rigor was used to analyze disability designations, findings show that using the information from the VISPDAT to verify disability as opposed to the current process increased the significance of the observed disparity by 500%. Families of color have extreme overrepresentation in the homeless system.

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.	Yes
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.	Yes

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.	Yes
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.		

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)

Homeward (CoC Lead) established an Equity Committee (EC) five years ago to investigate equity issues within the CoC. The EC intensively reviewed local statistics regarding racial inequity in VI-SPDAT scores. This analysis identified questions that had highly statistically significant disparity; For example, on questions specific to "legal stuff", physical, mental, & overall health, white people scored higher on the VI-SPDAT than people of color. Questions that caused score inequity were identified, reviewed, & communicated to the VI-SPDAT developer. After six months of using the newly released 3.0 VISPDAT, additional analysis showed that some disparity remained, but the number of questions with racial disparity was significantly reduced. With input from Centralized Intake (CI) staff, the EC developed & implemented supplemental questions to address continuing inequities. While not used in the scoring methodology, the supplemental questions are used with dynamic prioritization to account for bias in the tool in instances where someone's observed vulnerability is higher than indicated by their VI-SPDAT score. The HMIS lead manually programmed a separate assessment tool for use by CI to administer the 3.0 VI-SPDAT version as Service Point did not update its system. The EC is seeking a more effective tool as the VI-SPDAT still has gaps in serving people with intellectual disabilities, English not primary language, LGBTQ+, and mobility issues. After learning about predictive risk models, the CoC has initiated discussions with law enforcement & emergency services about data sharing. Discussions with hospitals are targeted next.

Homeless service providers have access to a self-assessment equity tool that allow them to understand their equity work status. Project specific reports include equity information to better understand performance data. Equity data is shared consistently with the community in presentations & reports, so they understand the over-representation of people of color in the homeless system.

As disability determination is a pivotal piece of addressing chronic homelessness, the EC deemed it necessary to collect data and analyze racial disparity specific to chronicity. Through population analysis, data show that black community members are not proportionally served in PSH. The community is looking at additional data to determine if any processes can be changed locally to address the disparity. Specific actions haven't been taken at this time.

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)

1)Eliminating disparities in delivery of svcs to address housing instability along lines of race, gender, & ethnicity, as well as lived experience, and disability status has been a pivotal focus of COC leadership for many years. The analyst w/ our HMIS lead had identified 3 predominate causes of inequity. The Equity Committee (EC) was formed in 2018 by Homeward to organize & advocate for equity. Some identified causes of inequity were present in theassessment tool used by the CoC, & in a multi-year process the tool was replaced with a new version designed to address these concerns. We were able to demonstrate that the impact of updated tool on the presence of racial disparities in those served was no longer significantly impacted by the tool.

The EC determined that a self-assessment tool was needed for homeless service providers. The EC surveyed other communities making similar efforts & selected a tool. They workshopped the tool & designed an implementation & support system for use of the tool, & plan to administer the tool in 2024. An analysis of the results will be presented at community mtgs.

The HMIS analyst, working w/ Polk Co., in 2022 carried out a special analysis of impacts & interactions of race & disability status & was able to demonstrate w/ high statistical rigor that the medical community is still the principle non-economic factor introducing disparities into the homeless response system. Many efforts have been made & continue to build networks to the medical community through Board members & educational outreach.

The EC, working w/ the HMIS lead analyst, has added race & demographic breakouts & aggregations to every public facing report & dashboard in the community & has made a constant effort to center questions of equity. The website measures racial demographics by project type. Other demographics measured include people w/ disabilities, chronic homelessness, & veterans. Plans to further update the community dashboard are targeted for the upcoming year. A youth/young adult dashboard has been created in conjunction with the YHDP grant. The data can be analyzed communitywide, YHDP specific, or by project. The data includes variables such as race, ethnicity, LGBTQ+, disability, & gender.

2)Logistic regression was used in 2022 equity assessment. 3.0 VISPDAT tool was created in Formstack & implemented to reduce disparities in assessment. Self-assessment tool is available for services providers. Data dashboards track & share equity info

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)

Homeward continues to place emphasis on outreach efforts to enhance communication with partners, the community at large, and people experiencing homelessness. The organization utilizes a communications committee to provide crucial support and expertise on community engagement and marketing efforts. Over the past year, this committee has met monthly to provide input, leadership, and direction. They review the organization’s messaging and simplify language so that more individuals can understand what Homeward is and how to get involved. Staff also continue to update the Homeward website with mobile compatibility, enabling people with lived experience to access resources or leadership opportunities through any device.

In addition to communicating via the website, Homeward also invests in social media as an outreach tool. Staff members regularly post about events, meetings, open roles, community resources, and committee service opportunities via Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Staff have also posted information for the Point-in-Time Count, job postings, networking events, and volunteer opportunities to ensure individuals with lived experience can take part in meaningful ways. In the summer of 2023, Homeward shared about the Iowa-Nebraska Peer-to-Peer symposium via social media channels, emails, and in-person discussion. Due to this communication, at least 3 people with recent lived experience participated on symposium panels while at least 2 others attended sessions.

Homeward has also seen value in in-person outreach, paper flyers, and sharing information through partner organizations. This personal form of communication has been valuable specifically for folks with lived experience who may not have consistent access to technology. Staff has worked to share flyers at shelters or drop-in centers about events, workgroup meetings, and leadership opportunities so that our community members have equitable access to information. For instance, the Youth Action Council developed a flyer to promote the group’s Valentine’s Day supply drive for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. They distributed flyers in the community to solicit donations and then used flyers and email communication with agency outreach staff so that individuals in need could pick up care packages. These communications among providers, drop-in centers, and Centralized Intake ensures consistent access to information for individuals interested in leadership and engagement opportunities.

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.	56	11
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	31	8
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC’s local competition rating factors.	8	2

4. Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	26	6
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1D-11b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness. NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	
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Describe in the field below how your CoC or CoC membership organizations provide professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Polk County Youth Action Council (YAC) is a group of young leaders under 25 with lived expertise in homelessness who meet semiannually to advocate for community youth as well as services and housing services for youth experiencing homelessness. Homeward (CoC Lead Agency) provides both staff and financial support for the professional development of YAC members. The YAC structure allows youth to take on roles & responsibilities that align with their passions. YAC leaders identify skills they want to develop within their role & the tasks they are interested in taking on. The flexible environment allows members to feel safe in growing their skillsets. Members currently hold positions such as secretary, marketing leader, & researcher. YAC members learn skills such as organizational budgeting, group facilitation, event planning and public speaking. For instance, over the past year, members have organized and made presentations at the Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Conference and Cornell College to share their experiences in homelessness and ideas to make systemic change for future youth. Also, through a partnership with Drake University Law School, YAC leaders hosted professional development sessions on the legal system and housing rights not only for their own personal edification but also so they could pass on the information to other youth.

CoC membership organizations provide employment and professional development opportunities to persons with lived experience. A byproduct of the CoC's YHDP grant was the creation of Peer Support positions in YHDP programs with youth learning professional skills, developing their resumes, & finding their career passions. In return, organizations are seeing authentic engagement between staff & clients & a new influx of talented staff members with crucial expertise for the agencies. Anawim Housing created a low-barrier employment skills and training program for persons with lived experience called the ReNew Crew. ReNew Crew employees gain positive employment references and learn skills related to painting, cleaning, maintenance, groundskeeping, moving, and other soft skills like showing up on time or calling in when running late. Central Iowa Shelter and Services provides employment opportunities for persons with lived experience in both their urban garden and culinary programs. Employees obtain marketable skills as well as mentored in soft skills needed to maintain a job should they wish to seek other employment opportunit

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness. NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	
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	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) Homeward (CoC Lead Agency) has gathered feedback from people experiencing homelessness who have been members of Homeward’s Board of Directors, from survey responses, firsthand accounts from persons with lived experience who’ve contacted Homeward by phone or email, and anecdotal stories. To obtain feedback from people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, Homeward collaborated with Drake University on a study whose results were released in January 2023. In total, the study team conducted 152 surveys of people experiencing homelessness living unsheltered in Polk County, and 37 in-depth interviews of the same population. Currently, Homeward is again collaborating with Drake University on a study of families experiencing homelessness. 2) All CoC- and ESG-funded agencies have at least one person with lived experience on their Board of Directors, conduct anonymous client satisfaction surveys and provide an opportunity for feedback from all clients at exit regardless of reason for leaving. Summaries of feedback received are presented to Homeward upon request. Additionally, the Polk County Centralized Intake system conducts semi-annual surveys of clients to see how the system can be improved and has a survey in every room that clients can complete after or during their intake. 3) Homeward’s executive director (ED) is responsible for responding to concerns raised by people with lived experience via phone or email. The ED documents a detailed description of the complaint and discusses the complaint, without identifying the complainant, with the agency against whom the complaint has been lodged. For founded complaints, the ED discusses with the agency’s ED or program director programmatic changes to be made to remedy the concern. Homeward uses survey and study results to modify system policies or gaps as well as specific agency policies. Prior to the public release of the unsheltered homelessness study, Homeward’s ED met with the EDs of agencies who were criticized by study respondents to share the feedback from the study. The study results have also prompted the formation of work groups to develop strategies to create a shelter for women and transgender people, both of whom were singled out in the study as most often victims of physical harm; a non-congregate shelter for individuals and childless couples; and streamlining various systems that intersect with the homelessness services delivery system.

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.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Here We Grow is a broad based effort in Polk County, that addresses each community’s individual barriers to accommodating more affordable housing. Mtgs were held with each community to discuss zoning and land use policies. Successes and barriers are addressed with the communities. Homeward has supported the efforts of the Here We Grow team, given input on outreach efforts, given feedback on P&Z, participated in planning, shared social media, & provided input on strategies. Here We Grow presented at the CoC co-facilitated Housing Committee.

Homeward (the CoC Lead) collaborates closely with the Polk County Housing Trust Fund (PCHTF). The two organizations are allied in increasing affordable housing in Polk County. Some areas of collaboration include eviction prevention, leadership team supporting Emergency Rental Assistance, & advocating for ARPA funds directed to affordable housing. Homeward and PCHTF worked together in gathering homeless services providers to meeting with the City of Des Moines to discuss landlord mitigation needs & barriers to keeping landlords engaged in providing affordable housing to people experiencing homelessness.

The executive director of Homeward served on the United Way of Central Iowa’s Housing Legislative Policy group for the 2023 Iowa legislative session. The group identified state legislative efforts, tracked bills, & communicated with community partners regarding education/advocacy opportunities. Education & outreach opportunities to connect with legislators were shared with the Homeward Board, CoC members, and the Housing Committee. Recent legislative issues include increasing the state housing trust fund allocation, eviction expungement, mobile home park protections, local variability in building codes and history preservation district standards, and housing tax credit programs. Homeward forwarded legislative information to partners across the state.

Homeward has provided letters of support to several affordable housing projects pursuing state & federal funding. The executive director of Homeward facilitates a Homeless Coordinating Council made up of elected city and county officials and non-profit organizations. Homeward shared data with the HCC on community-specific housing gap data, and housing/income access information. Homeward staff has presented to local city councils regarding homelessness, affordable housing needed to end homelessness, & how zoning density requirements prevent missing middle & low-income

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.	
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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.	07/21/2023
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.	07/21/2023

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

5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes
6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes

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)?	265
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	7
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-RRH

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) Data were collected from a) monitoring report applicants were required to run from HMIS, or b) if domestic violence provider, DVIMS for project's latest grant year. Each PSH, RRH and TH-RRH project's monitoring report included information on exits to permanent housing destinations/retention of permanent housing. In respective applications, these 3 project types reported % of households successfully exiting to, or retained in, permanent housing & provided an analysis of needs & of what was working. Members of Homeward's Grant Committee, who scored the project applications, reviewed the monitoring report & these two questions for completeness & accuracy. 2) The monitoring report run by each PSH, RRH and TH-RRH project applicant also included performance information on days to move in (i.e., average length of time from enrollment to permanently housed). In their applications, the 3 project types reported average days from enrollment to permanently housed & provided an analysis of needs & what was working. Members of Homeward's Grant Committee, who scored the project applications, reviewed the monitoring report & the two questions for completeness & accuracy. 3) A threshold requirement in the local project application is that applicants accept referrals only from the Centralized Intake (CI). CI uses youth, family & individual VI-SPDAT tools to assess, prioritize and refer youth, families & individuals to appropriate housing intervention or shelter. The needs and vulnerabilities considered in the VI-SPDATs include interactions with police, emergency rooms or crisis mental health services; current & past health problems or substance abuse; legal issues & criminal history; history of victimization, domestic violence, sexual assault & childhood abuse; chronic homelessness; low or no income; family composition including number & age of children, number of parents & pregnancy of female parent, frequency of changes in household & involvement with protective services. 4) The severity of need & vulnerabilities of program participants was taken into account in two ways during the scoring & ranking process: a) Specific population focus – a project application with two or more areas of focus received 10 pts vs. a project with one area of focus received only 5 points; b) Chronic homelessness – a project where 96% of the participants were chronically homeless would receive more points than a project where only 26% of the participants were chronically homeless.

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) The local review and ranking process is analyzed and updated on an annual basis. The process is developed by the Homeward grant committee and presented to the Homeward board (the CoC Lead). Twenty-five percent of the Grant Committee membership are people of color while 24% of the board membership are people of color and 4% have lived experience. Additionally, members of the Homeward Board have chosen to identify their representation with the LGBTQ+ and immigrant communities. The Grant Committee reviews a draft of the review and ranking process prepared by Homeward staff. Suggested changes to the draft are incorporated before the document is forwarded to the full Homeward board. The Grant Committee chairperson presents the draft document to the board. Suggested changes are incorporated into the draft before the board gives final approval. 2) The Homeward grant committee and City of Des Moines staff are responsible for reviewing, scoring, and ranking the applications. Thirty-eight percent of that group are people of color, primarily people who identify as black. Immigrant representation is present as well. The Homeward board, who reviews and approves the Grant Committee’s recommendation, has representation of people of color (24%) as well as people with lived experience (4%). Additionally, members of the Homeward Board have chosen to identify their representation with the LGBTQ+ and immigrant communities. Homeless service providers also serve on the board. 3) Homeward has incorporated equity questions into the local competition process. Scored questions focused on steps organizations have taken to improve racial equity in the provision and outcomes of assistance and eliminate barriers. Of the twelve points awarded regarding promoting racial equity, ten points are specific to removing racial inequities in the delivery of assistance, analyzing outcomes through a racial equity lens, and eliminating racial barriers to successful exits to housing. Local competition applicants complete a supplemental questionnaire that is not scored. Additional questions regarding equity work with our LGBTQ community members and youth/young adults are included in the questionnaire.

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. Reallocation of funds may occur in two ways: Voluntary – a grantee agency voluntarily reduces a portion of, or eliminates, CoC funding of their project. The agency may apply for a new project designated a higher priority by the CoC; Involuntary – a renewal project’s application is rejected due to poor project or system performance as well as failure to meet threshold requirements. The balance of funds from either form of reallocation must be used for new projects per guidelines listed in HUD’s CoC Program NOFO and as prioritized by the Homeward (CoC Lead) Board. Only projects up for renewal that have been previously renewed under the CoC Program will be considered for reallocation.
 2. No projects were identified for reallocation during the local competition
 3. No projects were reallocated during the local competition.
 4. Homeward’s Grant Committee, which is charged with reviewing, scoring and ranking the applications, did not identify any projects that were low performing or for which there was less need. The projects reviewed all scored 80% or higher in the local competition. As to need, there are currently waiting list for all the housing projects regardless of project type. Funding for Centralized Intake and HMIS are necessary to maintain operations within the homeless community.

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.	09/12/2023
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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.	09/21/2023
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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.	09/21/2023
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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:

- 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

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.	Statewide
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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.	04/24/2023
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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. Homeward (CoC Lead Agency) has worked closely with the HMIS Lead in its efforts to support DV housing and service providers by providing a separate implementation of Servicepoint that has been modified to fit the privacy needs of DV providers. Since 2017, the HMIS lead has been the administrator of a DV-specific implementation of Servicepoint, named DVIMS, which uses an "unnamed client" function to preserve the anonymity of clients who are seeking services from DV providers. The unnamed client function generates a unique ID for an individual that cannot be reconstituted by the HMIS Lead or software vendor to produce client names. Within the DVIMS database, all assessments assigned to providers contain all Universal Data Elements required for each project type, which allows the HMIS Lead to provide comparable performance analysis of any project in DVIMS using the same process that is used to measure projects in HMIS.

2. Because the DV comparable database is a separate implementation of Servicepoint, the HMIS lead can provide all the same administration and support within the database. All providers in DVIMS use assessments that are compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards, which is the same as the HMIS database used within the CoC. DVIMS can provide any of the same reports as the HMIS database, such as the ESG CAPER, CoC APR, and could even produce an LSA export in the event that DV data is included in the LSA process in the coming years. Additionally, providers in DVIMS have the same access to competition and monitoring reports as any agency that is participating in HMIS.

3. The CoC uses Wellsky Community Services (Servicepoint) software. The HMIS Lead ensures that the assessments assigned to providers are all compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards. The HMIS Lead provides compliant assessments containing all necessary data elements for all CoC and ESG projects, as well as federal partner projects such as SSVF, PATH, and RHY.

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	407	45	362	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	15	0	15	100.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	176	2	174	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	317	19	298	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	502	0	502	100.00%

6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	276	0	276	100.00%
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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.
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For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:

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| 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)

None of the above project types have bed coverage rates below 85%

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.
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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
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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:

- 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

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.	04/24/2023
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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. Each year, the Coordinated Entry lead organizes the Point in Time count and involves the local youth homelessness organization Iowa Homeless Youth Center (IHYC) in its planning and execution of the Point in Time count. As an organization, IHYC provides youth-focused Street Outreach, Rapid Rehousing, Emergency Shelter, and Drop-in Center services. During the date of the count, IHYC provides staff members during each shift in order to maximize the expertise of IHYC's Street Outreach staff. In addition, the IHYC staff organizes an evening shift that searches for youth who may be at locations that other populations may not be sleeping at, such as parking garages, buses, and the downtown skywalk system.

2. The Continuum of Care entity, Homeward, assisted with the creation of the Youth Action Council (YAC), which is comprised of youth who are currently experiencing homelessness or formerly experienced homelessness and remain interested in providing input regarding youth homelessness services. The YAC was involved in the Point in Time by providing camp locations as well as developing a youth-specific training for volunteers on how to approach and interact with youth experiencing homelessness during the PIT count.

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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)

Not Applicable

2C. System Performance

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

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) Data provided by the HMIS Lead on the primary and secondary causes of homelessness combined with CI staff experiences from completing intakes were used to identify economic crisis, family break up, the occurrence of domestic violence and co-occurring disorders as the major risk factors in a person becoming homeless. 2) CI works closely with non-CoC funded prevention services & Polk County General Assistance to meet the needs of people imminently at risk of homelessness. Referrals are made to Iowa Legal Aid & HOME, Inc for legal counsel & tenant/landlord mediation respectively. The CE Lead Agency receives grant funds from the Polk County Housing Trust Fund for rapid resolution. Funds are used to provide modest amounts of flexible funds to prevent people from entering emergency shelters & to rapidly exit shelter. Local area agencies including ESG and CoC-funded agencies, SSVF, VA, non-ESG funded providers, DV, local school, local police department and mental health providers complete and email to CI a RR Assistance Request Form. CI follows up with the client to assess for RR, and if information gathered demonstrates the household will remain housed one month after assistance is provided, financial assistance will be granted. If the client will not remain housed or if the request is prevention, the client will be directed to complete CI or to prevention resources. HOME, Inc has received ESF-CV and regular ESG funds to prevent first-time homelessness among families with school-aged children and youth. Referrals are made from the Des Moines Public Schools to the CE Lead Agency who complete the intake and assessment before referring eligible families to HOME, Inc. for assistance. 3) Homeward is responsible for overseeing these strategies.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Strategies: a) Increased Centralized Intake (CI) staff–case managers (CMs) (now 4) allows CoC’s to serve more households; increased housing navigators (HN) (now 3) letting CoC assist more people to quickly exit shelter; b) Removed barriers to rapid exit: with Polk County Housing Trust grant, CI pays rental &/or utility deposits, utility arrears, or application fees allowing households to exit shelter in as little as 14 days. Client advocates at Central Iowa Shelter & Services focus on quickly exiting 1st time homeless to PH. Family shelters focus on assisting guests secure IDs & proof of income to complete housing applications. New community-based case workers (2) work to connect individuals (not working with another program or CM), with employment & income support necessary to exit shelter; c) Increased available housing stock to expedite exit to shelter: Primary Health Care has implemented a 3-year state RRH program grant. Anawim Housing a) is breaking ground on 47-unit hotel renovation for PSH with onsite services & 24/7 staffing, and b) received funding from 2022 CoC grant for 20 units of PSH for youth. ARPA funds are being used to increase affordable housing: Polk County is targeting households at 30% or less of AMI; City of Des Moines is targeting HOME-ARPA funds to households as low as 30% of AMI. d) Improved data usage-HMIS Lead has developed monitoring tools for CoC & ESG programs enabling real-time viewing of average length of stay & monitoring inaccuracy in move-in data that is artificially increasing length of stay numbers in some programs. 2) Identification of people with longest length of time homeless, (LOT) homeless, occurs by a) CI staff review LOT reported by clients in HMIS. Persons with highest VISPDAT score & longest LOT homeless are prioritized 1st for openings in RRH & PSH. Those with multiple housing barriers are referred to HN for assistance in locating housing. Those with the most housing barriers are prioritized higher for HN assistance; b) Focused review using by-name lists through the Mayor’s Challenge to end veteran’s homelessness, Street Outreach By-Name meeting & Youth Work Team. Individual team members focus on housing one person at a time; c) Biweekly meeting of CMs from family shelters, RRH programs & CI staff-case counseling identify housing resources that families with longer stays can access to move out of shelter - includes accessing the HN. 3) Homeward is responsible for overseeing these strategies.

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) CoC & ESG-funded projects monitor exit destination rates thru Program Monitoring Reports (PMR). PMR are submitted to Homeward Executive Director (ED) quarterly. An individual action plan is created with any provider whose PH destination rate falls below goal set by Homeward’s Performance Measures Committee. A consistently underperforming project would not be recommended for funding. CoC focuses on reducing unknown destination error rates by including this performance metric in CoC renewal. Reducing destination error rates positively affects PH placement. Locator information is collected from clients at RRH enrollment & updated during program participation. Ability to find/recognize client, hang outs & emergency contacts as well as CI coordination in street outreach by-name list enhances client engagement & prevents clients from falling off radar. Programmatic strategies include: Quickly assess housing barriers so hard-to house are referred to CI housing navigator; provide transport assistance to view units; at shelter entry get documents needed to complete housing applications to speed up application process when housing found; Engage community partners to leverage connections to increase Landlord (LL) pool; increased available units of subsidized units through Mainstream (MSV) and Emergency Housing (EHV) programs; Increase income thru employment & application for all eligible public benefits. 2) Strategies to retain PH: Practice Harm Reduction & Housing First strategies to maintain housing; Negotiate with LL on tenant’s behalf; program staff assist tenants to clean & organize units & to facilitate monthly rent payments, referrals for outside agency supports, unit transfers when a tenant has burned a bridge with a landlord. Strategies to exit to other PH destinations: Move On strategy using HCV & MSV; Increasing income thru employment, assisting tenants in development of realistic family reunification plans to ensure family members are expecting and prepared for the tenant’s arrival; New community-based case workers (2) who work with individuals, who are not working with another program or case manager, connecting them with employment and income supports to ensure continued stability in housing. Facilitate more appropriate housing interventions through nursing home placements or supported living situations. 3) Homeward is responsible for overseeing these strategies.

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) Individuals and families who re-enter homelessness go through Centralized Intake (CI) and depending on the length of time that has passed since their last episode of homelessness, or in the case of major life change, CI staff may re-administer the VI-SPDAT. These steps give CI staff a better understanding of the household's re-entry and help them see common trends among households returning to homelessness. Additionally, the CoC looks at client answers for primary reasons for homelessness to better understand why they have reentered the system. 2) Families who return to homelessness within 12 months of previous shelter-stay have case staffing with relevant providers, CI family case manager & program director to identify reason for return & create a plan for rapid return to housing. Biweekly case reviews by family shelter case managers/CI staff & family RRH case managers ensure appropriate housing & services match. Aftercare programs utilized by 3 family shelters, 1 single adult shelter, 3 family RRH programs & 1 PSH assist families to manage crises & prevent homelessness return. With Critical Time Intervention case management, used by single-adult shelter, the same case manager provides individualized case management services during the client's stay in emergency shelter & up to 9 months after moving into housing. Since aftercare supports end in 6-9 months, Homeward has secured ARPA funding from Polk County & the City of DSM for 2 community case managers who will provide support, for up to 24 months, to households most likely to lose housing. CoC-funded PSH program has been effectively using rapid resolution to prevent loss of housing. In rare cases, they use a 3rd party to mediate appeal hearings of tenants with termination notices, with the goal to preserve the tenant's place in program. The CE Lead Agency has implemented a community wide rapid resolution program that provides flexible funds, in part, to prevent people from reentering homelessness. 3) Homeward is responsible for overseeing these strategies.

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) The Des Moines/Polk County CoC’s strategies to access employment cash sources include: i) Monitor project progress toward increasing employment cash income metric. In instances where a project is not achieving the metric, problem solve with them solutions to overcome identified barriers to achieving the metric; ii) Require that all CoC-funded projects conduct a job readiness assessment, at project entry, as part of their program which reviews each participant’s work history, ability to work and strategies to support the participant in obtaining/increasing cash income; iii) Support social enterprise programs at the project level. Currently, three agencies have social enterprise programs that provide participants with employment income and opportunities for job skills development; iv) Share employment resources with projects such as notices of employment openings at Goodwill and notices about job fairs from Evelyn K Davis Center for Working Families and Iowa Workforce Development; v) New community-based case workers (2) who work with individuals, who are not working with another program or case manager, connecting them with employment and income supports necessary to exit shelter and remain stably housed. 2) Among CoC employment partners are Iowa Workforce Development, Goodwill, Project Iowa, & the Evelyn K Davis Center for Working Families (EDCWF). Clients are also referred to training opportunities with Central Iowa Works (United Way), Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC), Project Iowa & Children and Families of Iowa -WIOA partner offering Connect 2 Careers and Your Employment Potential programs for adults and youth. Homeward has made connections with employment/training organizations by including participation of United Way, DMACC & EDCWF on their board. 3) Homeward is responsible for overseeing strategies to increase job & income growth.

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) Current strategies to increase non-employment cash income include: A) Centralized Intake (CI) has as one of its functions to assist clients with accessing sources of non-employment cash income. Similarly, a community-based case worker program, with two case workers, who work with individuals, who are not working with another program or case manager, also assist clients with accessing non-employment cash income. Staff from these two entities can (a) help clients complete applications for SNAP, TANF & child care assistance, (b) ask clients to sign an information release allowing case managers to complete the Department of Human Services (DHS) interview if the client doesn't have contact information, & (c) help complete Medicaid applications. B) Homeward (the CoC Lead) has an expectation that any agency applying for CoC and ESG funds have at least one staff person who is SOAR trained, or a demonstrated partnership with a community SOAR worker from another agency. This requirement is one of the criteria scored in the CoC and ESG local project applications. This ensures that program participants will have assistance with completing SSI/SSID applications & appeals. Currently, every CoC & ESG provider has at least one SOAR trained individual on staff. C) Continued education of program staff about changes to non-employment programs and/or application processes. This occurs through Homeward's monthly Service Council meeting, which is attended by front-line staff of CoC and ESG-funded programs, as well as periodic email updates. D) Encourage providers to partner with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) providers and connect program participants with the Financial Empowerment Center located at the Evelyn K Davis Center. 2) Homeward is responsible for overseeing the strategies to increase non-employment cash income.

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?	No
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	
	If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.	

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Answered 'No' to question 3B-1.

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

3C-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to 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.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Did not answer "yes" to question 3C-1.

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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- 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?	Yes
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4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2023 Priority Listing.

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

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

4A-3.	Assessing Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	2,560
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	1,282
3.	Unmet Need:	1,278

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(c)	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 and element 2; and
2.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or
3.	if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. HMIS Lead looked at all adults or head of households receiving or seeking services during the the time frame 10/1/21-9/30/22 who indicated "yes" to being a domestic violence victim/survivor. They applied this methodology across coordinated entry, safe haven, transitional housing, PH (RRH & PSH), street outreach and emergency shelter projects for the general population, and across coordinated entry, transitional housing, RRH, and emergency shelter projects specifically serving DV survivors. 2. HMIS was the data source for the general population calculations and DVIMS (the DSM/Polk CoC's dv comparable data base) was the source of data for projects specifically serving DV survivors. 3. Not Applicable

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)	

Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects—only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.

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

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant applying for one or more New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects included on your CoC's FY 2023 Priority Listing for New Projects:

1.	Applicant Name	Children and Families of Iowa
2.	Project Name	DVS Bonus
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	10
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	F37DM8PKGKV3
5.	Amount Requested	\$461,667
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors-Percentage	80%
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors-Percentage	89%

4A-3b.1.	Applicant Experience in Housing Placement and Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

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

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

(limit 1,500 characters)

1. Rates were calculated for the applicant's Joint TH-RRH and RRH projects for the timeframe 10/1/21-9/30/22. Data showed that of 64 clients who exited those programs during the aforementioned timeframe, 51 (79.7%) of clients exited to permanent housing. The data also showed that of those 51 clients, 6 clients (11.2%) returned within 2 years resulting in a housing retention rate of 89%. 2. All exits to permanent housing were to a safe housing destination. 3. The data source was DVIMS - the DSM/Polk CoC's dv comparable database.

4A-3c.	Applicant Experience in Providing Housing to DV Survivor for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the project applicant:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Children and Families of Iowa’s (CFI) Domestic Violence Services (DVS) offers a full continuum of housing options, grounded in Housing First principles, to ensure survivors move quickly into safe affordable housing. These include short-term options - emergency shelter & transitional housing; partnerships with landlords allowing clients to avoid barriers to securing housing such as credit check & rental history; Streamlined Collaborations - partnerships with culturally specific programs – Luna (Latino), EMBARC (Burmese), Nissa (African) & Monsoon (Asian) communities that assist with securing documentation, culturally specific housing assistance, services from CFI to aid in securing income such as vocational rehabilitation & employment assistance through WIOA Title 1 program Connect 2 Careers. 2. Initial questions in the Des Moines/Polk County CoC’s Centralized Intake (CI) intake form quickly identify families/individuals who are fleeing domestic violence. Those households are referred to DVS for emergency shelter & CoC-funded RRH & YHDP TH-RRH programs. DVS intake specialists then use the VI-SPAT tool to identify the appropriate program & prioritize households to access DVS housing programs. 3. Determination of which supportive services survivors need is client-centered & begins at intake. The intake specialist asks survivors to identify services they need to address their experience of domestic violence & to secure income & housing. This client-centered approach for identifying supportive services needs continues between the survivor & case manager throughout the survivor’s stay in the housing program. 4. After eliciting service needs from the survivor, the intake specialist makes referrals for identified services. Service connection continues with the case manager checking with the survivor about making the services connections & offering to assist the survivor if they so desire. If needed, the case manager obtains written consent from a survivor & has a case conference with multiple service providers to coordinate services. 5. DVS accomplishes this by assisting clients to secure employment/income to remain in the assisted housing unit & coordinating with CI staff placement in other assisted housing such as PSH, EHV or Mainstream Voucher programs. Housing stability is maintained by continued case management support for up to six months after the housing subsidy ends, & on an as-needed basis after the six-month period at the survivor’s request.

4A-3d.	Applicant Experience in Ensuring DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:

1.	taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;
2.	making determinations and placements into safe housing;

3.	keeping information and locations confidential;
4.	training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and
5.	taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. DVS prioritizes survivor privacy during intake & interview processes, adhering to a strict privacy policy. Clients are interviewed individually in private spaces, fostering a safe environment where they can openly share experiences & needs without coercion or exposure. 2. Housing decisions are based on survivor's preference & sense of safety. This includes size & type of housing; neighborhood in which the housing is located, if an apartment, the floor on which the unit is located & the level of apartment security. While the ultimate decision is based on survivor's level of comfort, the case manager weighs the pros & cons with the survivor. The client-centered approach cultivates control, contributing to overall well-being. 3. To ensure confidentiality, stringent protocols are in place. Personal data is securely stored, shared only as needed with shelter locations- never disclosed publicly. RRH locations are never disclosed & only staff who need to know (i.e., finance person paying the rent & case manager) know the units' actual addresses. During audits, client confidentiality is ensured through unique identifiers like the DVIMS (DV comparable database) number, protecting both well-being & operational integrity. Programs like Safe at Home heightens confidentiality by safeguarding survivors' actual locations. Safe at Home, a service provided by Polk County Crime Victims Services, provides client with alternate address so their name is never connected to their actual address. 4. Staff training is integral, equipping each member with knowledge to handle sensitive information, recognize safety risks, & respond to confidentiality breaches in an appropriate manner. Violation of a survivor's confidentiality will lead to a staff member's termination. Training occurs at the start of employment & continues in staff meetings. Staff also participate in monthly training about computer security. 5. For around-the-clock support, DVS' shelter ensures staff presence & controlled access guaranteeing survivor safety. Scattered site housing includes safety planning (e.g., have cell phone with you, safest route to & from work & housing, a buddy system for an emergency call or neighbor you can go to, don't give out front door security code, carry a flashlight, mace & a taser) secured entrances, & well-lit areas. Chosen apartments have secured entrances that are well-lit both outside & in the hallways. These measures create a secure environment where safety prevails.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant Experience in Evaluating Their Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the project has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement during the course of the proposed project.

(limit 2,500 characters)

DVS’ dedication to DV survivor safety is upheld through a dynamic evaluation process, fostering continuous improvement. Assessment methods like ongoing monitoring, survivor input, data analysis, staff training, and partnerships have been integral. Survivor and staff feedback have guided our approach, pinpointing strengths, and improvement areas. Surveys and focus groups provided survivor insights, enhancing our protective measures.

Quantitative incident report analysis has revealed trends, enabling preemptive interventions - each time there is an incident of safety, staff complete an incident report. The Quality Assurance Team at DVS provides quarterly reports showing the number of safety-related incidents (e.g., fight between survivors or a survivor gives her abuser her address) and trends to heighten staff awareness so they can preempt or avoid safety-related incidents. Staff preparedness is continually evaluated, ensuring efficient safety response.

There is regular collaboration with local agencies, such as police and fire departments, to ensure safety protocols are up to date and meet industry standards.

Empowering survivors in safety decisions is a priority. This includes counseling survivors on courses of action when a safety concern is brought to the staff or case manager, keeping their address confidential and conflict resolution with other program participants. This also includes ensuring each survivor is aware of crisis response protocols through case management meetings and other staff interactions with the survivors. Crisis response protocols are currently being revised to clarify staff roles for efficient emergency handling of safety-related incidents.

DVS staff also educates survivors on discrete communication using safety apps or a panic button on cell phones. This technology preprograms numbers to automatically call 911 or another er as well as gives out a survivor’s location in situations where their safety is threatened.

4A-3e.	Applicant Experience in Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
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NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)

Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant’s experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:

1.	prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants’ wishes and stated needs;
2.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
3.	providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
4.	emphasizing program participants’ strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
5.	centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
6.	providing a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and

7.	offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.
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(limit 5,000 characters)

1. DVS’s commitment to trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches is evident in its comprehensive framework that prioritizes survivor well-being. DVS’s dedication empowers survivors to make housing choices that resonate with their preferences, requirements & need to feel safe, fostering a sense of control & respect, aligning their housing decisions with their journey to recovery.

2. DVS steadfastly avoids punitive interventions & actively works to minimize power differentials in program participant & staff interactions. Program rules are regularly reviewed to ensure they are mission & safety driven & not punitive in nature. House meetings provide survivors opportunities to ask questions about rules & give staff an opportunity to receive feedback & alter rules as needed. Rule violation incidents are addressed immediately by staff who share with the survivor the rationale for the rule. Staff receive training on conflict resolution & personnel policies including expectations for treating guests with mutual respect. Case manager meetings with survivors are conducted in a spirit of mutual respect focusing on what the agency is able to do versus what the survivor may want & weighing the pros & cons of a decision & ultimately allowing the survivor to decide the course of action they wish to take.

3. Recognizing the profound impact of trauma, DVS ensures that program participants have access to information necessary to comprehend & address their trauma. Through comprehensive training, DVS staff equip survivors with a deep understanding of trauma's effects, empowering them with tools for effective healing. Trauma-informed staff training occurs at first hire with additional training throughout the year. Trauma-informed care topics are on agendas of every staff meeting & agency training. DVS offers survivors educational programming about healthy relationships, safe cares & an opportunity for therapy to explore how trauma has affected the survivor & their children as well as a road to recovery.

4. DVS believes that survivors' strengths are paramount & have integrated this belief into their practices through development of a survivor driven personalized case plan that is evaluated by the case manager & survivor throughout their stay & modified as needed. DVS’s case managers also use strength-based coaching during meetings to empower survivors to achieve their self-identified goals. Through use of assessment tools such as a self-sufficiency matrix that evaluates independence & quality of life across 10 domains (e.g., housing, income), DVS ensures that survivors' innate strengths are acknowledged & their goals are aligned with their aspirations. Each of 10 domains is ranked on a scale of 1-5 with those ranked 1 or 2 considered for inclusion in the survivor’s personalized case plan.

5. Cultural responsiveness & inclusivity lie at the core of DVS’s approach. DVS staff are required to do two training sessions per year on topics such as “Race: The Power of an Illusion”, “Understanding Implicit Racial Bias & Equal Access”. Through feedback from survivors (house meetings, case manager meetings, client surveys), DVS works to ensure that our services are accessible & culturally responsive.

6. We create multiple avenues for connection, understanding the importance of community in the healing process. To foster a nurturing environment that bolsters emotional well-being of survivors, DVS offers support groups, mentorships to survivors, & peer-to-peer interactions through house meetings all of which create a sense of community among survivors who share similar experiences. These opportunities also provide space for sharing, advice exchange, & connection-building, facilitating the healing process. DVS supports survivor’s interest in addressing spiritual needs. We provide a safe, non-judgmental environment where survivors can freely express their spiritual beliefs. This includes offering voluntary faith group visits & transportation support to enable survivors to connect with their faith communities. Our staff undergo cultural competency training to ensure they

respect & understand the diverse religious & spiritual backgrounds of our clients. Confidentiality is paramount, as we understand the sensitive nature of spiritual discussions. By fostering an atmosphere of respect & openness, we aim to empower survivors in their spiritual journeys as part of their overall healing & recovery process. 7. Recognizing the complexities of survivor parenting, DVS offers a robust support system encompassing trauma-informed parenting classes, & childcare assistance through collaborations with organizations like Every Step, Safe Care, Safe Families, DVS Child Development Centers, & Peer Partners. DVS also offers connections to legal services through a partnership with Iowa Legal Aid & through DVS outreach advocates who offer court advocacy such as obtaining a no contact order or accompanying a survivor to court & advocate on their behalf.

4A-3f.	Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
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NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

DVS’s commitment to meeting the service needs of domestic violence survivors during their transition into permanent housing starts with the well-being, safety, and empowerment of survivors as they transition to safe, permanent housing. Immediate safety measures are in place, ensuring survivors have access to emergency shelter with 24/7 staff presence, secure premises, and crisis response protocols. This creates a secure foundation for survivors to begin their healing journey while receiving essential support.

Moving survivors swiftly into permanent housing involves a collaborative housing navigation process. DVS’ experienced team works closely with survivors to identify suitable housing options that align with their preferences and safety considerations. DVS facilitates connections with landlords and housing programs, streamlining the housing placement process to ensure a smooth transition.

Recognizing the profound impact of trauma, DVS’ trauma-informed support services play a pivotal role. Licensed therapists provide counseling to survivors, addressing the psychological and emotional aftermath of domestic violence. These sessions equip survivors with coping strategies, emotional validation, and tools to navigate trauma-related challenges.

Legal assistance is a crucial aspect of survivor safety. DVS’ services encompass support in obtaining protection orders, navigating the legal system, and accessing legal resources. This comprehensive approach empowers survivors to take legal steps towards ensuring their safety.

Financial empowerment is key to autonomy. DVS connects survivors to financial literacy workshops and provides assistance in accessing public benefits, job training, and employment resources. This equips survivors with the skills and resources necessary to regain control over their financial well-being.

A personalized approach is central to DVS’ case management services. Dedicated case managers conduct thorough assessments of each survivor's needs, resulting in personalized service plans that encompass housing, counseling, legal support, financial empowerment, and more.

4A-3g.	Plan for Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Practices for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(e)	
	Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:	
1.	prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants’ wishes and stated needs;	
2.	establish and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;	
3.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;	
4.	emphasize program participants’ strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;	
5.	center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;	
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	6. provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
	7. offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

DVS is committed to a comprehensive framework of trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches used in their existing programs that prioritize survivor well-being in every facet. 1. DVS’s commitment to victim-centered approaches starts with empowering survivors to make housing choices consistent with their preferences, requirements & need to feel safe. Case managers (CMs) will facilitate connections with landlords & housing programs through centralized intake, streamlining housing placement to ensure a smooth transition. This fosters a sense of control and respect, aligning housing decisions with their journey to recovery. 2. DVS will avoid punitive interventions & minimize power differentials in participant & staff interactions. Program rules will be regularly reviewed to ensure they are mission & safety driven & not punitive. In CM meetings, survivors will be able to ask questions about rules, letting staff receive feedback & alter rules as needed. Rule violation incidents will be addressed immediately by staff who will share with survivors the rationale for the rule. Program staff are trained in conflict resolution & personnel policies including expectations for treating guests with mutual respect. At meetings CMs will share what the agency is capable of doing versus what the survivor may want, fostering mutual respect. They will weigh pros & cons of a decision with the survivor, ultimately allowing the survivor to decide the best course of action. 3. DVS will ensure that program participants have access to information necessary to comprehend & address their trauma. Through comprehensive training, program staff will equip survivors with deep understanding of trauma's effects, empowering them with tools for effective healing. Trauma-informed training of program staff will occur first at hire, with additional training through the year. Trauma-informed care topics will be on agendas of every staff meeting & agency training. DVS offers survivors educational programming about healthy relationships, safe cares, an opportunity for therapy to explore how trauma has affected them & their children, & a road to recovery. 4. At DVS survivors' strengths are paramount and this belief will be integrated into practices through development of survivor driven personalized case plans that will be evaluated by CM & survivor regularly & modified as needed. DVS’s CMs will use strength-based coaching during meetings to empower survivors to achieve self-identified goals. Using assessment tools such as a self-sufficiency matrix that evaluates independence & quality of life across 10 domains (e.g., housing, income), DVS will ensure that survivors' innate strengths are acknowledged, & their goals aligned with their aspirations. Each of the 10 domains is ranked on a scale of 1-5; those ranked 1 or 2 will be considered for inclusion in the survivor’s personalized case plan. 5. Cultural responsiveness & inclusivity will be at the core of DVS’s approach in the new RRH program, as reflected in the agency-wide nondiscrimination policy & required staff training. Program staff will be required to do 2 training sessions per year on cultural responsiveness & inclusivity (topic examples: Race: The Power of an Illusion, Understanding Implicit Racial Bias and Equal Access). Through feedback from survivors (e.g., meetings, surveys), DVS will work to ensure services are accessible & culturally responsive - characteristics reflected in their partnerships with culturally specific programs: Luna (Latino), EMBARC (Burmese), Nissa (African) & Monsoon (Asian) communities. 6. Our goal is to create an environment that empowers survivors to explore & nurture their spirituality in ways that resonate with their personal beliefs and experiences. To foster an environment that bolsters emotional well-being of program participants, DVS will offer support groups & mentorships to survivors & peer-to-peer interactions through meetings with other program participants to create a sense of community among survivors. These opportunities provide a space for sharing, advice exchange, & connection-building, facilitating the healing process. DVS will support survivors’

spiritual needs with a multi-faith approach offering a broader spectrum of spiritual services, including meditation sessions & discussions that cater to various belief systems. We also plan to establish a resource library with books, articles, & materials related to spiritual healing & recovery. 7. DVS will offer a robust support system that encompasses trauma-informed parenting classes, & childcare assistance through collaborations with organizations like Every Step, Safe Care, Safe Families, DVS Child Development Centers, and Peer Partners. DVS will also offer connections to legal services through partnership with Iowa Legal Aid & referral to DVS outreach advocates who offer court advocacy such as obtaining a no contact order or accompanying a survivor to court and advocate on their behalf.

4A-3h.	Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation of New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(f)	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	1C-7 PHA Moving O...	09/20/2023
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	1D-11a Letter Sig...	09/20/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	1D-2a Housing Fir...	09/20/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	1E-1 Competition ...	09/20/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	1E-2 Local Compet...	09/20/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	1E-2a Scored Form...	09/20/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5 Letter Stati...	09/20/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5a Notificatio...	09/20/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	1E-5b Local Compe...	09/20/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2A-6 HUD's Homele...	09/20/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
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September 13, 2023

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September 18, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

At our September 18, 2023 meeting, the Polk County Youth Action Council (YAC) reviewed the local competition selection results of applications submitted for inclusion in the Des Moines/Polk County CoC's 2023 Continuum of Care application to HUD.

On behalf of the YAC, we support the priorities for serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness as shown in the local competition selection results

The YAC, who is an advisory committee to Homeward (the Coe lead), is comprised of youth who have previously experienced or are currently experiencing homelessness.

Sincerely,


Maggie McMahon

Sienna Danner


Michael
McGuff

Alex Seavers

Housing First Evaluation

All CoC-funded projects, except for HMIS and SSO-CI projects, **must operate as a Housing First model**. Please complete the checklist below by checking the box in front of each of the criteria that applies to your project.

1. Will/Does the project require a background screening prior to project entry (excluding sexual offender check for site-based projects with legal requirements)?
 Yes No
2. Will/Does the project prohibit persons with certain criminal convictions from entering your project (excluding registered sexual offender for site-based projects with legal requirements)?
 Yes No
3. Will/Does the project require participants to be clean and sober prior to project entry and/or during project stay?
 Yes No
4. Will/Does the project require alcohol/drug tests on participants suspected of being under the influence?
 Yes No
5. 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
6. Will/Does the project require participants to have a mental health evaluation prior to project entry?
 Yes No
7. 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
8. Will/Does the project require participants to have income at time of project entry?
 Yes No
9. Will/Does the project require participants to obtain an income as a condition of remaining in the project?
 Yes No
10. 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

11. Will/Does the project require participants to be ‘progressing’ in their goals in order to remain in the project?
 Yes No
12. Will/Does the project require participants to sign a services plan agreement to receive your services? *(Please note a service plan is not the same as a housing plan.)*
 Yes No
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 Yes No
14. Will/Does the project include any requirements, outside of those typically found in a lease Agreement in Polk County *(applicable to housing projects)*?
 Yes No N/A
15. 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 *(applicable to scattered-site housing projects)*?
 Yes No N/A
16. 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 *(applicable to projects serving families)*?
 Yes No N/A
17. 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 N/A
18. 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? *(applicable to projects serving families)*?
 Yes No N/A
19. 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
20. Will/Do the project exclude participants who do not have a form of identification?
 Yes No

INCLUDE WITH THIS APPLICATION ONE COPY OF YOUR ADMITTANCE POLICY, ONE COPY OF YOUR TERMINATION POLICY AND ONE COPY OF YOUR TERMINATION APPEAL PROCESS.

1E-Posting of Competition

SCREEN PRINT of EMAIL and WEBSITE Letter of Interest for CoC Competition – 5-15-2023

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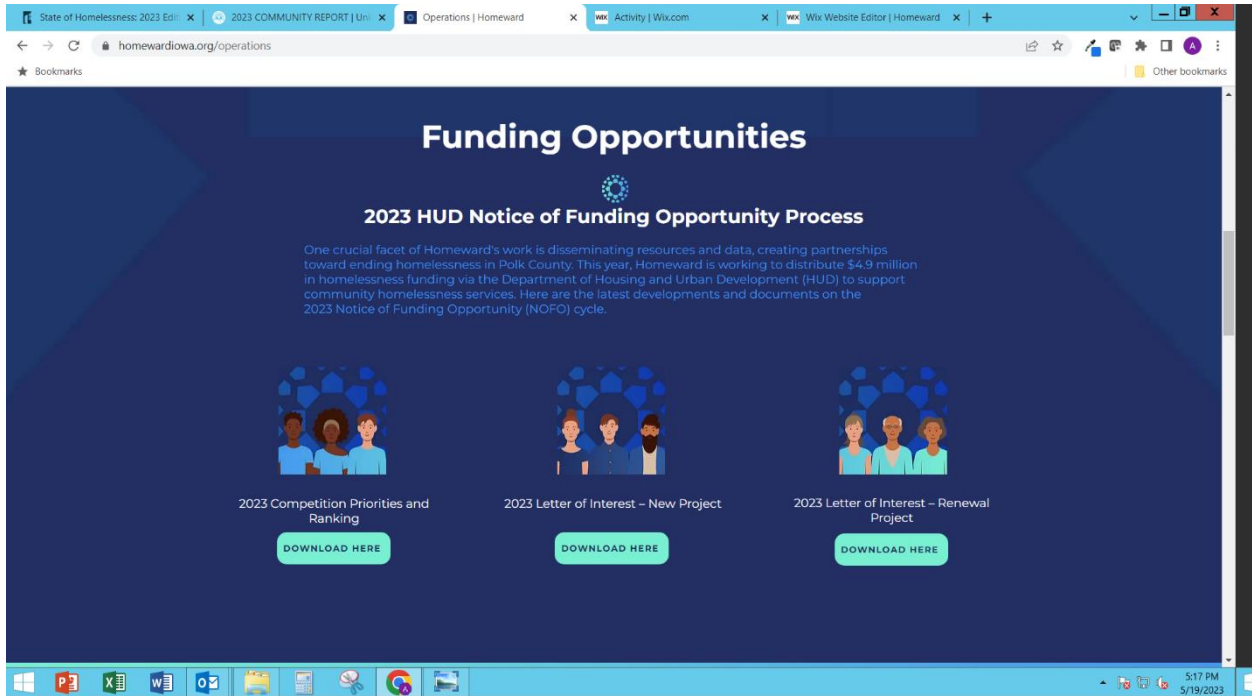
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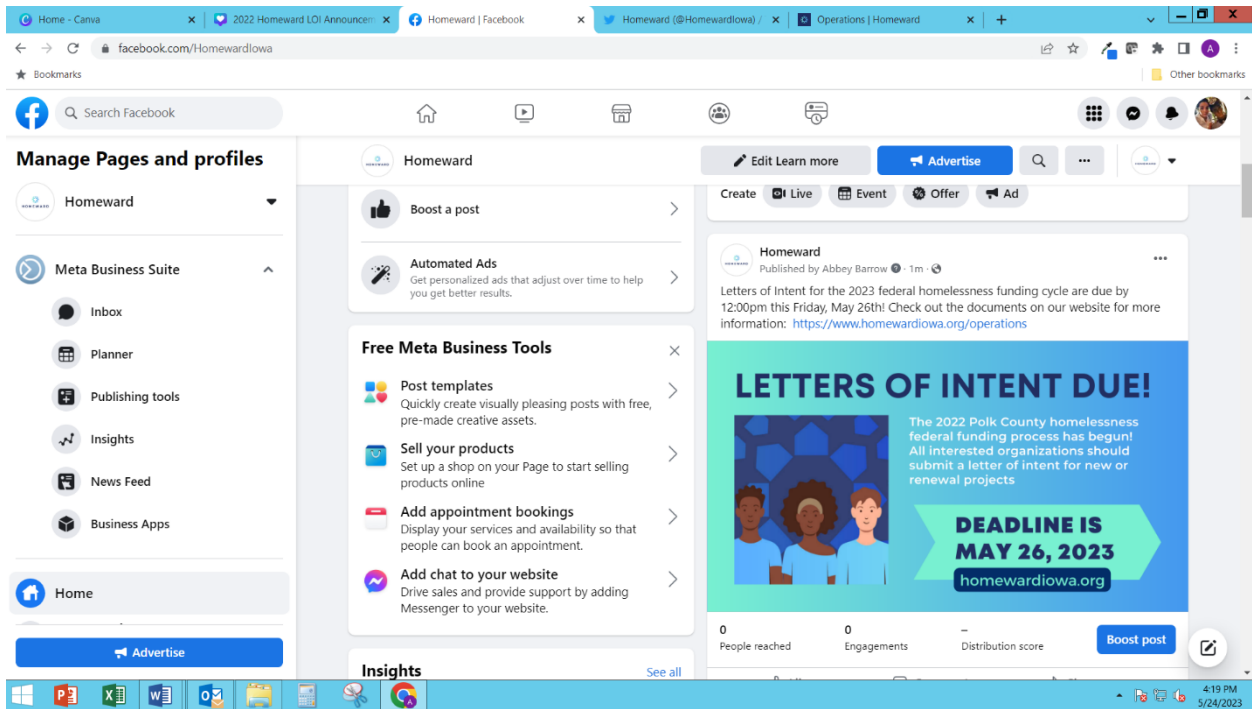
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Competition Application and Website Posting Announcement of Open Meeting

2023 NOFO Continuum of Care Competition - Homeward

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Friday, July 21st
9:00 a.m.

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The meeting agenda and additional items will be sent out prior to the meeting and will also be located at www.homewardiowa.org

If you want to email questions prior to the meeting, please send them to Jim Cain at jcain@homewardiowa.org by the end of business on Thursday, July 20th to address them in the meeting.

Thank you.

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Twitter profile for **Homeward (@HomewardIowa)**. The profile bio states: "Polk County, Iowa | homewardiowa.org | Joined February 2016". The profile shows 240 following and 183 followers.

The main tweet is from Homeward (@HomewardIowa) posted 2s ago. The text reads: "Reminder: The Polk County CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity meeting is tomorrow, Friday July 21st. The meeting is open to all and will be held at Polk County Riverplace Room 1A at 9:00am. Come by & learn all you need to know to submit a project for federal homelessness funding!".

The tweet features a large, colorful graphic with the text "see you soon" in a stylized font. The graphic has a green background with a yellow and pink border.

The right sidebar shows trending topics: "Des Moines" (1,008 Tweets), "Seized" (13.2K Tweets), and "Don Lemon" (3,462 Tweets).

Website Posting of Competition Documents

This screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL homewardiowa.org/operations. The page features a dark blue background with a grid of six document cards. Each card includes an illustration of three people, a title, and a 'DOWNLOAD HERE' button. The documents are:

- 2023 NOFO Competition Timeline
- 2023 NOFO Open Meeting Agenda
- 2023 Grant Inventory Worksheet
- 2023 Competition Funding Availability Concepts
- 2023 NOFO Appeal Process
- 2023 Application Scoresheet

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- 2023 Renewal Application Report Instructions

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Check out homewardiowa.org for all the information on the 2023 HUD Continuum of Care Program!

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Earnings upcoming 3:13 PM 7/21/2023

Open Competition Email 7-21-2023 – Announces Deadline

RE: 2023 NOFO Continuum of Care Competition - Homeward

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With the 2023 NOFO Open Meeting held earlier today, the HUD Continuum of Care Competition has opened. This competition is open to all organizations regardless of if you've received HUD CoC funds before. The submission deadline for the competition is August 7th at 5 p.m.

You can find the competition documents on the [Homeward website](#). For more information, contact Jim Cain, Grants and Program Coordinator at jcain@homewardiowa.org.

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Reminder of Due Date Email – 8/7/2023

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Hello,

Today (August 7th) at 5 p.m. is the deadline for this year's applications with the 2023 NOFO Continuum of Care Competition. Please make sure that all applications are submitted by the 5 p.m. deadline. This competition is open to all organizations regardless of if you've received HUD CoC funds before.

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2023 CoC PSH/RRH/TH-RRH Application Scoring Sheet

Criteria	Points	Points Breakdown	Source Documentation	Score
I. Centralized Intake System				
1. Project must receive referrals ONLY from the Polk County Centralized Intake	5	If answer "Yes", project is eligible for funding and receives full points ; if answer "No", project is not eligible for	CI Participating Agency Report	
2. Through the end of the most recently completed project year, how many CI referrals made to this project were denied admission? Please briefly explain	5	Denied admission is 25% or less of the total referrals received = 5 points Denied admissions more than 25% of the total referrals received = 0 points	CI Referrals Report	
II. Housing First				
Project must operate under a Housing First Model	10	If questions 1-11 are answered "Yes" and policies concur, project is eligible for funding and receives full points ; If questions 1 -11 are answered "Yes" and policies <u>DO NOT</u> concur, or if all questions <u>aren't</u> answered "Yes", the project is not eligible for funding .	Admittance and Termination Policies Attached	
III. Project Description				
1. Project Design				
(a) Describes targeted population; the plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible; Describe how clients will be assisted to increase employment and/or income and to maximize their ability to live independently; Length of assistance or program length. Demonstrates an understanding of the needs of the clients to be served	15	Answered completely, plan realistic for population being served = 10 points ; answer incomplete and/or plan doesn't meet all the needs/issues of population being served= 5 points ; answer doesn't address the question or plan doesn't meet the needs/issues of the population being served= 0 points ; Serving clients who fall within the VI-SPDAT range for PSH = 5 points :	Project Application	
(b) Specific Population Focus	10	2+ conditions= 10 points ; 1 condition= 5 points ; No conditions= 0 points	Project Application	
(c) Residence Prior to Homelessness	10	Literally homeless= 10 points ; from transitional housing= 2.5 points (If residence is youth TH in a joint TH-RRH project, award 10 pts.)	Project Application	

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(d) Housing Type	10	"Single Structure " or "Scattered Site" = 1 point ; neither checked = 0 points . <u>Number of units AND number of beds completed</u> = 2 points ; Either one not completed = 1 point ; Neither completed = 0 points . <u>Identifies a realistic strategy</u> for building a landlord network and mitigating landlord reluctance to rent to target population= 7 points ; Strategy for building a landlord network and mitigating landlord reluctance to rent to target population is incomplete= 4 points ; Does not provide a realistic strategy for building a landlord network and mitigating landlord reluctance to rent to target population= 0 points	Project Application	
(e) Denying admission to or separating family members when they enter, including serving all family members together and in accordance with each family member's self-reported gender?	5	Answered No = 1 point ; Described location in admissions policy = 1 point ; Admission policies concur = 3 points ; Answered Yes = 0 points	Project Application & Attachment: Admissions Policy	
(f) Project uses a harm reduction model.	5	Answered Yes = 1 point ; illustrated using harm reductions = 4 points (Simply stating, for example, that in the case of substance use, an agency encourages participants to not use, is not a specific example.) ; Answered No OR they did not provide a specific example= 0 points	Project Application	
(g) Project has policies and procedures that work to prevent eviction.	4	Answered Yes = 1 point ; Answered No = 0 points ; Policies & procedures confirm program works to prevent evictions = 3 points .	Project Application Eviction Prevention Policy Attached	
(h) Project improves safety of DV survivors being served. (DV RENEWALS)	5	Answered completely, strategy to improve safety realistic for the DV survivors being served= 5 points ; answer incomplete and/or doesn't meet all the safety needs of survivors being served= 2.5 points ; answer doesn't address the question or plan doesn't meet the safety needs of the DV survivors being served= 0 points	Project Application	

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2. Support Services				
(a) Services and Frequency	10	Services identified match the needs of the population described in III(1)(a) = 5 points ; not all services selected meet the needs of the population described = 2.5 points ; Services selected do not meet the needs of the population described = 0 points . All services identified indicate a provider and frequency= 5 points ; Provider and frequency not indicated for all identified services= 2.5 points ; Support services and Frequency chart not completed= 0 points	Project Application	
(b) Project has SOAR trained staff or collaborates with agency who has SOAR trained staff	2	Answered "Yes" = 1 point ; fully completed SOAR staff chart = 1 point ; Answered "No" = 0 points .	Project Application	
(c) Leveraging Medicaid resources	5	Identifies strategy for enrolling participants in Medicaid & describes opportunities to leverage Medicaid- financed services= 5 points ; answer lacks detail on Medicaid enrollment strategy or leveraging Medicaid- financed strategies= 2.5 points ; neither strategy is described by answer= 0 points	Project Application	
(d.) Collaborate w/ School Districts	7.5	Applicant has an EHCY policy and designated staff person= 7.5 points ; Applicant <u>only</u> has EHCY policy= 2.5 points ; Applicant <u>only</u> has designated staff person = 5 points . Project does not serve families or single adults 21 years old or younger = 7.5 points .	Project Application and Attached EHCY agency policy	

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NEW PROJECT - Leveraging Housing Resources	10	<p>10 points - Project is using one of the following sources of funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Private organizations <input type="checkbox"/> State or local HOME funding <input type="checkbox"/> State or local American Rescue Plan funding <input type="checkbox"/> Other state or local funding <input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Federal programs other than the CoC or ESG programs <u>AND</u> demonstrates housing units will <input type="checkbox"/> For PSH, provide at least 25% of the units included in the project for the targeted population described in this application <input type="checkbox"/> For RRH, serve at least 25% of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project <p>5 points - Project is using one of the funding sources listed above, <u>AND</u> demonstrated housing units are less than the</p>	Project Application	
NEW PROJECT - Leveraging Healthcare Resources	10	<p>10 points - Project is utilizing healthcare resources which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Direct contributions from a public or private health insurance provider or project (e.g., Medicaid) <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of healthcare services by a private or public organization (e.g., Ryan White funded organization) tailored to the program participants of the project <input type="checkbox"/> Other healthcare resource <p><u>AND</u> demonstrates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The value of the assistance being provided is at least an amount equivalent to 25% of the funding being requested for the project which will be covered by the healthcare organization, OR <input type="checkbox"/> In the case of substance abuse treatment or recovery provider, it will provide access to treatment or recovery services for all program participants who qualify and chose those services <p>5 points - Project is using one of the healthcare resources listed above, <u>AND</u> demonstrated a commitment of healthcare resources less than the thresholds described above</p>	Project Application	

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IV. Project Quality				
Renewal Application				
Renewal Applicants	20	Automatically receives full points for this section	Indication at top of page 1 of the application that the project is a renewal.	
New Application				
(a) Demonstrates how the type, scale, and location of the housing fit the needs of the clients to be served	4	Up to 4 points for a detailed description that includes the type, scale and location of the housing and how it fits the needs of the clients; 0 points if answer does not address the question	Project Application	
(b) Demonstrates how the type of supportive services offered to program participants will ensure successful retention or help to obtain permanent housing	4	Up to 4 points for a detailed description that includes how specific supportive services will ensure successful retention or help obtain permanent housing; 0 points if answer does not address the question	Project Application	
(c) Accessibility to community amenities - description of accessibility matches degree of accessibility checked	4	Very accessible = 4 points ; Somewhat accessible = 2 points ; Not accessible = 0 points	Project Application	
(d) Description includes specific mainstream resources clients will be assisted in accessing; a plan for accessing each mainstream resource; mainstream resources identified meet the needs of the population being served	4	Up to 4 points for a detailed description that includes the specific mainstream resource, how clients will be assisted in accessing each specific mainstream resource and how it will meet the client's needs; 0 points if answer does not address the question	Project Application	
(e) Describes specific assistance to obtain & remain in permanent housing, and in a manner that fits the client's needs.	4	Up to 4 points for detailed description of assistance that will be provided and how it will be in a a manner that fits the client's needs; 0 points if answer does not address the question	Project Application	
V. Project Administration				
1. (a) Findings & corrective action on any previous HUD CoC or ESG grants	5	No or N/A = 5 points ; Yes & corrective action taken = 4 points ; Yes & correct action will be taken = 2.5 points ; Corrective action not taken= 0 points	Project Application	

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1. (b) LOCCS draws completed every month	5	Yes= 5 points No or N/A= 0 points	Project Application	
1. (c) Unspent funds on most recent expired grant	5	Yes= 0 points ; Yes and describes the amount and reason for unspent funds = 1 point . No or N/A= 5 points . PSH or RRH programs with unspent rental assistance funds due to the difference between FMR and Rent Reasonableness calculation should be awarded full points	Project Application	
1. (d) Unspent funds in previous years at grant expiration	5	No or N/A= 5 points ; 1 year checked = 3 points ; 2 year checked = 2 points ; 3 years checked = 1 point ; 4 years checked = 0 points ;PSH or RRH programs with unspent rental assistance funds due to the difference between FMR and Rent Reasonableness calculation should be awarded full	Project Application	
1. (e) Applicant participates in HMIS or DVIMS	Eligibility Threshold	If answer Yes - or No, <u>but agrees to participate</u> in HMIS or DVIMS - project is eligible for funding If answer No, OR not agreeable to participating in HMIS or DVIMS, project is not eligible for funding	Project Application	
VI. Performance Measures				
1(a) Total households served and total positive housing destinations	1	Applicant indicates the number of households served = 1 point ; Applicant has not answered either question = 0	Project Application	
Data Timeliness:				
RRH, PSH, TH-RRH The period of time that elapses between when a client enters a program and when client information is entered into HMIS.	5	Under 7 days average data timeliness = 5 points Over 7 days average data timeliness: <u>Included explanation</u> of how agency plans to improve measure = 2 points ; <u>Did not included explanation</u> of how agency plans to improve measure = 0 points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
Data Completeness				
RRH, PSH, TH-RRH The percentage of all HMIS data fields which have not been answered in whole or in their entirety.	5	Less than 2% missing (null) values in ServicePoint (HMIS or DVIMS) = 5 points ; Between 2% and 5% missing (null) values in ServicePoint (HMIS or DVIMS) = 3 points ; Higher than 5% missing (null) values in ServicePoint (HMIS or DVIMS)= 0 points ; Included explanation of how agency plans to improve measure = 2 point	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
Exit Destination Errors				

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RRH, TH-RRH Percentage of those exiting a program (Leavers) where [Destination] is "Client doesn't know," "Client refused," "No exit interview completed," or is missing.	8	Less than 10% = 8 points Higher than 10% = 0 points Included explanation of how agency plans to improve measure = 2 point	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
PSH Percentage of those exiting a program (Leavers) where [Destination] is "Client doesn't know," "Client refused," "No exit interview completed," or is missing.	8	Less than 5% = 8 points Higher than 5% = 0 points Included explanation of how agency plans to improve measure = 2 point	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
For each performance measure, above (i.e., Timeliness, Completeness & Destination Errors), whose benchmark hasn't been met, please explain how your agency plans to improve in each measure.	5	All bench marks were met or answer includes a reasonable plan for each benchmark not met = 5 points Answer doesn't include a reasonable plan for all benchmarks not met = 2.5 points Answer does not include a reasonable plan for any of the benchmark not met = 0 points	Project Application	
Income Increases				
RRH, TH-RRH Percentage of all adult participants who increased <u>total income</u> from entry to exit	5	≥25% = 5 Points 24%-20% = 4 Points 19%-15% = 3 points 14%-10% = 2 points 9%-5% = 1 point <5% = 0 points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
PSH Percentage of adults remaining (stayers) who increase <u>total income</u> (Benchmark: Q1: 15%; Q2: 20%; Q3:25%; Q4 30%)	5	Benchmark met for all four quarters = 5 Points Bench mark met for 3 of 4 quarters = 4 Points Benchmark met for 2 of 4 quarters = 3 points Benchmark met for only one quarter = 1 point Benchmark not met for any quarter = 0 points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
Days to Move In (Average length of time from enrollment to permanently housed)				
RRH, PSH, TH-RRH	10	≤90 days = 10 points ; >90 days = 0 points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
Exited to Permanent Housing Destination				
RRH, TH-RRH Number of households who exited to a PH	1	Applicant indicates the total positive housing destinations = 1 point ; Applicant has not answered either question = 0 points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	

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Percent of successful exits/retention				
RRH, TH-RRH Percentage of successful exits to permanent housing	10	≥72% = 10 Points 62-71% = 5 Points <62% = 0 Points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
PSH Percentage of successful retentions	10	≥93% = 10 Points 83 - 92% = 5 Points <83% = 0 Points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
Describe what the data above is telling you about what is needed and what is working.	5	Description covers all three data points, above & matches the data = 5 points . Description doesn't cover all three data points OR doesn't completely match the data = 2.5 points . Description doesn't include the three data points nor match the data = 0 points	Project Application	
Percentage of adults or HoH participants that met literally homeless definition prior to entry?				
RRH, PSH, TH-RRH Number of adult participants or head of households (HoH) served that came from the street, other locations not meant for human habitation, emergency shelters, safe havens, including less than 90 days in institutions with literally homeless immediately prior	2	≥93% = 2 Points 85 - 92% = 1 Points <5% = 0 Points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
Percentage of chronic individuals served				
RRH, TH-RRH (YHDP projects excluded) Percentage of adult participants who met HUD definition of chronically homeless (note: 5 points for youth-focused or DV- focused projects)	5	≥10% = 5 Points 5 - 9% = 3 Points <5% = 0 Points YHDP Project = 5 points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	

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PSH (YHDP projects excluded) Percentage of adult participants who met HUD definition of chronically homeless (note: 5 points for youth-focused projects):	5	100% = 5 points 96-99% = 4 points 92-95% = 3 points 88-91% = 2 points 85-87% = 1 point <85% = 0 Points YHDP Project = 5 points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
Describe what the data above is telling you about the impact on the program from the % literally homeless and/or chronically homeless participants served.	5	Answer includes a specific description of the impact on the program from serving literally homeless and/or chronically homeless which matches the data = 5 points Answer doesn't provide a specific description OR doesn't completely match the data = 2.5 points Description is vague or doesn't match the data = 0 points	Project Application	
2. New applicants for RRH	67	YHDP-PSH Renewal = 62 points ; New applicant for RRH or YHDP-RRH Renewal = 67points	Project Application	
VII. Project Evaluation/Client Input				
1. Describe evaluation plan and incorporation of outcomes into quality improvement process	3	Includes description of both = 3 points ; Includes description of only one of the two = 1.5 points Description doesn't adequately describe either = 0 points	Project Application	
2. Program conducts anonymous client satisfaction surveys or alternative methods of anonymous feedback	2	Yes = 2 points No= 0 points	Project Application	
3. Provides opportunity for feedback from all clients at exit regardless of reason for leaving.	2	Yes = 2 points No= 0 points	Project Application	
4. Presents customer feedback to Board of Directors	2	Yes = 2 points No= 0 points	Project Application	
5. How are people with lived experience included in planning, policy review and decision making processes?	3	1 point each for inclusion in <u>planning</u> , <u>policy review</u> and <u>decision making</u> process; If answered "No = 0 points	Project Application	

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VIII. Promoting Racial Equity				
1. Has your organization in the past three years undertaken an assessment to identify racial disparity in processes and the provision of housing services? If "No", do you plan to do so in the next year?	2	2 points for "Yes" an assessment has been completed; 1 point if assessment hasn't been completed but plan to do one in the next year; 0 points if no assessment has been completed and don't plan to complete one in the next year.	Project Application	
2. What steps has your organization taken to" a. Remove racial inequities in the delivery of assistance? b. Analyze outcomes through a racial equity lens? c. Eliminate racial barriers to successful exits to housing?	10	Up to 10 points for a detailed description that includes the steps taken to remove racial equities, analyze outcomes and eliminate barriers.	Project Application	
IX. Budget/Cost Effectiveness				
1. Rental Assistance Budget	2	Project eligible for rental assistance & consistent with number of units describe in Project Design (section III 1. (a)): = 2 points ; Project eligible for rental assistance & Not consistent with number of units describe in Project Design (section III 1. (a)) = 1 point ; Project <u>not</u> eligible for rental assistance = 0 points .	Project Application	
2. Operating Budget	2	Project eligible for operational costs & identified costs consistent with Project Design (section III 1. (a)): = 2 points ; Project eligible for operational costs & Identified costs <u>not</u> consistent with Project Design (section III 1. (a)) = 1 point ; Project <u>not</u> eligible for operational costs = 0 points	Project Application	
3. Supportive Services	1	Services selected match services selected in <i>Supportive Services and Frequency</i> chart= 1 point ; Services selected do not match services selected in <i>Supportive Services and Frequency</i> chart= 0 points	Project Application	
4. Budget Summary	1	Line item totals equal corresponding budget total & admin doesn't exceed the percent in the project's most recent HUD approved contract = 1 point ; errors in line item budgets, admin calculation or doesn't match the admin amount in the project's most recent HUD approved	Project Application	

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5. Accuracy	10	Up to 10 points based on budget amounts equaling corresponding amounts in the project's approved HUD budget.		
6. Cash and/or In-Kind Match	1	Match at least 25% of Total CoC Request= 1point ; Match less than 25% of Total CoC Request= 0 points	.25 x Total CoC Request Budget Summary	
Cost Efficiency (Renewal) - Cost per household	5	Costs don't deviate substantially from the local norm for the same type of housing and/or services= 5 points ; Costs deviate substantially from the local norm for the same type of housing and/or services= 0 points	[Total budget] ÷ [# households served] (Project Application)	
Cost Efficiency (Renewal) - Cost of successful outcome	5	Costs don't deviate substantially from the local norm for the same type of housing and/or services= 5 points ; Costs deviate substantially from the local norm for the same type of housing and/or services= 0 points	[# households served] ÷ [# successful outcomes] (Project Application)	
Cost Efficiency (New) - Cost per household	10	Costs don't deviate substantially from the local norm for the same type of housing and/or services= 10 points ; Costs deviate substantially from the local norm for the same type of housing and/or services= 0 points	[Total budget] ÷ [# households served] (Project Application)	
Renewal: PSH	258.5		TOTAL	
Renewal:RRH	259.5		TOTAL	
Renewal TH-RRH	261.5		TOTAL	
Renewal: RRH-DV	264.5		TOTAL	
New: RRH	264.5		TOTAL	

2023 CoC PSH/RRH/TH-RRH Application Scoring Sheet

Organization: **Primary Health Care**

Project Name: **RRH Consolidated**

Amount Requested: **\$377,184**

Amount Eligible: **\$377,184**

Criteria	Points	Points Breakdown	Source Documentation	Score
I. Centralized Intake System				
1. Project must receive referrals ONLY from the Polk County Centralized Intake	5	If answer "Yes", project is eligible for funding and receives full points ; if answer "No", project is not eligible for	CI Participating Agency Report	5
2. Through the end of the most recently completed project year, how many CI referrals made to this project were denied admission? Please briefly explain	5	Denied admission is 25% or less of the total referrals received = 5 points Denied admissions more than 25% of the total referrals received = 0 points	CI Referrals Report	5
II. Housing First				
Project must operate under a Housing First Model	10	If questions 1-11 are answered "Yes" and policies concur, project is eligible for funding and receives full points ; If questions 1 -11 are answered "Yes" and policies <u>DO NOT</u> concur, or if all questions <u>aren't</u> answered "Yes", the project is not eligible for funding .	Admittance and Termination Policies Attached	10
III. Project Description				
1. Project Design				
(a) Describes targeted population; the plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible; Describe how clients will be assisted to increase employment and/or income and to maximize their ability to live independently; Length of assistance or program length. Demonstrates an understanding of the needs of the clients to be served	15	Answered completely, plan realistic for population being served = 10 points ; answer incomplete and/or plan doesn't meet all the needs/issues of population being served= 5 points ; answer doesn't address the question or plan doesn't meet the needs/issues of the population being served= 0 points ; Serving clients who fall within the VI-SPDAT range for PSH = 5 points :	Project Application	15
(b) Specific Population Focus	10	2+ conditions= 10 points ; 1 condition= 5 points ; No conditions= 0 points	Project Application	10

Criteria	Points	Points Breakdown	Source Documentation	Score
(c) Residence Prior to Homelessness	10	Literally homeless= 10 points ; from transitional housing= 2.5 points (If residence is youth TH in a joint TH-RRH project, award 10 pts.)	Project Application	10
(d) Housing Type	10	"Single Structure " or "Scattered Site" = 1 point ; neither checked = 0 points . <u>Number of units AND number of beds completed</u> = 2 points ; Either one not completed = 1 point ; Neither completed = 0 points . <u>Identifies a realistic strategy</u> for building a landlord network and mitigating landlord reluctance to rent to target population= 7 points ; Strategy for building a landlord network and mitigating landlord reluctance to rent to target population is incomplete= 4 points ; Does not provide a realistic strategy for building a landlord network and mitigating landlord reluctance to rent to target population= 0 points	Project Application	10
(e) Denying admission to or separating family members when they enter, including serving all family members together and in accordance with each family member's self-reported gender?	5	Answered No = 1 point ; Described location in admissions policy = 1 point ; Admission policies concur = 3 points ; Answered Yes = 0 points	Project Application & Attachment: Admissions Policy	5
(f) Project uses a harm reduction model.	5	Answered Yes = 1 point ; illustrated using harm reductions = 4 points (Simply stating, for example, that in the case of substance use, an agency encourages participants to not use, is not a specific example.) ; Answered No OR they did not provide a specific example= 0 points	Project Application	5
(g) Project has policies and procedures that work to prevent eviction.	4	Answered Yes = 1 point ; Answered No = 0 points ; Policies & procedures confirm program works to prevent evictions = 3 points .	Project Application Eviction Prevention Policy Attached	4

Criteria	Points	Points Breakdown	Source Documentation	Score
(h) Project improves safety of DV survivors being served. (DV RENEWALS)	5	Answered completely, strategy to improve safety realistic for the DV survivors being served= 5 points ; answer incomplete and/or doesn't meet all the safety needs of survivors being served= 2.5 points ; answer doesn't address the question or plan doesn't meet the safety needs of the DV survivors being served= 0 points	Project Application	0
2. Support Services				
(a) Services and Frequency	10	Services identified match the needs of the population described in III(1)(a) = 5 points ; not all services selected meet the needs of the population described = 2.5 points ; Services selected do not meet the needs of the population described = 0 points . All services identified indicate a provider and frequency= 5 points ; Provider and frequency not indicated for all identified services= 2.5 points ; Support services and Frequency chart not completed= 0 points	Project Application	8
(b) Project has SOAR trained staff or collaborates with agency who has SOAR trained staff	2	Answered "Yes" = 1 point ; fully completed SOAR staff chart = 1 point ; Answered "No" = 0 points .	Project Application	2
(c) Leveraging Medicaid resources	5	Identifies strategy for enrolling participants in Medicaid & describes opportunities to leverage Medicaid- financed services= 5 points ; answer lacks detail on Medicaid enrollment strategy or leveraging Medicaid- financed strategies= 2.5 points ; neither strategy is described by answer= 0 points	Project Application	5

Criteria	Points	Points Breakdown	Source Documentation	Score
(d.) Collaborate w/ School Districts	7.5	<p>Applicant has an EHCY policy and designated staff person= 7.5 points; Applicant <u>only</u> has EHCY policy= 2.5 points; Applicant <u>only</u> has designated staff person = 5 points. Project does not serve families or single adults 21 years old or younger = 7.5 points.</p>	Project Application and Attached EHCY agency policy	7.5
NEW PROJECT - Leveraging Housing Resources	10	<p>10 points - Project is using one of the following sources of funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Private organizations <input type="checkbox"/> State or local HOME funding <input type="checkbox"/> State or local American Rescue Plan funding <input type="checkbox"/> Other state or local funding <input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Federal programs other than the CoC or ESG <p>programs <u>AND</u> demonstrates housing units will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> For PSH, provide at least 25% of the units included in the project for the targeted population described in this application <input type="checkbox"/> For RRH, serve at least 25% of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project <p>5 points - Project is using one of the funding sources listed above, <u>AND</u> demonstrated housing units are less than the</p>	Project Application	0

Criteria	Points	Points Breakdown	Source Documentation	Score
NEW PROJECT - Leveraging Healthcare Resources	10	<p>10 points - Project is utilizing healthcare resources which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Direct contributions from a public or private health insurance provider or project (e.g., Medicaid) <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of healthcare services by a private or public organization (e.g., Ryan White funded organization) tailored to the program participants of the project <input type="checkbox"/> Other healthcare resource <p><u>AND</u> demonstrates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The value of the assistance being provided is at least an amount equivalent to 25% of the funding being requested for the project which will be covered by the healthcare organization, OR <input type="checkbox"/> In the case of substance abuse treatment or recovery provider, it will provide access to treatment or recovery services for all program participants who qualify and chose those services <p>5 points - Project is using one of the healthcare resources listed above, <u>AND</u> demonstrated a commitment of healthcare resources less than the thresholds described above</p>	Project Application	0
IV. Project Quality				
Renewal Application				
Renewal Applicants	20	Automatically receives full points for this section	Indication at top of page 1 of the application that the project is a renewal.	20
New Application				
(a) Demonstrates how the type, scale, and location of the housing fit the needs of the clients to be served	4	Up to 4 points for a detailed description that includes the type, scale and location of the housing and how it fits the needs of the clients; 0 points if answer does not address the question	Project Application	

Criteria	Points	Points Breakdown	Source Documentation	Score
(b) Demonstrates how the type of supportive services offered to program participants will ensure successful retention or help to obtain permanent housing	4	Up to 4 points for a detailed description that includes how specific supportive services will ensure successful retention or help obtain permanent housing; 0 points if answer does not address the question	Project Application	
(c) Accessibility to community amenities - description of accessibility matches degree of accessibility checked	4	Very accessible = 4 points ; Somewhat accessible = 2 points ; Not accessible = 0 points	Project Application	
(d) Description includes specific mainstream resources clients will be assisted in accessing; a plan for accessing each mainstream resource; mainstream resources identified meet the needs of the population being served	4	Up to 4 points for a detailed description that includes the specific mainstream resource, how clients will be assisted in accessing each specific mainstream resource and how it will meet the client's needs; 0 points if answer does not address the question	Project Application	
(e) Describes specific assistance to obtain & remain in permanent housing, and in a manner that fits the client's needs.	4	Up to 4 points for detailed description of assistance that will be provided and how it will be in a manner that fits the client's needs; 0 points if answer does not address the question	Project Application	
V. Project Administration				
1. (a) Findings & corrective action on any previous HUD CoC or ESG grants	5	No or N/A = 5 points ; Yes & corrective action taken = 4 points ; Yes & correct action will be taken = 2.5 points ; Corrective action not taken = 0 points	Project Application	4
1. (b) LOCCS draws completed every month	5	Yes = 5 points No or N/A = 0 points	Project Application	5
1. (c) Unspent funds on most recent expired grant	5	Yes = 0 points ; Yes and describes the amount and reason for unspent funds = 1 point . No or N/A = 5 points . PSH or RRH programs with unspent rental assistance funds due to the difference between FMR and Rent Reasonableness calculation should be awarded full points	Project Application	0
1. (d) Unspent funds in previous years at grant expiration	5	No or N/A = 5 points ; 1 year checked = 3 points ; 2 year checked = 2 points ; 3 years checked = 1 point ; 4 years checked = 0 points ; PSH or RRH programs with unspent rental assistance funds due to the difference between FMR and Rent Reasonableness calculation should be awarded full	Project Application	5

Criteria	Points	Points Breakdown	Source Documentation	Score
1. (e) Applicant participates in HMIS or DVIMS	Eligibility Threshold	If answer Yes - or No, <u>but agrees to participate</u> in HMIS or DVIMS - project is eligible for funding If answer No, OR not agreeable to participating in HMIS or DVIMS, project is not eligible for funding	Project Application	
VI. Promoting Racial Equity				
1. Has your organization in the past three years undertaken an assessment to identify racial disparity in processes and the provision of housing services? If "No", do you plan to do so in the next year?	2	2 points for "Yes" an assessment has been completed; 1 point if assessment hasn't been completed but plan to do one in the next year; 0 points if no assessment has been completed and don't plan to complete one in the next year.	Project Application	2
2. What steps has your organization taken to" a. Remove racial inequities in the delivery of assistance? b. Analyze outcomes through a racial equity lens? c. Eliminate racial barriers to successful exits to housing?	10	Up to 10 points for a detailed description that includes the steps taken to remove racial equities, analyze outcomes and eliminate barriers.	Project Application	8
VII. Performance Measures				
1(a) Total households served and total positive housing destinations	1	Applicant indicates the number of households served = 1 point ; Applicant has not answered either question = 0	Project Application	1
Data Timeliness:				
RRH, PSH, TH-RRH The period of time that elapses between when a client enters a program and when client information is entered into HMIS.	5	Under 7 days average data timeliness = 5 points Over 7 days average data timeliness: <u>Included explanation of how agency plans to improve measure</u> = 2 points ; <u>Did not included explanation of how agency plans to improve measure</u> = 0 points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	5
Data Completeness				
RRH, PSH, TH-RRH The percentage of all HMIS data fields which have not been answered in whole or in their entirety.	5	Less than 2% missing (null) values in ServicePoint (HMIS or DVIMS) = 5 points ; Between 2% and 5% missing (null) values in ServicePoint (HMIS or DVIMS) = 3 points ; Higher than 5% missing (null) values in ServicePoint (HMIS or DVIMS)= 0 points ; Included explanation of how agency plans to improve measure = 2 point	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	3
Exit Destination Errors				

Criteria	Points	Points Breakdown	Source Documentation	Score
RRH, TH-RRH Percentage of those exiting a program (Leavers) where [Destination] is "Client doesn't know," "Client refused," "No exit interview completed," or is missing.	8	Less than 10% = 8 points Higher than 10% = 0 points Included explanation of how agency plans to improve measure = 2 point	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	8
PSH Percentage of those exiting a program (Leavers) where [Destination] is "Client doesn't know," "Client refused," "No exit interview completed," or is missing.	8	Less than 5% = 8 points Higher than 5% = 0 points Included explanation of how agency plans to improve measure = 2 point	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
For each performance measure, above (i.e., Timeliness, Completeness & Destination Errors), whose benchmark hasn't been met, please explain how your agency plans to improve in each measure.	5	All bench marks were met or answer includes a reasonable plan for each benchmark not met = 5 points Answer doesn't include a reasonable plan for all benchmarks not met = 2.5 points Answer does not include a reasonable plan for any of the benchmark not met = 0 points	Project Application	2.5
Income Increases				
RRH, TH-RRH Percentage of all adult participants who increased <u>total income</u> from entry to exit	5	≥25% = 5 Points 24%-20% = 4 Points 19%-15% = 3 points 14%-10% = 2 points 9%-5% = 1 point <5% = 0 points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	5
PSH Percentage of adults remaining (stayers) who increase <u>total income</u> (Benchmark: Q1: 15%; Q2: 20%; Q3:25%; Q4 30%)	5	Benchmark met for all four quarters = 5 Points Bench mark met for 3 of 4 quarters = 4 Points Benchmark met for 2 of 4 quarters = 3 points Benchmark met for only one quarter = 1 point Benchmark not met for any quarter = 0 points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
Days to Move In (Average length of time from enrollment to permanently housed)				
RRH, PSH, TH-RRH	10	≤90 days = 10 points ; >90 days = 0 points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	10
Exited to Permanent Housing Destination				
RRH, TH-RRH Number of households who exited to a PH	1	Applicant indicates the total positive housing destinations = 1 point ; Applicant has not answered either question = 0 points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	1

Criteria	Points	Points Breakdown	Source Documentation	Score
Percent of successful exits/retention				
RRH, TH-RRH Percentage of successful exits to permanent housing	10	$\geq 72\% = 10$ Points $62-71\% = 5$ Points $< 62\% = 0$ Points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	10
PSH Percentage of successful retentions	10	$\geq 93\% = 10$ Points $83 - 92\% = 5$ Points $< 83\% = 0$ Points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
Describe what the data above is telling you about what is needed and what is working.	2	Description covers all three data points, above & matches the data = 5 points . Description doesn't cover all three data points OR doesn't completely match the data = 2.5 points . Description doesn't include the three data points nor match the data = 0 points	Project Application	2
Percentage of adults or HoH participants that met literally homeless definition prior to entry?				
RRH, PSH, TH-RRH Number of adult participants or head of households (HoH) served that came from the street, other locations not meant for human habitation, emergency shelters, safe havens, including less than 90 days in institutions with literally homeless immediately prior	2	$\geq 93\% = 2$ Points $85 - 92\% = 1$ Points $< 5\% = 0$ Points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	2
Percentage of chronic individuals served				
RRH, TH-RRH (YHDP projects excluded) Percentage of adult participants who met HUD definition of chronically homeless (note: 5 points for youth-focused or DV- focused projects)	5	$\geq 10\% = 5$ Points $5 - 9\% = 3$ Points $< 5\% = 0$ Points YHDP Project = 5 points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	5

Criteria	Points	Points Breakdown	Source Documentation	Score
PSH (YHDP projects excluded) Percentage of adult participants who met HUD definition of chronically homeless (note: 5 points for youth-focused projects):	5	100% = 5 points 96-99% = 4 points 92-95% = 3 points 88-91% = 2 points 85-87% = 1 point <85% = 0 Points YHDP Project = 5 points	DSM-Polk CoC Monitoring Report	
Describe what the data above is telling you about the impact on the program from the % literally homeless and/or chronically homeless participants served.	5	Answer includes a specific description of the impact on the program from serving literally homeless and/or chronically homeless which matches the data = 5 points Answer doesn't provide a specific description OR doesn't completely match the data = 2.5 points Description is vague or doesn't match the data = 0 points	Project Application	2.5
2. New applicants for RRH	64	YHDP-PSH Renewal = 62 points ; New applicant for RRH or YHDP-RRH Renewal = 67points	Project Application	0
VIII. Project Evaluation/Client Input				
1. Describe evaluation plan and incorporation of outcomes into quality improvement process	3	Includes description of both = 3 points ; Includes description of only one of the two = 1.5 points Description doesn't adequately describe either = 0 points	Project Application	3
2. Program conducts anonymous client satisfaction surveys or alternative methods of anonymous feedback	2	Yes = 2 points No= 0 points	Project Application	2
3. Provides opportunity for feedback from all clients at exit regardless of reason for leaving.	2	Yes = 2 points No= 0 points	Project Application	2
4. Presents customer feedback to Board of Directors	2	Yes = 2 points No= 0 points	Project Application	2
5. How are people with lived experience included in planning, policy review and decision making processes?	3	1 point each for inclusion in <u>planning</u> , <u>policy review</u> and <u>decision making</u> process; If answered "No = 0 points	Project Application	1

Criteria	Points	Points Breakdown	Source Documentation	Score
IX. Budget/Cost Effectiveness				
1. Rental Assistance Budget	2	Project eligible for rental assistance & consistent with number of units describe in Project Design (section III 1. (a)): = 2 points ; Project eligible for rental assistance & Not consistent with number of units describe in Project Design (section III 1. (a)) = 1 point ; Project <u>not</u> eligible for rental assistance = 0 points .	Project Application	2
2. Operating Budget	2	Project eligible for operational costs & identified costs consistent with Project Design (section III 1. (a)): = 2 points ; Project eligible for operational costs & Identified costs <u>not</u> consistent with Project Design (section III 1. (a)) = 1 point ; Project <u>not</u> eligible for operational costs = 0 points	Project Application	0
3. Supportive Services	1	Services selected match services selected in <i>Supportive Services and Frequency</i> chart= 1 point ; Services selected do not match services selected in <i>Supportive Services and Frequency</i> chart= 0 points	Project Application	0
4. Budget Summary	1	Line item totals equal corresponding budget total & admin doesn't exceed the percent in the project's most recent HUD approved contract = 1 point ; errors in line item budgets, admin calculation or doesn't match the admin amount in the project's most recent HUD approved	Project Application	1
5. Accuracy	10	Up to 10 points based on budget amounts equaling corresponding amounts in the project's approved HUD budget.		0
6. Cash and/or In-Kind Match	1	Match at least 25% of Total CoC Request= 1point ; Match less than 25% of Total CoC Request= 0 points	.25 x Total CoC Request Budget Summary	1
Cost Efficiency (Renewal) - Cost per household	5	Costs don't deviate substantially from the local norm for the same type of housing and/or services= 5 points ; Costs deviate substantially from the local norm for the same type of housing and/or services= 0 points	[Total budget] ÷ [# households served] (Project Application)	3

Criteria	Points	Points Breakdown	Source Documentation	Score
Cost Efficiency (Renewal) - Cost of successful outcome	5	Costs don't deviate substantially from the local norm for the same type of housing and/or services= 5 points ; Costs deviate substantially from the local norm for the same type of housing and/or services= 0 points	[# households served] ÷ [# successful outcomes] (Project Application)	3
Cost Efficiency (New) - Cost per household	10	Costs don't deviate substantially from the local norm for the same type of housing and/or services= 10 points ; Costs deviate substantially from the local norm for the same type of housing and/or services= 0 points	[Total budget] ÷ [# households served] (Project Application)	0
Renewal: PSH	258.5		TOTAL	
Renewal:RRH	259.5		TOTAL	213
Renewal TH-RRH	261.5		TOTAL	
Renewal: RRH-DV	264.5		TOTAL	
New: RRH	264.5		TOTAL	



September 20, 2023

To: CoC Program Competition Review

Re: 15 Day Notification Outside of e-snaps – Projects Rejected or Reduced

As noted in our priority listing, no projects for IA-502 Des Moines/Polk County Continuum of Care's 2023 CoC Program Competition were rejected or reduced.

Sincerely,

Angie Arthur

Homeward
Executive Director

1E-5a Screen Prints of Emails sent to Notify Applicants of Competition Results.

Email to All Applicants

Rankings and Scoring of 2023 HUD NOFO Competition - Message (HTML)

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Rankings and Scoring of 2023 HUD NOFO Competition

Angie Arthur
To: Shelby Ridley, Pat Schachere, Jeremy Orcutt, Lori Rinehart, Hope Metheny
Cc: Jim Cain

With yesterday's approval by the Des Moines City Council, the allocations and scoring of the 2023 HUD NOFO Competition have been finalized. Below include the projects, ranking scores, and allocations. Thank you.

2023 NOFO CoC Project Competition

CoC RENEWAL AND NEW PROJECTS: RANK ORDER

Tier 1				
Applicant	Allocated Amount	Percentage	Score	Total Possible Pts.
ICA HMIS	\$108,419	94.5%	137	145
PHC CI	\$147,882	93.3%	136.75	146.5
PHC RRH Consolidated	\$377,184	91.5%	237.5	259.5
Anawim HOP Consolidated	\$1,074,162	91.4%	236.25	258.5
Anawim Consolidated	\$1,346,286	88.8%	229.5	258.5
CFI - RRH	\$109,116	84.2%	222.75	264.5
IHYC RRH	\$165,786	83.6%	217	259.5
Anawim Youth PSH*	\$227,451	80.0%	206.75	258.5
IHYC TH/RRH	\$31,318	81.7%	213.75	261.5
Tier 2				
IHYC TH/RRH	\$270,035	81.7%	213.75	261.5
CFI - RRH (DV Bonus) - NEW	\$368,227	84.3%	223.00	264.50

* Des Moines/PSH CoC may only reallocate eligible renewal projects that have previously been renewed under the CoC Program. Anawim Youth PSH hasn't been previously renewed, so it needs to be ranked in Tier 1 to avoid reallocation if not funded in Tier 2.

YHDP PROJECT RENEWALS

Applicant	Allocated Amount	Percentage	Score	Total Possible Pts.
PHC YHDP SSO Housing Navigator	\$81,222	92.4%	131.25	142
CFI YHDP TH/RRH	\$186,773	89.8%	237.5	264.5
IHYC YHDP SSO - Mental Health	\$152,089	88.7%	126	142
IHYC YHDP RRH	\$268,704	86.7%	225	259.5
Anawim YHDP PSH	\$192,569	85.4%	220.75	258.5
ICA YHDP HMIS	\$37,470	85.4%	55.5	65

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2023 NOFO CoC Project Competition

Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) - HUD generated formula \$4,616,666

Estimated Annual Renewal Demands (ARD) - Amount required to fund all renewal projects at 100% \$4,776,466

Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) - The higher of the PPRN and ARD \$4,776,466

Annual Renewal Amounts (ARAs) of YHDP Renewals \$903,323

Funding Available to IA-502

Tier 1	
93% of ARD less ARA for YHDP Grants	\$3,587,604
Tier 2	
7% of Remaining ARD	\$270,035
CoC Bonus Funds - Up to 7% of IA-502 CoC FPRN	\$334,353
DV Bonus	\$461,667
Total	\$4,653,669

Non-Competitive Grants

Annual Renewal Amounts of YHDP Renewals	\$918,827
CoC Planning Grant - Up to 5% of IA-502 CoC FPRN	\$238,823
TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE	\$5,811,309

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Emails to Individual Applicants

2023 HUD CoC Competition - Notification of Ranked Project Applications

Angie Arthur
To: Shelby Ridley

Tue 9/12/2023 9:55 AM

Hello,

This email is a notice of acceptance of the following CoC and YHDP project applications for the 2023 HUD CoC Competition. There was a total of 10 CoC Competition projects submitted.

CoC Competition –

- Ranking #2 – Centralized Intake
- Ranking #3 – Rapid Rehousing Consolidated

YHDP – These projects were not ranked.

- Supportive Services Only, Housing Navigator

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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023 HUD CoC Competition - Notification of Ranked Project Applications

Angie Arthur
To: Pat Schacherer

Tue 9/12/2023 9:55 AM

Hello,

This email is a notice of acceptance of the following CoC and YHDP project applications for the 2023 HUD CoC Competition. There was a total of 10 CoC Competition projects submitted.

CoC Competition

- Ranking #1 – Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

YHDP – These projects were not ranked.

- YHDP Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

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2023 HUD CoC Competition - Notification of Ranked Project Applications

AA Angie Arthur
To: Jeremy Orcutt

Tue 9/12/2023 9:55 AM

Hello,

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CoC Competition

- Ranking #4 - Permanent Supportive Housing; Housing Opportunity Program Consolidated
- Ranking #5 - Permanent Supportive Housing, Consolidated
- Ranking #8 - Permanent Supportive Housing for Youth

YHDP - These projects were not ranked.

- YHDP Permanent Supportive Housing

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2023 HUD CoC Competition - Notification of Ranked Project Applications

AA Angie Arthur
To: Leon Rinehart

Tue 9/12/2023 9:56 AM

Hello,

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CoC Competition

- Ranking #6 - Rapid Rehousing
- Ranking #10 - Rapid Rehousing (Domestic Violence Bonus Funding)

YHDP - These projects were not ranked.

- YHDP Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing

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Hello,

This email is a notice of acceptance of the following CoC and YHDP project applications for the 2023 HUD CoC Competition. There was a total of 10 CoC Competition projects submitted.

- COC Competition
- Ranking #7 – IHYC Rapid Rehousing
 - Ranking #9 – IHYC Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing (split between Tiers)

- YHDP – These projects were not ranked.
- YHDP Supportive Service Only, Mental Health
 - YHDP Rapid Rehousing

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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2023 NOFO CoC Project Competition

CoC RENEWAL AND NEW PROJECTS: RANK ORDER						
Tier 1						
Rank	Applicant	Allocated Amount	Percentage	Score	Total Possible Pts.	Project Accepted (A)/ Rejected (R)
1	ICA HMIS	\$108,419	94.5%	137	145	A
2	PHC CI	\$147,882	93.3%	136.75	146.5	A
3	PHC RRH Consolidated	\$377,184	91.5%	237.5	259.5	A
4	Anawim HOP Consolidated	\$1,074,162	91.4%	236.25	258.5	A
5	Anawim Consolidated	\$1,346,286	88.8%	229.5	258.5	A
6	CFI - RRH	\$109,116	84.2%	222.75	264.5	A
7	IHYC RRH	\$165,786	83.6%	217	259.5	A
8	Anawim Youth PSH*	\$227,451	80.0%	206.75	258.5	A
9	IHYC TH/RRH	\$31,318	81.7%	213.75	261.5	A
Tier2						
9	IHYC TH/RRH	\$270,035	81.7%	213.75	261.5	A
10	CFI - RRH (DV Bonus) - NEW	\$461,667	84.3%	223.00	264.50	A
<p>* Des Moines/Polk CoC may only reallocate eligible renewal projects that have previously been renewed under the CoC Program. Anawim Youth PSH hasn't been previously renewed so it needs to be ranked in Tier 1 to avoid reallocation if not funded in Teir 2.</p> <p>** No funds were reallocated in this competition.</p>						



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PIT Count Data for IA-502 - Des Moines/Polk County CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	646	576	606	644
Emergency Shelter Total	376	353	388	377
Safe Haven Total	14	13	12	12
Transitional Housing Total	126	92	112	126
Total Sheltered Count	516	458	512	515
Total Unsheltered Count	130	118	94	129

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	114	132	166	119
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	59	68	119	51
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	55	64	47	68

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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	38	35	34	48
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	38	35	34	48
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	121	59	38	51	39
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	118	46	31	39	24
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	3	13	7	12	15

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

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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	407	362	362	100.00%	45	45	100.00%	407	100.00%
SH Beds	15	15	15	100.00%	0	0	NA	15	100.00%
TH Beds	176	174	174	100.00%	2	2	100.00%	176	100.00%
RRH Beds	317	298	298	100.00%	19	19	100.00%	317	100.00%
PSH Beds	502	502	502	100.00%	0	0	NA	502	100.00%
OPH Beds	276	276	276	100.00%	0	0	NA	276	100.00%
Total Beds	1,693	1,627	1,627	100.00%	66	66	100.00%	1,693	100.00%

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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	315	478	490	286

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	48	80	55	59

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	245	350	331	317

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FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Summary Report for IA-502 - Des Moines/Polk County 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	2251	2421	39	41	2	24	27	3
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	2341	2590	51	48	-3	29	31	2

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.

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	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")	2598	2852	286	250	-36	84	73	-11
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	3144	3008	288	251	-37	84	75	-9

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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	33	5	15%	2	6%	3	9%	10	30%
Exit was from ES	744	92	12%	36	5%	100	13%	228	31%
Exit was from TH	75	3	4%	0	0%	6	8%	9	12%
Exit was from SH	12	2	17%	2	17%	1	8%	5	42%
Exit was from PH	486	22	5%	10	2%	33	7%	65	13%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	1350	124	9%	50	4%	143	11%	317	23%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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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	576	606	30
Emergency Shelter Total	353	388	35
Safe Haven Total	13	12	-1
Transitional Housing Total	92	112	20
Total Sheltered Count	458	512	54
Unsheltered Count	118	94	-24

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	2363	2631	268
Emergency Shelter Total	2258	2417	159
Safe Haven Total	29	49	20
Transitional Housing Total	121	227	106

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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)	180	203	23
Number of adults with increased earned income	8	10	2
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	4%	5%	1%

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)	180	203	23
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	54	59	5
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	30%	29%	-1%

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)	180	203	23
Number of adults with increased total income	61	68	7
Percentage of adults who increased total income	34%	33%	-1%

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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)	94	157	63
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	19	31	12
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	20%	20%	0%

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)	94	157	63
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	15	23	8
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	16%	15%	-1%

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)	94	157	63
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	32	53	21
Percentage of adults who increased total income	34%	34%	0%

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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.	2322	2437	115
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.	760	538	-222
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)	1562	1899	337

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.	2693	2914	221
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.	915	704	-211
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.)	1778	2210	432

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

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	110	83	-27
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	15	11	-4
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	27	19	-8
% Successful exits	38%	36%	-2%

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

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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	1985	2226	241
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	594	865	271
% Successful exits	30%	39%	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	730	815	85
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	693	784	91
% Successful exits/retention	95%	96%	1%

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FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality
IA-502 - Des Moines/Polk County 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	400	398	378	181	180	186	684	667	707	235	270	310			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	400	398	378	181	180	186	684	667	707	235	270	310			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	2964	2297	2425	279	121	227	811	895	1108	817	882	958	241	179	177
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	2749	2082	2198	249	85	120	164	125	189	531	275	549	124	116	90
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	1158	917	78	134	4	4	20	12	16	30	28	43	4	9	4
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	42.12	44.04	3.55	53.82	4.71	3.33	12.20	9.60	8.47	5.65	10.18	7.83	3.23	7.76	4.44

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FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality

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Submission and Count Dates for IA-502 - Des Moines/Polk County 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	4/24/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/24/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/27/2023	Yes